

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 3rd October 2011 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present:

Cllr J Bell
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C Mairs, vice Chair
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr K Tweddle

11.57 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlton & Cllr Turner.

11.58 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

11.59 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed to be a true account of the previous meeting and signed accordingly.

11.60 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Youths attended the meeting with a request for a skate-board park in West Auckland. The request was discussed and it was agreed that the Area Action Partnership should be contacted and that the Parish Council would do all they can within their powers to support the idea. The initial step will be to contact Angelina Maddison, AAP.
ACTION: Clerk to write.

11.61 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT

There were no police present.

11.62 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING INVOICE CHEQUES.

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100329	Newsletter	£144.45	Y
100330	Memorial Hall Donation	£100.00	Y
100331	Newsletter delivery	£70.00	Y
100332	Kettle, plant food and locks	£78.74	Y

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100333	William Smith, signs, clips and fixings	£77.14	Y

The Clerk tabled all correspondence received and any cheques endorsed for invoices as detailed above.

11.63 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To discuss elderly residents' function

A function will be arranged for Friday, 13th January 2012 at the Memorial Hall 2.00- 4.30 pm. Senior Citizens will be invited to attend via a form in the autumn newsletter.

ii. To discuss purchase and siting of picnic tables

The Clerk has requested permission via DCC to site picnic tables on the village green and is awaiting a reply from the legal department at DCC. Cllr Roberts will provide a plan to identify the most suitable location for the tables.

iii. To discuss 2012-2013 budget

The Clerk provided Cllr Farrer with a bank reconciliation up to September quarter end and the budget will be considered and agreed at the next meeting.

iv. To discuss outcome of Business Case meeting

Cllr Charlton and Cllr Turner have met with representatives from the DCC to consider the options for the purchase of Monteith Close. As the majority of Parish Councillors are against the purchase of the Community Parish Rooms, prior to continuing with the process, it was resolved that the Parish Council should consider all options before progressing with this; it was agreed other options will be sought and the feedback discussed at the next meeting.

v. To discuss Christmas lights

DCC have provided a quote to light the Christmas tree as previous years and it was agreed that a tree be purchased from Raby and sited by Gray Vipond as done in previous years.
ACTION: Clerk to report broken cable at present.

vi. To discuss Farmers' Market

A reply is awaited from the organiser to ascertain there is enough interest from stall holders for the farmers' market to go ahead.

11.64 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To discuss Remembrance Sunday service

All arrangements have been made for a Memorial Service on Sunday, 13th November 2012 at 3.00 pm with the exception of contacting John Stott, RAF and Kevin Graham for PA system. ACTION: Clerk to arrange.

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ii To discuss The Nursery

Cllr Roberts informed those present that the consultation process has commenced to register an area of the Nursery as village green. DCC is processing the application and progress will be reported on receipt via PC meetings.

iii To discuss Parish Plan revision

This will be discussed at the interim meeting.

iv To discuss Westlife

The autumn edition of Westlife has been produced and sent for printing. Articles for the winter edition were requested. It was agreed that an interim flier may be issued in December to raise awareness of Christmas activity within the village.

11.65 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED ON USE OF PARISH ROOMS

No items were received.

11.66 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING (INTERIM MEETING MONDAY, 24TH OCTOBER)

- Donation to Workingmen's Club
- Budget setting
- Parish Plan review
- The Nursery village green application
- Picnic tables – legal DCC
- Use of Monteith Close
- Seat on by-pass – Cllr Turner
- Vandalism of local's car
- Tree planting

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