

# West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00 pm,  
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

**Present:** Cllr G Smith, Chairman  
Cllr E Farrer, Deputy Chairman  
Cllr L Adamson  
Cllr K Bolton  
Cllr T Horsman  
Cllr J Pattison  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr W Robinson  
Cllr N Simpson  
Cllr C Smith

## **24.51 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr H Stott and Cllr J Curl.

## **24.52 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no expressions of interest received.

## **24.53 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed accordingly.

## **24.54 To INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- Diane Wood, D-Day event organiser, kindly provided an update on the success of the recent Commemoration event at the Memorial Hall and handed over funds raised; a total of £518 was raised as a donation towards the Memorial Hall new roof.
- A resident gave thanks for the D-Day Commemoration to the organisers and to the Parish Council for funding the event.
- A request was made for an additional litter bin at the Pant due to the increase of litter around the area. The Clerk advised that a recent similar request was refused but that she would submit a request to DCC -Reference: **FS-Case-622038862**.

## **24.55 To RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT**

- An update was requested about the double yellow lines on Chapel Street and Copeland Road. It was advised that the process is ongoing and a DCC update will be requested by Cllr G Smith.
- It was reported that road plainings have been supplied to Oakley Green allotments and the allotment holders have spread them to even the road surface approaching their plots.

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## 24.56 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Income	Expenses
Website Annual Host - LJ Media		£116.00
HMRC VTR	£9,068.67	
Allotment rents	£1,300.00	
Can openers x 2		£32.62
Monteith Groups Use	£65.00	
BT wifi		£36.86
Eon Next - new contract		£52.85
HMRC PAYE		£300.00
Eon Next - new contract		£57.63
WAMCA curtains and blinds	£1,568.33	
MC Bespoke Blinds		£1,882.00
Cemetery paint		£66.09
Telephone & broadband		£30.00
DCC Bike shed delivery 200062		£60.00
Monteith Cleaning		£90.00
Removal of boulders at Station View-B Mundell		£120.00
ICO		£35.00
Bank charges		£29.00
Donation to Copeland Road school via DCC		£500.00
BT wifi		£36.86
WI Monteith Room Use	£80.00	
CLP Monteith Room Use	£70.00	
Eon Next		£53.09
Varnish and seats paint - Smurfitt CAT		£144.46
Monteith Cleaning		£112.50
Telephone & broadband		£30.00
Bank charges		£9.00

## 24.57 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To consider replacing bulbs around the village green.

A request was made for daffodil bulbs around the Pant and miners' trough. It was resolved that £250 be allocated to replace the existing blind bulbs.

- ii. To consider arranging walk around with DCC representatives.

The following items were listed for consideration during a walk-around with Jo Marone.

- Edging and spraying grass
- Raised kerbs at Morrisons and Oakleaf
- Fleece and Nursery village green
- Fly-tipping in various areas
- Red dog bins
- Litter bins
- Yellow lines

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**24.58 To RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

No agenda items.

**24.59 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

- It was reported that planning permission has been given for the caravan site opposite the JET garage. It was highlighted that the site is in Etherley Parish boundary and West Auckland have no input or responsibility for the impact on West Auckland residents.

**24.60 To RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 22 JULY 2024 MEETING.**

- To receive an update on completion of the MUGA
- To consider a Building Conditions Survey of the Memorial Hall
- To request a dog waste bin along the by-pass footpath
- To receive update following Toft Hill by-pass exhibition

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