

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 7th November 2011 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr J Bell
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C Mairs, vice Chair
Cllr V Raine
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr A Turner
Cllr K Tweddle

11.67 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rielly and Cllr Roberts.

11.68 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

11.69 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

11.70 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Memorial Hall representatives attended to obtain a progress report with regard to the Parish Council acting as Trustees for the Memorial Hall. It was agreed that once the solicitor has agreed with the process there should be no problem in going ahead. It was resolved that the Parish Council should nominate the Chairperson and vice-Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Parish Council.

11.71 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT

There were no police present.

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

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100334	GB Computers	£25.00	Y
100335	Workingmen's Club donation	£100.00	Y
100336	Memorial Service band donation	£100.00	Y
100337	Cre8ive Graphics	£144.45	Y
100338	Newsletter delivery	£70.00	Y
100339	Insurance	£468.48	Y

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

Following concerns about the lack of attention given to the Parish Council's comments with regards the plans for the annexe at Oakley Cross School it was resolved to write to George Garlic, Chief Executive, DCC and raise this issue with him. ACTION: Clerk to write.

Cllr Roberts's comments regarding the notice board and salt distribution were raised and considered. Various suggestions were made and it was resolved that 2 pallets of salt be purchased and stored in readiness for emergency ice. It was also suggested that Brian Mundell also be contacted to obtain an hourly rate for snow clearing. ACTION: Cllr Mairs to obtain prices and Cllr Robinson to liaise with Brian Mundell.

11.73 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To discuss donation to Workingmen's children's Christmas party

It was resolved that £100.00 should be donated again this year.

ii. To discuss purchase and siting of picnic tables

It was suggested that Lee Mowbray be contacted for a site meeting to discuss picnic tables and seats. ACTION: Cllr Turner to arrange as he has meeting booked with Lee Mowbray.

iii. To discuss 2012-2013 budget

The draft budget was discussed and it was agreed by everyone present.

iv. To consider tree planting programme

In Cllr Roberts' absence this item will be raised at the next agenda.

11.74 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To discuss Parish Plan review

It was agreed that a dedicated meeting will be required to discuss a parish plan review and Wednesday, 23rd November 2011 at 6.30 pm was booked for this.

ii. To discuss The Nursery village green application

The application has been submitted and the Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of the process.

iii. To discuss Westlife

It was resolved that a summary of Parish Council meeting activity will be included in Westlife. ACTION: Clerk to include.

Cllr Turner raised an issue that his article had not been included. The Clerk apologised for her omission of this as she does not remember seeing it but assured him that his entry will go into the next edition.

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iv To discuss use of Monteith and consider alternative options.

The AAP are making enquiries about the costs involved in considering the Chapel as an option. The Memorial Hall is another option; it was agreed that this venue would not be suitable to accommodate all requirements of the Parish Council.

v To obtain update from Cllr Turner on by-pass seat

It was confirmed by Cllr Turner that a seat will be sited at the high-point of the by-pass.

vi To discuss vandalism to local's car

It was briefly considered and it was agreed to make Matthew Eckersley aware of the increased in car vandalism.

11.75 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED ON USE OF PARISH ROOMS

No items were received.

11.76 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2011 MEETING (INTERIM MEETING MONDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2011)

- Queens Jubilee
- Snow contingency
- Consideration of Parish Council premises
- Confirmation of Parish Council Christmas meal
- Christmas hampers
- Farmers' market
- Notice board
- Cemetery
- The Nursery

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