

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 13th January 2014 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Bell
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C Mair, vice-Chairman (Chairman at this meeting)
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr G Smith
Cllr N Thomas

14.01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlton, Cllr Farrer, Cllr Turner

14.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no expressions of interest.

14.03 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Matters Arising: Feed-back on actions as follows:

- Update on cost of box for Chains of Office – next agenda as quote not received
- Update on Monteith asset transfer – next agenda ongoing
- Update on skate park progress- next agenda Cllr Yorke agreed to attend 27/01 meeting
- Update on bus shelter meeting- as residents object this item will no longer be pursued.
- Update on village green application- next agenda meeting is arranged prior to the Highways Committee meeting

14.04 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no members of the public present.

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

CHEQUE NO	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PRIOR AGREED
100477	Oakley Cross School	£100.00	Y
100478	Siting of new Christmas tree lights	£150.00	Y
100479	Cancelled – written in error	£0.00	Y
100480	Replacement Christmas tree lights	£1609.20	Y

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100481	Replacement light fittings	£241.16	Y
100482	BDM Services – mounds and tree	£60.00	Y
100483	Manor House – Christmas meal	£300	Y
100484	Newsletter	£140.00	Y
100485	Zurich additional insurance	£53.00	Y

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

14.06 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider donation to Oakley Cross and Copeland Road Schools

Following consideration it was agreed that each of the schools would be given £100 towards the individual fundraising targets.

ii. To consider speed warning quotes and agree progress

Cllr Smith advised that he has obtained various quotes for speed warning signs. Following consideration it was agreed that SID signs be approached for definite price including any discount for purchase of 2 or more. ACTION: Clerk to request approval and request input on the most suitable site. It was also requested that the 30 mph sign at the top of Copeland Road be relocated ie. Minimum 100 yards outside of residential area.

14.07 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To consider reverting Pant slip-road back to village green

Following consideration it was agreed that this item be prioritised once an indication of the actual cost is obtained. ACTION: Clerk to follow-up with Bryan Harris and Cllr Robinson to obtain quote.

ii To consider setting up village archive group

Cllr Roberts agreed to provide an article for inclusion in the next agenda. The Clerk requested that other options of promoting this item also be considered as response to newsletter articles is usually poor. ACTION: Cllr Roberts to provide an article.

iii To consider prevention of cold callers

The possibility of preventing cold callers was considered and it was agreed that Neighbourhood Watch should be approached for advice on implementing this initiative. It was highlighted that not everyone may wish to prevent cold callers and therefore residents should be given the option. ACTION: Clerk to contact John Raw.

iv Spring Clean 2014

Various ideas were raised about engaging the local community in the Spring Clean initiative. Cllr Roberts agreed to contact the Spring Clean organisers to obtain dates which coincide with events in neighbouring areas and seek their input on the criteria for involving school children. ACTION: Cllr Roberts to contact Spring Clean organisers.

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Cllr Thomas requested consideration of projects for the community service team he is aiming to utilise in the area over coming months.

14.08 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2014 7.00 PM (INTERIM 27/01)

(top 4 items highlighted below will be allocated a timed slot and take priority on the agenda)

- **Community Service initiative**
- **Skate park update**
- Consider purchase of Chain of Office
- **Focus group for dog soiling – invite DCC representative to attend next meeting**
- To consider purchase of speed warning signs.
- Action plan for annual events
- **Village green application**
- Information board for World Cup monument.

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