

# West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.00 pm,  
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

**Present:** Cllr G Smith, Chairman  
Cllr K Bolton  
Cllr J Curl  
Cllr T Horsman  
Cllr J Pattison  
Cllr W Robinson  
Cllr N Simpson

## 25.31 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Adamson, Cllr Farrer, Cllr Roberts, Cllr C Smith and Cllr Stott.

## 25.32 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest received.

## 25.33 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

## 25.34 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was reported that fly tipping at the rear of Copeland Road is worse than ever. It was advised that the garden land is private but the Clerk and Cllr C Smith will both raise a report.

## 25.35 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Concerns were raised about the Oakley Cross school MUGA being locked over school holidays. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Head Teacher requesting that the public access gate be left open during the summer.

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

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Income	Expenses
Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00
Telephone & broadband		£30.00
Allotment rents	£1,300.00	
Subscription CDALC		£427.36
HMRC VAT Reimbursed	£7,981.26	
Precept & LTCSS	£27,193.23	
Website annual LJ Media		£128.00
Bank charge		£8.00

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- i. The 2024-2025 Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and approved. Internal audit is being carried out by Henniker accountant and AGAR forms will be submitted following Parish Council approval at the AGM.

**25.37 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

- i. To receive DCC update and review a draft plan for green opposite the Memorial Hall

A claim has been submitted to repurpose the green area opposite the Memorial Hall for car parking to relieve pressure of regularly congested parking for the football ground and the Memorial Hall. Cllr Roberts has drafted a plan for the area.

- ii. To receive update on GP proposal to close St Helens surgery

It was confirmed that, in response to GP proposed closure consultation, one public meeting has taken place at the Memorial Hall with 149 residents in attendance. A 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is to be held at noon on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at St Helens Neighbourhood Centre. The consultation will be complete at the end of April 2025. The Parish Council have expressed residents' concerns about the potential loss of a vital community facility.

- iii. To consider a volunteer for Oakley Cross school governor's vacancy

The vacancy was discussed and those present stated that they do not have the capacity to take on additional voluntary duties.

**25.38 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

- i. To receive quote for Remembrance Perspex crosses

A follow up was sent to Cre8ive Graphics for the quote. It was resolved that another supplier will be sought if the quote is not available by the next meeting.

**25.39 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

- There were no planning applications for consideration.

**25.40 NO AGENDA AT AGM MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June agenda**

- To receive DCC update and review a draft plan for green opposite the Memorial Hall
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