

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 11th June 2012 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C Mairs, vice Chair
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr A Turner

12.50 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Bell.

12.51 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest on any agenda item.

12.52 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed to be a true account of the previous meeting with the exception of them stating that Cllr Mairs had given apologies when he was actually at the meeting.

12.53 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no members of the public present.

12.54 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTING PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the advertisement for a Parish Councillor, only one local resident has expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on a temporary basis until the elections take place in May 2013. This will be considered at the July meeting to allow adequate advertising time.

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

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100375	Jubilee Card	£7.00	Y

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

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12.56 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider options for removal of planter on village green.

This item was discussed and it was agreed that the decision to remove the planter will remain and Darren Hardman's quote will be accepted on the understanding that the work be carried out once the seat has been purchased. Darren is to be informed that new stakes are required at some of the trees he planted.

ii. To consider purchase/siting of salt bins

Sites have been identified for 16 salt bins. These will be ordered for October delivery and a request will be made for DCC to fill them. If DCC are unable to support the request a local man will be asked to provide the service.

iii. To consider fencing along Oakley Green beck

To prevent unauthorised access to green areas, fencing from the rear of the Earl of Warwick down towards Roslyn House is required. It was agreed that permission will be sought from DCC for this and 3 quotes should be obtained for bird mouth fencing. Service Direct, Trevor Burns and David Proudfoot will be asked to quote. Rob Yorke and Andy Turner have suggested they may assist with funding this and will therefore be copied into correspondence.

iv. To discuss Chains of Office

Following discussion it was agreed to ask DCC, via Rob Yorke and Andy Turner, if there is a spare Chain of Office to be used by the Chairperson as the current one is considered unsuitable. A catalogue will also be requested.

v. To consider rose garden to commemorate Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Jubilee commemoration will be incorporated in the planter replacement project.

12.57 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To discuss Copeland Road bus shelter update

The Chairperson informed those present that the police highways and the bus company have refused the request for a bus shelter on Copeland Road. A meeting will be requested via Martin Peace for Cllr Charlton to discuss their objections.

ii To consider re-establishing finance/environment sub-groups

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Farrer, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Fenwick will form a financial sub-group. Cllr Roberts, Cllr Rielly and Cllr Raine will form the environment sub-group.

iii To discuss landscaping roundabouts

It was advised that DCC are offering the opportunity to sponsor roundabouts at present and it was agreed that confirmation of this should be obtained via Street Scene, Chilton. It was also highlighted that Nicky Porter has offered to maintain the

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roundabout near the Jet garage but has been refused by DCC in the past; this offer will be resurrected if appropriate.

iv To discuss shrubs at Christmas tree site

It was agreed that the shrubs at the Christmas tree site are in need of pruning. ACTION: Clerk to write to DCC.

v To consider car park maintenance

The planted area near the post office car park was discussed and it was agreed to request that Tamsin Harrison arrange for this area to be maintained and also for a copy of the original landscaping scheme to be provided. Copy to Rob Yorke and Andy. ACTION: Clerk to write.

vi To consider additional lighting at Pant

It was agreed that this should be chased up as no response to previous correspondence has been received. ACTION: Clerk to write.

vii To consider car parking for football matches

Cllr Robinson proposed that the gates near the allotment be re-opened to provide parking on the green area for football matches providing they are monitored at all times. The Parish Council considered this and, due to previous occasions when the gate has been left open and unmanned, this requires full consideration in view of the potential of travellers occupying the site at any opportunity. The Parish Council acknowledged the need for some action there to relieve parking on road sides during football matches. ACTION: Clerk to write to Stuart Alderson, 15 Ullswater Avenue to request a meeting with representatives from members of the Parish Council and the football club.

viii To request speed ramps at Oakley Green

The Clerk advised that this request has recently been made and DCC advised that this is not considered feasible in this area.

ix To discuss repair to kerbs on north side of village green (Devonshire House)

The Clerk has written to DCC and confirmed that this is being assessed by the appropriate personnel.

x To discuss Monteith Parish Room asset transfer

There has been no correspondence received about the asset transfer of Monteith Close. ACTION: Clerk to chase up.

xi The discuss the Nursery – update from Jill Errington

Jill Errington has confirmed that local residents have not formally responded within the given time to the Parish Councils comments. The Parish Council are keen to progress this and will seek an update on any progress to date.

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12.58 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE 9TH JULY 2012 MEETING

- Donations to local groups – toddler music group trip, under 14s football team.
- Co-opting Parish Councillor
- Resident's fence
- Memorial Hall Deed of Trustees
- Westlife articles
- Skate park progress
- Cemetery entrance
- Parish Council membership criteria

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