

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 10th September 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 L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Ross Cowling, DCC Community Buildings Programme
Matt Eckersley, Community Police Support Officer

12.68 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mairs, Cllr Turner, Cllr Raine, Cllr Farrer

12.69 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Roberts expressed an interest in an item to be raised by a local resident about the siting of a seat outside the Crusty Loaf.

12.70 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

12.71 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Local residents attended to request support for their objections about the proposals to have an HVG access to accommodate a development at the rear of Toadpool cottages. The Parish Council agreed to raise concerns with Highways DCC, police and local County Councillors. Ref DCC Paul Hopper 3/2011/0406

A local resident attended to object strongly to having a seat site outside her property near the Crusty Loaf. Her comments were acknowledged and the Parish Council agreed to consider this further. Following consideration of the comments raised it was agreed to temporarily revoke the original decision to site a seat and consider the all options fully at the next meeting.

Ross Cowling attended the meeting to explain the community buildings' programme. He summarised the process. Ross and Vicky Prendercast have already had a positive meeting with the Parish Council representatives to look towards the possibilities of the Parish Council taking responsibility for the Monteith Close Community Rooms property. At present DCC are considering funding options for improving the building prior to the potential transfer. Following a surveyor's report, DCC will initially be proposing a 30 year negotiable lease. Ross requested that the Parish Council gives consideration to this and advise on their intentions for taking responsibility for the premises. Ross advised those present that support will be available to complete funding applications.

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Matt Eckersley, CPSO attended the meeting to provide an update on reported crimes over recent weeks. The despicable theft of articles from a grave was discussed; the police are advising the family involved and will approach the prevention of similar incidents in the most practical and feasible way. This issue was discussed at length.

12.72 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING INVOICE CHEQUES.

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100385	TESS Allotment toilets	£138.86	Y
100386	Newsletter	£144.45	Y
100387	CNK Landscaping	£400.00	Y
100388	TESS Allotment toilets	£143.50	Y
100389	TESS Allotment toilets	£143.50	Y
100390	Solicitor’s fee for Memorial Hall Trustee status	£990.40	Y

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

The Clerk advised those present that a further amended version of the Code of Conduct has been received that it was resolved that this version will be adopted for use. File copy attached.

A Jujitsu group operating from the Memorial Hall have requested support with funding to purchase equipment for youth’s use during the sessions. This was considered and it was resolved that the £200 will be approved subject to a visit from a Parish Councillor to assess attendance numbers and on condition that any equipment purchased from the money should remain at the Memorial Hall should the group fold in future.

12.73 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider cemetery entrance quotes

Following consideration it was agreed that the Galsper-Tunstall quote to restore cemetery entrance should be approved. ACTION: Clerk to request permission from DCC to have the works carried out then give go-ahead to Galsper-Tunstall.

ii. To discuss Chains of Office upgrade/replacement

The quote received from Vaughtons to change adapt the Chains of Office as required was agreed as acceptable. ACTION: Clerk to order with the requested amendment to working from Chairman to Chairperson.

iii. To discuss skate park progress

This will be carried forward to the next agenda.

iv. To consider Christmas electrics upgrade

The Christmas decorations were discussed and it was proposed that 3 quotes be obtained to assess the need to supply a new cable and transformer to the Christmas tree. The quotes will be requested with a 1 month deadline from Stephen Smith, Richard Wade and Tomlinson Longstaff.

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v. To consider quotes for Oakley beck and East Green car park landscaping

A site meeting has taken place for the East Green car park landscaping and a quote is being prepared for consideration at the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Martin Lowery to request how to progress with option 2, 6 car parking spaces and landscaping.

12.74 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To discuss resident's fence

No progress has been made with this item

ii To consider Nursery village green application

A solicitor's letter has been sent to Mr Armstrong's solicitor requesting that he discuss his objections with the Parish Council to seek a mutually suitable resolution prior to the Public Enquiry into Mr Armstrong's objections to the registration of the Nursery land as village green.

iii To discuss Westlife articles

The Women's Institute have provided an article for the Westlife. The Clerk requested articles for inclusion in Autumn Edition.

12.75 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE 8TH OCTOBER 2012 MEETING

- HGV access to A68 from rear of property near Toadpool area.
- Skate park
- Christmas tree
- Library shelves in Community Parish Rooms
- Hanging basket frames
- Oakley Green fencing
- Crusty Loaf planter replacement
- Councillor's vacancy

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