

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.00 pm,  
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

**Present:** Cllr Charlton, Chairperson  
Cllr J Bell  
Cllr P Fenwick  
Cllr J Ferguson  
Cllr C Mairs, vice Chair  
Cllr V Raine  
Cllr L Rielly  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr W Robinson

**12.59 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies were received

**12.60 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

There were no declarations of interest on any agenda item.

**12.61 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**12.62 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr John Fenwick attended the meeting to request comments on planning information for the East Green areas recently purchased for development.

**12.63 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTING PARISH COUNCILLOR AND CONFIRM PARISH COUNCILLOR'S MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

The lady who recently expressed an interest in becoming co-opted as a Parish Councillor was not in attendance; it is therefore considered that she no longer wishes to be part of the parish council.

**12.64 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING INVOICE CHEQUES.**

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100378	Orchard Street Furniture	£697.46	Y
100379	Allotment toilets	£83.33	Y
100380	Hanging baskets	£291.80	Y
100381	External audit	£162.00	Y
100382	Generator and door	£334.80	Y
100383	Music Group Summer Trip	£200.00	Y
100384	Oakley Green Children's Summer Event	£200.00	Y

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

It was advised that the problem with the Nursery may be considered by a Public Enquiry. In an attempt to prevent what is envisaged as unnecessary action, it was agreed that the Parish Council's solicitor should request a meeting with Mr Armstrong's solicitor and appropriate representatives from both sides with the aim of resolving any issues to avoid the Public Enquiry if at all possible. A summary of costs to-date was also requested. ACTION: Clerk to request a meeting and request summary of costs.

It was resolved that a updated Code of Conduct should be adopted with immediate effect and the Clerk agreed to attach a copy for all Parish Councillors with the Minutes.

**12.65 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.**

i. To consider cemetery entrance

It was agreed that permission be sought from DCC to make improvements at the cemetery entrance. Estimates for the required work will be obtained from Walton's, Butterknowle, Glasper Tunstall and DCC cemetery team.

ii. To discuss Chains of Office

Further catalogues are to be obtained and a request for an upgrade requested from Vaughtons. Cllr York has confirmed that there is no budget available to purchase chains of office and that the ones previously mentioned have been reallocated and are therefore no longer available.

iii. To consider donations to local groups

The budget was discussed and it was proposed and agreed that £2,000 will be set aside each year to support the running of local groups.

It was proposed and agreed that £200 will be donated to the music group and a further £200 to the children of Oakley Green for summer holiday activities.

iv. To discuss skate park request progress

It was agreed that Andrew Walker, Rob Yorke and Groundwork should be contacted to request progress on the request for a skate park.

**12.66 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.**

i To discuss resident's fence

As no correspondence has yet been received for this item it will go to the next agenda. Cllr Rielly emphasised that the plants in the garden in question add to the beauty of the area and highlighted that there are other areas of the village in need of attention.

ii To consider Memorial Hall Trustee status

Cllr Charlton and the Clerk have been to a meeting with the solicitor and all

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correspondence has been agreed and appropriately to expedite the guardian trustee process for the Memorial Hall.

iii To discuss Westlife articles

Cllr Roberts agreed to write Westlife articles on the newly planted trees and East Green car park landscaping. The local residents have been consulted and as no response has been received, the Parish Council agreed option 2 of 6 parking spaces and landscaping would be the preferred option for Oakley Beck landscaping.

An article to advertise Monteith Groups and request interest in other activities such as yoga running at Monteith Parish Room was agreed.

The Clerk advised that there is only one article available for the summer edition of Westlife and requested consideration for input from everyone.

**12.67 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING**

- Chains of Office -catalogue
- Resident's fence
- The Nursery village green application
- The Christmas tree electrics
- The cemetery entrance
- Oakley beck planting

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