

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 2nd April 2012 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr J Bell
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr C Mairs, vice Chair
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr K Tweddle
John Raw, Crime Prevention

12.30 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Farrer and Cllr Turner.

12.31 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Fenwick expressed an interest in agenda item 8.

12.32 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

12.33 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A local resident attended to express an interest in the Parish Council and stayed to listen the proceedings throughout the meeting.

12.34 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT

There were no police present. John Raw, Crime Prevention Officer attended to represent the police and provided recent crime statistics. Concerns were raised about the rubbish left following the recent football match. John Raw agreed to pass on the concerns about parking and nuisance behaviour reported. It was agreed that this was likely to be a one-off as there will not be the same volume of spectators at future football matches.

It was reported that the previous East Green home is being burgled daily and John agreed to raise police awareness to this.

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

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100357	Memorial Hall charges for cancelled residents' lunch	£32.00	Y
100358	Lime trees on East Green	£1,635.37	Y
100359	VOID Cheque – duplicated in error	£0.00	
100360	The Well – voucher payment	£28.20	Y
100361	Stamps 100 x 1 st & 300 x 2 nd	£154.00	Y
100362	500 Queens Jubilee china mugs inc VAT	£2,036.28	Y

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

A further quote for a wooden notice board has been received which was considered more reasonable than previous ones; it was therefore resolved that this supplier be employed to provide and erect the notice board. ACTION: Clerk to arrange and request sign-writing or carving stating "West Auckland Parish Council" on the notice board.

Following the recent success of the local football team, support for local residents to attend the Football Association Vase match between West Auckland and Dunston at Wembley was discussed and it was resolved that the Parish Council will provide some financial support towards coach transport for local residents to the match. The Parish Council will liaise with the football club and act accordingly; the amount pledged will be confirmed at the June 2012 meeting.

12.36 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To discuss Parish Council premises

There has been no further correspondence relating to the possible transfer of premises. ACTION: Clerk to follow-up Janet.Lester@durham.gov.uk

ii. To consider minor road at rear of Pant and Manor House/Crusty Loaf sliproad

Cllr Roberts has received quotes to have the roads re-surfaced to a standard for adoption. The road between the Manor House and Crusty Loaf has been quoted at £170,000 and it was therefore resolved that this would be too expensive for the Parish Council. It was agreed that in the current climate it would be difficult to encourage partners to support this and the Parish Council are not able to fund such works alone. The possibility of returning the slip-road at the rear of the Pant to village green was discussed and it was resolved that enquiries should be made for support with this. ACTION: Clerk to request advice from Angelina Maddison, Tamsin Harrison and County Council for the possibility of funding for both projects.

iii. To consider skate park

There has not been any further communication following the meeting to consider the options for the skate park. ACTION: Clerk to follow-up with Angelina Maddison.

12.37 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To consider mobile library situation

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It was confirmed that the mobile library will cease to provide a much needed service within the village. It was agreed that some areas of the village exceed the 4 mile limit from an alternative library and it was therefore proposed that a letter of complaint be sent to DCC. ACTION: Clerk to write to DCC.

ii To discuss village green registration application

No correspondence has been received. ACTION: Clerk to follow-up.

iii To consider cemetery improvements

It was resolved that the Parish Council will arrange to have the burst pipe replaced on the tap at the cemetery. ACTION: Clerk to request works carried out by Darren Hardman.

iv To discuss Oakley Beck and Old Mill Race footpaths

Following discussion it was agreed that a meeting between Martin Lowery, Audrey Christy, Bett Homes and the Parish Council representatives is required to consider potential improvements to the Oakley Beck footpath area. ACTION: Clerk to arrange.

v To consider Queen's Jubilee celebrations

It was resolved that 500 cups will be purchased and one each issued to the children attending the two local junior schools and the remainder will be made available to anyone wishing to purchase them.

vi To receive Memorial Hall Trust status update

The Parish Council solicitor has confirmed that she is now in a position to draft a Deed of Transfer with a view to submitting it to the solicitors representing the Memorial Hall Trustees for approval. It was resolved that the Parish Council are in agreement with the process. ACTION: Clerk to confirm with solicitor.

vii To receive football monument update

Cllr Turner was not in attendance to provide the update.

12.38 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED ON USE OF PARISH ROOMS

No items were received.

12.39 TO ARRANGE AGM/ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The AGM/Public meeting will be held on Monday, 21st May 2012 at Monteith Close Community Parish Rooms.

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