

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 13th June 2016 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr H Charlton, Chair
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr G Robinson
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr G Smith
Cllr A Turner

16.44 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mairs, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Wright.

Cllr Thomas has tendered his resignation with immediate effect and Clerk to notify DCC of the vacancy.

16.45 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

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

16.46 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The AGM Minutes were agreed as a true account of the meeting and signed accordingly.

Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising.

16.47 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

- A resident advised that the bollards recently sited at the Nursery are preventing a resident parking. The Chair agreed to investigate; it was advised that the bollards have been relocated twice to accommodate residents' requests.
- A resident attended to thank those involved for arranging to have Smurfit rubbish cleared from the cemetery area.

16.48 TO RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Cllr Rielly advised that funding has been allocated by the Gaunless Gateway and interviews are being held for 6 local apprentices.
- Cllr Charlton and Cllr Smith attended Copeland Road and Oakley Cross schools to issue the Queen's 90th birthday coins.

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

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

HMRC VAT Reimbursed	£1,975.00	
npower gas		£96.74
Ordnance Survey -duplicate refund requested		£54.75
Ordnance Survey VAT-dup. refund requested		£10.90
Ordnance Survey		£65.70
Telephones & Broadband		£20.00
Domestic 1 Salary		£52.14
B Mundell Nursery Bollards - labour only		£200.00
Colour Ink Cartridges x 4 multi colour packs		£59.96

To consider replacement website specification

Following consideration it was resolved that Cllr G Robinson will build a replacement website and liaise with the Clerk throughout.

The Clerk advised that a replacement volunteer to produce Westlife is required, Cllr Farrer agreed to continue to provide articles and the Clerk will layout the newsletter prior to printing in the interim until a replacement/graphic designer is found.

16.49 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

(i) To discuss recreation area

A letter was received from the Oakley Cross Head Teacher explaining why it is not practical for the Oakley Cross school sports hall to be used in the evening for residents classes and events.

(ii) To confirm plans for Queen’s 90th birthday

It was confirmed that volunteers have been allocated to support the event. ACTION: Clerk to send letter requesting support from Tesco.

16.51 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

(i) To consider financial support to Citizen’s Advice Bureau

Following discussion it was resolved that a CAB representative be invited to attend a meeting to explain how the CAB supports West Auckland and advise what support they actually need. ACTION: Clerk to invite to July meeting.

(ii) To review room use charges for Monteith Parish Room

Following discussion it was resolved that the Finance sub-group will review income and expenditure from the groups; the Finance sub-group advised that they considered this issue recently but will revisit figures and a decision will be made recorded in the July minutes.

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16.52 To DISCUSS CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no planning issues raised.

16.53 To RECEIVE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING BEING HELD MONDAY, 11TH JULY 2016

- To consider quote for children’s events.
- To consider Christmas tree railings and obtain feedback following site meeting.
- To receive CAB information
- To consider co-opting a new parish councillor

September meeting -Defibrillator training sessions (Cllr G Robinson)

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