

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 5th September 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 M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr A Turner
Cllr K Twedde

11.47 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All Parish Councillors present.

11.48 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

11.49 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

11.50 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Memorial Hall Treasurer attended the meeting to advise that a discrepancy in the Memorial Hall Constitution has been identified regarding original ownership of the property. As a result the Memorial Hall Committee request that the Parish Council take on responsibility as Custodian Trustees of the Memorial Hall. A document was left for consideration and will be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed that legal advice should be sought prior to any agreement being made. ACTION: Cllr Charlton to discuss with PC Solicitor prior to decision.

11.51 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT

Matthew Eckersly, a representative from the police attended the meeting and advised that PC Hucker's replacement, PC Rob Simpson, will attend next month's meeting. He provided details of the recent month's crime statistics and advised on an initiative to use a high pitched alarm at a village hot-spot where youths are known to be gathering to drink alcohol.

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The problems with stray horses wandering locally was discussed at length and some assurance was given that the problem is being addressed. Concerns about a local alcoholic wandering around and possibly living rough were raised and assurance was given that Social Services are involved and the problem is being dealt with.

11.52 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORING INVOICE CHEQUES.

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100326	Donation to the Memorial Hall party	£100.00	Y
100327	Delivery of Newsletter	£70.00	Y
100328	Kettle, fittings, etc via Cllr JF	?	Y

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

Quotes have been received for a notice board and due to the high cost it was agreed that three local craftsmen be approached to provide a quotes for a similar traditional style version. ACTION: Clerk to obtain tradesmen’s details from Parish Councillors.

11.53 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

- i. To discuss purchase of signs approaching the village

This item will be discussed at an interim meeting.

- ii. To discuss the siting of picnic tables

The possibility of siting picnic tables was discussed and it was proposed that DCC be contacted to request permission and advice on the most appropriate place to site them just off the new car park. ACTION: Clerk to write.

- iii. To discuss outcome of sustainable project funding meeting

Some Parish Councillors attended a meeting to obtain information on possible funding available. The closure of Oakley Cross sports hall was discussed and it was suggested that Cllr Rob Yorke be invited to the interim meeting on 19th September 2011 to discuss the production of a Business Case as a first step in obtaining funding for this project. ACTION: Clerk to invite Cllr Yorke.

11.54 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

- i To discuss loose dogs roaming

The general problem of dogs roaming and soiling around the village was discussed. This issue will be raised at the PACT meeting.

- ii To discuss the Tattoo shop

Cllr Turner advised that the council have visited the tattoo shop and the owners are doing everything as they should and the blinds are being closed as required to prevent those having tattoos being seen by anyone passing.

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iii To discuss Parish Plan revision

It was suggested that Westlife be used to obtain feedback from parishioners. It was agreed that the Parish Plan action plan be reviewed on Monday, 24th October 2011 and an entry included in the Winter edition of the newsletter as a consultation starting point.

iv To discuss Westlife – summarise project costings to-date

It was agreed that, once all houses have had a newsletter delivered, that any spares be distributed amongst the church, Manor House and Blacksmiths Arms.

v To consider alternative Parish Council premises

An alternative venue is not required at present. The Parish Council are considering the options of maintaining the existing Monteith Close Community Parish Rooms. It was resolved that if the old Chapel becomes available for sale the Parish Council may consider purchasing it.

11.55 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED ON USE OF PARISH ROOMS

No items were raised on this occasion.

11.56 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 3RD OCT 2011 MEETING (INTERIM MEETING)

- Custodian Trustee for Memorial Hall
- Remembrance Service
- Elderly residents' function
- Farmers' Market
- Budget setting
- Christmas tree/lights
- The Nursery

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