

West Auckland Parish Council

Annual Report

May 2021

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Chairman's Report 2020-2021

The Parish Council is now in its 17th year and continually strives to make improvements to the village wherever possible. Following the recent Election there is now a vacancy on the Parish Council as Cllr Colin Mairs has taken the opportunity to retire at the end of his elected term; Cllr Mairs' knowledge of the village and its history has proved to be a great asset to the Parish Council and he will be a big miss to us all on a professional and personal level.

COVID has presented everyone with challenges over the past year and thanks to the support of a grant from DCC, the Parish Council were quickly able to set up internet access and continue with meetings via Zoom during lockdowns.

The Parish Council is proud of this year's progress and that they have managed to keep the Parish Council's precept increase on your Council Tax to zero. Recent Parish Council initiatives include:

- Continued support for the Village in Bloom volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout to maintain and improve on their flower beds and tubs. Their dedicated focus on a respectful Remembrance Sunday and Easter displays provided much needed splashes of colour during what has been a testing year.
- Support was given to the new local Boxing Club with funding for start-up equipment. This was gratefully received and the Boxing Club management have expressed their wish to support the village by getting involved, along with other groups, in litter picking. An organised litter pick will be arranged once restrictions are sufficiently lifted.
- Christmas cakes were provided to Devonshire House and Roslyn House by the Parish Council on behalf of the residents of West Auckland.
- Through partnership working with local DCC Councillor Rob Yorke, the Parish Council successfully secured s106 funding to provide a CCTV camera. The camera currently sited at the East Green car park will assist with identifying the culprits causing anti-social behaviour in that area.

It is anticipated that groups will slowly be allowed to return to their sessions providing they adhere to current Government guidance.

As Chairman to the Parish Council, I wish to thank the Parish Councillors, Clerk and volunteers for the effort and commitment they've shown for the benefit of the village.

Cllr George Smith, Chairman of West Auckland Parish Council

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Payments & Receipts for the Year End 31 March 2021

Receipts

	£	£
Bank Balance as at 1 April 2020 B/D	£54,920.24	
Allotment Rents	£ 1,300.00	
Groups' Room Hire	£ 175.00	
HMRC VAT Reimbursed	£ 700.15	
LCTSS Grant	£ 4,348.00	
Reimbursed overpayments	£ 403.95	
Precept DDC	£ 21,900.00	
DCC COVID Grant paid in error	£ 10,000.00	
DCC COVID 2nd Grant	£ 10,000.00	
		£103,747.34

Payments

Allotments	£372.00	
Bus shelter cleaning	£450.00	
BT - Monteith 4 G internet	£216.00	
Broadband & telephone line rental	£360.00	
Christmas cakes	£28.98	
Christmas	£0.00	
Clerk's Salary (Apr 20- Mar 21)	£3,150.00	
Cre8tive Design - Printing	£180.00	
DCC Grant Reimbursed	£10,000.00	
Defibrillators and cabinets	£466.80	
Domestic staff salary	£448.00	
Donations to local organisations	£8,130.82	
Environment - Oakley Cross path	£1,320.00	
Fencing - Oakley Grange Land	£2,126.40	
Health & Safety- Legionella assessment	£0.00	
HMRC- PAYE Employee tax	£787.50	
Insurance	£427.52	
Internal/ HLB External Audit	£488.00	
Landscaping & bollards	£1,158.01	
Laptop & Tablet for virtual meetings	£1,215.87	
Memorial Service & wreaths	£200.00	
Newsletter delivery	£100.00	
Water rates	£90.84	
npower electricity	£188.44	
npower gas	£519.98	
Parish Room	£1,372.08	
Petty cash float	£50.00	
Postage, printer inks & stationery	£177.63	
Solicitor - Evans & Co	£0.00	
Subscription - S&D Railway	£50.00	
Subscription - Ordnance Survey	£65.70	
Subscription - ICO	£35.00	
Subscriptions - CDALC	£321.81	
Training	£0.00	
Zoom Pro Annual	£143.88	
Website AByte	£288.00	£103,747.34

Bank Reconciliation (details attached)

Cash at bank as per statement represented by:

General Fund Current Asset

Petty cash/group room hire/domestic cash

£68,818.08

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Record of Bank Transactions For West Auckland Parish Council to date.

Date	Ref. No	Details of Transaction	Receipts	Payments	Balance	VAT PAID	VAT Reg No.
01/04/2020		Balance BD			£54,920.24		
01/04/2020	SO	Clerk's Salary		£600.00	£54,320.24		
01/04/2020	SO	Domestic's Salary		£73.00	£54,247.24		
01/04/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£54,217.24		
03/04/2020	CR	DCC - Precept	£26,248.00		£80,465.24		
03/04/2020	CR	DCC - grant	£10,000.00		£90,465.24		
07/04/2020	DD	npower -gas		£53.83	£90,411.41		559097889
22/04/2020	SO	HMRC - PAYE		£150.00	£90,261.41		
24/04/2020	DD	npower - electric		£27.57	£90,233.84		
27/04/2020	BP	B McGregor - bus shelters cleaned		£150.00	£90,083.84		
01/05/2020	SO	Domestic's Salary		£75.00	£90,008.84		
01/05/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£89,978.84		
07/05/2020	DD	ICO Subscription		£35.00	£89,943.84		
11/05/2020	BP	Allotment Rents	£1,300.00		£91,243.84		
23/05/2020	BP	Ordnance Survey		£65.70	£91,178.14	£10.95	204527437
26/05/2020	CR	HMRC - VAT Reimbursed	£700.15		£91,878.29		
27/05/2020	DD	npower - electric		£20.32	£91,857.97	£0.97	559097889
28/05/2020	DD	Anglian Water rates		£10.76	£91,847.21		
01/06/2020	SO	Domestic's Salary		£75.00	£91,772.21		
01/06/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£91,742.21		
16/06/2020	BACS	West Auckland in Bloom		£500.00	£91,242.21		
23/06/2020	DD	npower electric		£17.98	£91,224.23	£0.86	559097889
25/06/2020	BACS	DCC - grant reimbursed		£10,000.00	£81,224.23		
01/07/2020	SO	Domestic's Salary		£75.00	£81,149.23		
01/07/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£81,119.23		
01/07/2020	SO	Clerk's Salary		£850.00	£80,269.23		
09/07/2020	BACS	Internal Audit - Mike Batey		£200.00	£80,069.23		
13/07/2020	BACS	CEF - COVID sanitiser dispensers, masks, gloves		£271.98	£79,797.25		
22/07/2020	SO	HMRC		£212.50	£79,584.75		
25/07/2020	BACS	Cllr Simpson- Village in bloom materials		£25.05	£79,559.70		
25/07/2020	BACS	Cllr Simpson- Village in bloom materials		£47.34	£79,512.36		
01/08/2020	SO	Domestic's Salary		£75.00	£79,437.36		
01/08/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£79,407.36		
01/08/2020	BACS	B McGregor - bus shelters cleaned		£150.00	£79,257.36		

02/08/2020	BACS	Stockton & Darlington Railway Subscription		£50.00	£79,207.36		
04/08/2020	DD	npower-electric		£13.76	£79,193.60	£0.19	559097889
04/08/2020	DD	npower - gas		£126.92	£79,066.68		559097889
07/08/2020	BACS	New land plants - combined payment		£145.96	£78,920.72	£23.71	633467434
13/08/2020	CR	DCC Grant	£10,000.00		£88,920.72		
14/08/2020	BACS	New land plants - combined payment		£262.96	£88,657.76	£15.66	408556737
18/08/2020	BACS	CDALC Subscriptions		£321.81	£88,335.95		
19/08/2020	BACS	Allotments - Protech Direct Pest Control		£372.00	£87,963.95	£62.00	605643943
23/08/2020	BACS	Notice board repair - Cllr Simpson		£29.90	£87,934.05		
25/08/2020	DD	npower electric		£5.87	£87,928.18	£0.28	559097889
01/09/2020	SO	Domestic's Salary		£75.00	£87,853.18		
01/09/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£87,823.18		
04/09/2020	DD	npower Gas		£28.95	£87,794.23	£1.38	559097889
24/09/2020	DD	npower electric		£9.94	£87,784.29	£0.47	559097889
27/09/2020	BACS	Petty Cash		£50.00	£87,734.29		
27/09/2020	BACS	DECO - Chairman's Plaque		£11.40	£87,722.89	£1.90	257701847
30/09/2020	BACS	Beech Tree Nursery- spring bulbs		£560.00	£87,162.89		
01/10/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£87,132.89		
01/10/2020	SO	Clerk's Salary		£850.00	£86,282.89		
01/10/2020	BACS	Oakley Cross Path		£1,320.00	£84,962.89	£220.00	258413356
02/10/2020	BACS	Turf lifter Tool-Time		£58.00	£84,904.89	£9.67	759070119
02/10/2020	BACS	Replacement laptop mouse		£12.99	£84,891.90	£2.17	727255821
06/10/2020	DD	npower gas		£31.95	£84,859.95	£1.52	559097889
15/10/2020	BACS	ACER Laptop for Virtual Meetings		£434.98	£84,424.97		
19/10/2020	BACS	Cre8ive Graphis - newsletters		£180.00	£84,244.97		
20/10/2020	BACS	Newsletter delivery - Scouts		£100.00	£84,144.97		
22/10/2020	DD	HMRC PAYE		£212.50	£83,932.47		
26/10/2020	BACS	Zoom Standard Pro Annual		£143.88	£83,788.59	£23.98	3010924105
27/10/2020	DD	npower -electric		£9.94	£83,778.65		
30/10/2020	BACS	3 HP 10 Tablets - Amazon		£539.97	£83,238.68	£90.00	727255821
30/10/2020	BACS	3 tablets cases - Amazon		£37.02	£83,201.66	£6.18	350509224
30/10/2020	BACS	Overpayment on Tablet cases		£4.95	£83,196.71		
29/10/2020	BACS	West Auckland in Bloom		£300.00	£82,896.71		
29/10/2020	BACS	Poppy Wreaths and 120 crosses -RBL		£200.00	£82,696.71		
30/10/2020	DD	Anglian water rates		£5.84	£82,690.87		
01/11/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£82,660.87		
03/11/2020	DD	npower gas		£37.70	£82,623.17	£1.80	559097889
03/11/2020	DD	BT - Monteith 4G internet		£36.00	£82,587.17		
02/11/2020	BACS	Headphones		£42.99	£82,544.18	£7.17	3555539083
02/11/2020	BACS	Mouse for multi-media screen laptop		£12.99	£82,531.19	£2.17	727255821

02/11/2020	BACS	Thursday Bingo Group - room use	£50.00		£82,581.19		
30/10/2020	CHQ	WI Room Use - 2 years	£125.00		£82,706.19		
16/11/2020	BACS	Monteith Cleaning - Clean Sweep		£37.50	£82,668.69		
27/11/2020	DD	npower - electric		£12.79	£82,655.90		
27/11/2020	DD	Zurich Annual Insurance		£427.52	£82,228.38		
01/12/2020	DD	BT - Monteith 4G internet		£36.00	£82,192.38		
01/12/2020	BACS	B McGregor - bus shelters cleaned		£150.00	£82,042.38		
01/12/2020	BACS	A-Byte - annual website host & security		£288.00	£81,754.38	£48.00	191649772
01/12/2020	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£81,724.38		
01/12/2020	BACS	Reimbursed overpayment Tablet cases	£4.95		£81,729.33		
07/12/2020	DD	npower gas		£45.00	£81,684.33	£2.14	559097889
10/12/2020	BACS	Christmas cakes for residential homes		£28.98	£81,655.35		
11/12/2020	DD	Anglian Water rates		£37.12	£81,618.23		
17/12/2020	BACS	Boxing Club - Iron Strength equipment		£1,651.14	£79,967.09	£208.70	347198665
17/12/2020	BACS	Boxing Club - Ebay weights (combined £681.35)		£291.36	£79,675.73		
17/12/2020	BACS	Boxing Club Treadmill		£998.33	£78,677.40		No VAT invoice
17/12/2020	BACS	Boxing Club - Beny Rower (combined £681.35)		£389.99	£78,287.41	£65.00	780444622
19/12/2020	BACS	Reimbursed Boxing Club kit out-of-stock	£399.00		£78,686.41		
21/12/2020	BACS	Mazars - External Audit		£288.00	£78,398.41	£48.00	839835673
22/12/2020	BACS	G Smith - supply and install media TV & cables		£936.00	£77,462.41	£156.00	323277122
24/12/2020	DD	npower - electric		£21.09	£77,441.32		
31/12/2020	DD	BT - Monteith 4G internet		£36.00	£77,405.32		
04/01/2021	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£77,375.32		
04/01/2021	SO	Clerk's Salary		£850.00	£76,525.32		
06/01/2021	DD	npower gas		£50.96	£76,474.36	£2.46	559097889
14/01/2021	BACS	McAfee antivirus		£129.98	£76,344.38		
14/01/2021	BACS	Flowers - AB Volunteer		£28.80	£76,315.58		
22/01/2021	SO	HMRC PAYE		£212.50	£76,103.08		
28/01/2021	DD	npower electric		£18.98	£76,084.10	£0.90	559097889
29/01/2021	DD	BT - Monteith 4G internet		£36.00	£76,048.10		
01/02/2021	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£76,018.10		
04/02/2021	DD	npower Gas		£58.54	£75,959.56	£2.79	559097889
09/02/2021	BACS	Defibrillator cabinet		£466.80	£75,492.76	£77.80	GB827 6397 88
23/02/2021	DD	npower electric		£30.20	£75,462.56		
26/02/2021	BACS	Monteith Garden Gravel		£115.20	£75,347.36		
01/03/2021	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£75,317.36		
03/03/2021	DD	BT - Monteith 4G internet		£36.00	£75,281.36		
14/03/2021	BACS	Trevor Burns Fencing - Oakley Grange		£2,126.40	£73,154.96	£354.40	440965540

15/03/2021	DD	Anglian Water rates		£37.12	£73,117.84	
17/03/2021	DD	eOn - first payment		£86.13	£73,031.71	
18/03/2021	BACS	Street Games - South Durham Enterprise		£4,000.00	£69,031.71	
26/03/2021	BACS	Ink, stamps, paper, etc		£177.63	£68,854.08	£15,20
31/03/2021	DD	BT - Monteith 4G internet		£36.00	£68,818.08	
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