

# West Auckland Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00 pm,  
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

**Present:** Cllr H Charlton, Chair  
Cllr E Farrer  
Cllr C Mairs, Vice-Chairman  
Cllr V Raine  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr W Robinson  
Cllr G Smith  
DCC Cllr Wilson

## **16.84 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Elliott, Cllr Rielly & Cllr Turner.

## **16.85 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no expressions of interest declared for any agenda item.

## **16.86 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING**

The Minutes were agreed as a true account and signed accordingly.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising discussed.

## **16.87 To INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

## **16.88 To RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT**

It was highlighted that bollards at the old Earl of Warwick are still required and Cllr Wilson agreed to follow up progress via Cllr York.

The allotment holders have been approached to ask if they are willing to turf one of the existing rose beds with grass and replant the other one; they will be asked to consider the request at their January 2017 meeting.

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**16.89 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES**

- The Clerk tabled all correspondence received and payments were checked on invoices as below:

01/11/2016	SO	Domestic 1 Salary		£52.14
01/11/2016	SO	Telephones & Broadband		£20.00
01/11/2016	SO	Clerk’s Salary		£400.00
09/11/2016	BACS	Petty cash float		£100.00
10/11/2016	BACS	Remembrance Service Refreshments		£20.29
15/11/2016	BACS	Youth club donation		£5,000.00
21/11/2016	DD	Npower		£120.79
22/11/2016	SO	HMRC PAYE		£100.00
01/12/2016	SO	Domestic 1 Salary		£52.14
01/12/2016	SO	Telephones & Broadband		£20.00
15/12/2016	BACS	G Smith - Monteith Heater		£220.00
15/12/2016	DD	Northumbrian Water		£35.86
15/12/2016	CR	Monteith groups cash	£280.00	
15/12/2016	BACS	Hampers 3		£48.90

- The Clerk advised that Cllr Wright has resigned with immediate effect and the vacancy will be advertised. The Parish Council thank her for her efforts during the time she was on the committee.

**16.90 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

**(i) To arrange Christmas hampers, confirm arrangements for tree lighting, Carol service and fencing to protect the tree**

Hampers will be delivered to Devonshire House and Roslyn House Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. It was confirmed that youths are climbing the fence temporarily sited to protect the tree. The Teesdale Mercury reporter agreed to place an article in the newspaper with a plea to protect the Christmas trees and lights. As the lights on the two trees at the top of the village are beyond repair due to their age and some vandalism, it was resolved that the Parish Council will seek to provide a temporary measure for this year to a maximum of £500, and consider a replacement lighting option next year.

**(ii) To receive update on speed matrix**

It was confirmed that due to lack of progress with this initiative the Clerk will liaise with Brian Stevens and establish next steps to expedite progress with siting the speed matrix at village entrance points. ACTION: Clerk to write.

**(iii) To discuss Oakley Cross sports facility**

Cllr Roberts proposed that a meeting be arranged with the School Governors to consider any possible options to allow local residents use of the sports facility. ACTION: Clerk to request meeting with Governors via Head Teacher, Mrs Brannon.

**(iv) To consider replacement of damaged lime tree & groundwork for rose beds**

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It was resolved that Gladedale Developer, Chester Le Street should be approached with a request to replace 3 dead trees at the new development at the end of Chapel Street.

ACTION: Clerk to write.

It was resolved that John Day should be invited to check several trees around the village to advise on future management. ACTION: Clerk to write.

The rose beds were considered in the Councillors report.

**(v) To confirm draft World Cup display**

Cllr Farrer has liaised with Wayne, Crea8ive Graphics to progress the request to display the village football history in the bus shelter opposite the Workingmen's Club. A proposed layout was resolved and a request made to finalise this project at the earliest convenience.

**16.91 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

**(i) To consider funding allocation towards extending recreational equipment on New Street play area**

Following discussion on the various options within the village it was resolved that play areas be considered during the meeting with John Day. Those present were asked to feedback on their ideas at the next meeting prior to consultation via the newsletter.

**(ii) To consider further support with Youth Club and confirm precept to be requested**

Following discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council will not seek to increase the precept to support the Youth Club. The precept request will be submitted at the agreed £3 per Band D property.

**(iii) To consider quotes for wooden frame on stone seat adjacent to the Manor House**

A further quote will be obtained via Chris Evans.

**(iv) To consider approval of replacement chairs for Monteith parish room**

It was resolved that 60 padded seat stacking chairs be purchased at a maximum cost of £25 each.

**16.92 TO DISCUSS CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

It was confirmed that there are plans for the old Queens Head house is to be converted to 3 dwellings.

**16.93 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING BEING HELD MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

- To consider replacement of rose beds.
- To receive update on speed matrix.
- To consider play equipment options.
- To obtain quote for replacement of paths.
- To review illegal signs on village green.

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