

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 8th July 2013 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr J Bell
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr C CMairs, vice Chairperson
Cllr V Raine
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson

13.51 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rielly and Cllr Ferguson.

13.52 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Robinson expressed an interest in agenda item 6.3.

13.53 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Matters Arising: The following actions require follow-up:

- Chapel Street residents have moved some of the newly sited mounds to allow access to their home. It was agreed that Martyn Lowery should be contacted. ACTION: Clerk to write.
- Cllr Yorke has to emailed responses to all queries he agreed to pursue. The Clerk was asked to request that the DCC legal department provide confirmation of progress with the removal of the fence around garden on village green. ACTION: Clerk to write.
- BETTS landscaping – as no progress has yet taken place Clerk to ascertain details of progress. ACTION: Clerk to write to Martyn Lowery.

13.54 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

No members of the public were present.

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

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100445	Great Aycliffe Council-dog bags	£170.40	Y
100446	East Green Bollards	£807.00	Y
100447	M Henderson- siting Pauline's seat	£170.00	Y
100448	Ordnance Survey renewal	£65.70	Y
100449	Cre8ive Newsletter	£140.00	Y
100450	J&S Plantworks- Oakley Green mounds	£1,560	Y
100451	Newsletter delivery	£70.00	Y
100452	Music Toddler Group Summer trip	£200.00	Y
100453	Village Green application inquiry barrister	£2,700	Y

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

It was considered that the new, colour Westlife has been well received but it was agreed that the order should be reduced to 1,300. The Clerk expressed her thanks for Claire Robinson's support with producing the newsletter; it was agreed by those present that Claire has made a good job of it.

Following consideration it was agreed that George Smith will be co-opted as a Parish Councillor until the next election. ACTION: Clerk to inform Mr Smit of his appointment,

It was requested that Cllr Yorke and Cllr Turner be asked for a progress report about moving the travellers sited on the bypass.

It was advised that the down-lighter spotlight at the Pant is not working. ACTION: Clerk to report.

It was suggested that Parish Councillor training be provided at Monteith Close. ACTION: Clerk to request.

13.56 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider providing bollards near the Darlington Road allotment exit

It was confirmed that the residents located near the allotments at Darlington Road will be siting the bollard purchased by the Parish Council. A letter of thanks will be sent when the bollard is sited.

ii. To consider purchase of Christmas tree lights

A second quote is being obtained to provide replacement Christmas tree lights as required. ACTION: Cllr Charlton will request a quote for 3 options for lighting.

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iii. To consider contributing to Summer trip for music toddler group

A donation of £200 was agreed towards the trip.

iv. To consider planting permanent Christmas tree

Following the recent meeting Clerk was asked to follow-up on progress with John Day.
ACTION: Clerk to write.

13.57 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To consider a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Roberts provided a brief of the benefits and process for a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk pointed out that funding is currently available and advised that an expression of interest should be made. Following consideration it was resolved that an expression of interest should be made. ACTION: Clerk to write.

ii To receive update on Monteith Close asset transfer

The Parish Council have progressed this as far as possible and will seek quotes for the windows and kitchen to be replaced whilst DCC and Dale and Valley Homes deal with the issues surrounding the asset transfer.

iii To receive update on village green application process

An update on the village green application was provided and it was advised that the outcome of the process will take a further 6 weeks.

13.58 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MONDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013 7.00 PM .

- Replacement Christmas tree site shrubs –for consideration at the September meeting
- Provision of salt for existing bins.
- Fencing around village green garden
- Consideration of permanent Christmas tree
- Village green application

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