

West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 12th February 2018 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr C Mairs, Chairman
Cllr G Smith, Vice-Chairman
Cllr J Curl
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr R Gargett-Gillens
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr N Simpson
DCC Cllr Wilson

18.11 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Palfreyman, Cllr Smith & Cllr Turner.

18.12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest received.

18.13 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed accordingly.

Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising.

18.14 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- A resident reported a wheelie bin behind the Pant.
- Curb stones installed at Crusty Loaf need to be reinstalled as those sited last week have come. It was also reported there are 2 small corner curb stones loose near shops on a corner at the opposite side of the road.

ACTION: Clerk to log calls with DCC to report both items raised.

18.15 TO RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT

- It was reported that offers and business cases will be considered for the Purple Bus and the bus will be gifted to the successful candidate as a business opportunity around the beginning of April 2018. There is a viewing on Saturday, 17th and 24th February at South Church Enterprise Industrial Estate.

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- It was confirmed that an allotment grant request has been submitted to Gaunless Gateway for an additional section of fencing.
- It was reported that various sites are being considered as temporary stop-offs for travellers.
- It was reported that the Wear Rivers and Gaunless Trust are developing a project and it was advised they will be coming back to the Parish Council to request support and provide updates on progress.
- It was reported that the Friends of Darlington & Stockton Railway are seeking confirmation of a piece of the route which has been fenced off.
- It was reported some leaflets have been drafted on village history and village walks and photographs and maps will be added by Spring and Parish Council approval sought prior to distribution.
- Items for a Westlife were requested as it is expected that the next edition will be out before Easter.

18.16 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

The Clerk tabled all correspondence received and the following payments were endorsed:

WI Room Hire Annual	£75.00	
Domestic Salary		£69.33
Telephone & Broadband		£20.00
npower gas		£204.63
npower electricity		£20.76
npower electricity		£19.59

- To consider Data Protection Officer role and responsibility.
The Clerk advised that Steve Ragg, CDALC is seeking options for all local councils and Clerk will update again in due course when notified of options.
- The Clerk reported on a complaint received from a resident at Simpson Road regarding inappropriate parking and grass being churned up by vehicles driven across the green.
ACTION: Cllr Wilson agreed to report to DCC.
- The Clerk reported that DCC had recently filled all salt bins, including those provided by the Parish Council.
- The Clerk advised that local police have made contact to arrange speed training and requested names of anyone willing to take part. The Parish Council requested an overview of information on process and commitment required prior to signing up. It was resolved that the training could be advertised in Westlife to offer residents the opportunity to also participate.

18.17 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

(i) To receive update on defibrillator training

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Various costs of defibrillator training were produced and it was resolved that this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

(ii) To receive update on the Pant

It was confirmed that the application to replace the original tap on the Pant has been submitted. It was highlighted that time capsules are being considered for local schools to submit information to sited inside the Pant for future retrieval.

18.18 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

To receive update on requirements to improve DCC owned cemetery

It was confirmed that representatives from the Parish Council visited the cemetery to provide a list of improvements required. It was suggested structural tree planting be continued from where the Parish Council commenced several years ago. It was proposed that ownership of a small piece of land be sought and suggested that the entrance take priority. It was resolved that a meeting with DCC be arranged to consider funding and prioritising improvements required. ACTION Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Wilson advised that she has reported mole holes.

18.19 TO DISCUSS CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- It was reported that a stone wall has been removed to allow a garage to be built on Diamond Terrace.
- It was reported that a planning request to demolish the old East Green nursing homes is currently being considered by DCC Planning Committee.
- It was reported that DCC advised that Trading Standards be contacted regarding the Send a Smile to Kids clothes collection. The Clerk was asked to contact to request removal.

18.20 Agenda items for meeting to be held on Monday 12th March 2018

- To receive update on progress with the cemetery.
- To consider draft leaflets.
- To receive advice on defibrillator
- To receive update on the Pant
- To receive update on siting of bike racks

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