

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 6th June 2011 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr H Charlton, Chair
Cllr J Bell
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C Mairs
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr K Tweddle

11.27 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Turner, Cllr Roberts,

11.28 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllrs Mairs & Reilly declared an interest in the football monument, agenda item 8.

11.29 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

11.30 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Residents from Station Road attended to report a blocked drain outside their house. This blockage caused the footpath to their home to flood when it rained recently. They reported the blocked drain to DCC two weeks ago but are concerned by the delay and the reported smell of sewage. It was agreed that Cllr Turner would be the most appropriate person to chase this issue up. ACTION: Cllr Charlton to discuss with Cllr Turner.

11.31 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT. - There were no police present.

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

CHEQUE NO	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100320	Ordnance Survey	£65.70	Y
100321	Hanging baskets	£248.00	Y

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

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11.33 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider costs of allotment fencing

Cllr Charlton provided an update on the quotes obtained to date for replacement fencing around the allotments. The possibility of grants was discussed. Cllr Ferguson agreed to meet a representative from Etherley allotments association and Cllr Charlton agreed will contact Phil Davies, 2D to make enquiries.

ii. To consider purchase of village notice board

Cllr Charlton has requested samples of notice boards from Val Robson and Tamsin Harrison; they have not yet arrived. Various locations for siting were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain samples of various designs and bring to the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to obtain magazine adverts.

11.34 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To discuss Oakley Cross community sports hall

Various avenues have been explored aiming to obtain funding to re-introduce the community activity classes that were held on the premises until recently allocated funding expired. It was decided that, at present, it is not feasible to pursue this further. The premises are still available for the community use in the evening at a cost of £18 per hour to cover caretaker and utility costs.

ii To discuss the Nursery improvements

Cllr Roberts compiled the file for submission to Jill Etherington for consideration by DCC legal department to have land at the Nursery registered as village green. Cllr Roberts commitment and efforts in producing this file were acknowledged.

iii To discuss the production of Westlife

Cllr Fenwick sent Westlife articles for agreement. It was agreed that all items received would be considered after the meeting as it is not appropriate to discuss lengthy topics during the meeting.

iv To discuss bottle banks

The Parish Council have been trying to have the bottles banks removed. They are considered to be unsightly and dangerous. It was pointed out that each household has individual recycling bins and the large bottle banks have become a glass covered, fly tipping area. Local supermarkets also have recycling bins. ACTION: Clerk to write to Lorraine O'Donnell, Deputy Chief Executive, DCC

v To discuss seat at Copeland Road

It was suggested that the local residents should be consulted to obtain their views on the siting of a seat or bus shelter on Copeland Road. It was agreed that the bus shelter would be more appropriate near the green area adjacent to Windermere Road to take it

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away from the houses and have it on a more open area. ACTION: Clerk to contact highways department and county transport to seek their views with a site meeting.

It was also suggested that a replacement seat should be purchased for siting near what was the village centre. It was agreed that the permission to site the seat should be obtained from DCC prior to ordering the seat. ACTION: Clerk to write.

vi To discuss signs on village green

Two options for signs were discussed; either a stone plinth with a sign fixed or posts with a signs screwed on were considered. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that 3 posts and signs similar to those already used in the area should be used. Cllr Ferguson will be ordering the signs and pointed out that someone will need to be recruited to site them.

vii To discuss new car park

Inappropriate access to the village green via the new car park was discussed. Various options were considered and it was agreed Service Direct at Meadowfield should be contacted to advise them of the problem and request their intervention.

viii To discuss football monument

Cllr Turner advised Cllr Charlton that the majority of funding has been secured for the football monument. It was proposed and resolved that the Parish Council will donate £5,000.00.

ix To discuss Parish Room Ground Rules

The draft ground rules were discussed and will be amended as required. A final copy will be placed on the Parish Room notice board.

11.35 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED ON USEOF PARISH ROOMS

An informal request has been made by a group outside the village to use the premises. It was agreed that at present no new groups can be considered and only residents within the parish can be considered in future. It was proposed and agreed that the following can be can be purchased for the Parish Room:

- A replacement kettle,
- Number pad door lock
- Bolts for cupboard in hall.

Piano needs to be removed from premises via DCC. ACTION: Clerk to arrange.

11.36 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 4TH JULY 2011 MEETING (INTERIM MEETING 20TH JUNE)

- Prince of Wales Football team request for funding.
- To discuss purchase of Parish room tables.
- To discuss purchase of notice boards. ACTION: Clerk to obtain samples
- To discuss purchase of bus shelter/seat and village green seat
- AAP Board request for funding from Parish Councils
- Signs outside the village
- Prevention of access for caravans and heavy vehicles near Spar shop

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