

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 11th February 2013 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr J Bell
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C CMairs
Cllr V Raine
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr A Turner
Ross Cowling/Ian McGrath, DCC Community Premises

13.09 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rielly

13.10 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Robinson expressed an interest in item 6.

13.11 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

13.12 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100419	SLCC Subs	£81.00	Y
100420	Npower gas	£33.88	Y
100421	Poop scoop bags	£36.72	Y
100422	Removing Christmas tree	£150.00	Y
100423	Cre8ive Graphics	£60.00	Y
100424	CDALC Subs	£287.10	Y
100425	Npower electric	£42.45	Y
100426	Restocking of salt bins	£518.40	Y
100427	PA System Brotherton's	£325.00	Y

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

13.14 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider proposed bus shelter, Copeland Road

There has been no progress with the proposed Copeland Road bus stop other than notification that the original request was not approved by the police.

ii. To consider purchase of public announcement system

Costs for a PA system have been sourced. Details of various models were provided and it was agreed that one should be purchased from Brotherton's in Bishop Auckland. ACTION: Cllr Ferguson to purchase.

iii. To consider replacement Christmas tree lights

It was agreed that the tree lights need replacing and quotes will be obtained from DCC, Stephen Smith, Tomlinson Longstaff for a 25ft tree. It was suggested that local businesses be asked to donate towards replacement lights. ACTION: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes and contact local businesses.

iv. To consider Oakley beck proposed car park

It was suggested that pursuing this proposal be abandoned and Betts be asked to implement their original plans in view of DCC advising they are not willing to adopt the area on completion. ACTION: Clerk to confirm with Martyn Lowrie.

v. To discuss quotes for Oakley Green mounds

Three quotes have been obtained and it was agreed that Joe Robinson's be asked to undertake the work providing DCCs approve the work being carried out. ACTION: Clerk to request permission for works to go-ahead from DCC.

vi. To discuss replenishing salt bins

A further payment has been made to Barry Storey for re-stocking the salt bins. Five bins sited on Oakley Green were removed as they were being emptied, tipped upside down and generally mis-used. It was agreed that a couple of them could be re-sited in a second attempt to provide access to salt for residents during the bad weather.

Cllr Rob Yorke advised that there are strategic keys salt bins where salt can be obtained in 1 ton dump bags. Cllr Yorke agreed to forward details of how to obtain the dumpy bags free of charge from DCC. 3 bags are to be delivered to the Oakley Green and East Green car parks and 1 to be delivered in front of Monteith Parish Rooms. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Yorke.

vii. To consider allotment fencing funding options

From quotes received it was agreed to offer the work to MH Fencing, Shildon.

13.15 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

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i To receive update on Monteith Parish Rooms asset transfer

Ross Cowling and Ian McGrath attended the meeting to provide an update on the possible transfer of the Parish Rooms. Ian advised that grants would need to be secured for minor works once the Parish Council agreed to take on the lease. The Parish Council would be responsible for all maintenance once any agreement is signed. The offer of the whole building was suggested and Parish Council asked for time to consider this option. The clerk is to attend Business Case Planning training.

ii To receive update on football monument

Cllr Rob Yorke provided an update on the football monument. He detailed the consultation, planning and fund raising processes. Cllr Yorke advised that the weather has delayed the implementation process. It is now anticipated that statue e delivered 12th March and the project complete by end of April. As part of a consultation, suggestions were requested for an unveiling in June 2013. Cllr Yorke advised that the shortfall of £18,000 has been met by DCC contributing £9,000, Parish Council £3,000, John Elliott £3,000 and a further donation of £3,000 from an unknown source. £5,000 has been approved via the AAP for a celebratory event and DCC agreed to organise an event. Cllr Yorke agreed to arrange for the old paving stones to be delivered to Cllr Mairs farm for recycling where appropriate.

iii To receive Westlife articles

It was agreed that a dog fouling campaign can be held in the Parish Rooms and a waterproof covering will be provided to ensure the carpet isn't soiled whilst dogs are being tagged. ACTION: Clerk to arrange campaign event with DCC.

Cllr Roberts has submitted some articles. Cllr Ferguson offered to provide a salt bin article and a 'We need you' – dog fouling is to be drafted. ACTION: Clerk to produce.

13.16 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE 11TH MARCH 2013 MEETING (INTERIM 25TH FEBRUARY)

- Village green application update
- Copeland Road proposed bus shelter
- Dog fouling campaign
- Christmas tree lights
- Hanging baskets
- Football parking agreement – Cllr Ferguson to draft
- Consider transfer options of Monteith Parish Rooms
- Identify replacement site for village green seat

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