

West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 13th January 2020 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr G Smith, Deputy Chairman
Cllr K Bolton
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr A Palfreyman
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr N Simpson
Cllr C Smith

20.01 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Curl, Cllr Mairs, Cllr Gargett-Gillens and Cllr Roberts.

20.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest received.

20.03 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.

20.04 INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- It was requested that the dog warden patrol the area as green areas and pathways are covered with dog faeces. ACTION: Clerk to request.
- It was advised that West Auckland in Bloom will be judged in the Spring and Summer. It was requested that a list of outstanding works required prior to the judging be given to the Clerk who will submit to the Parish Council with copies to local councillors.

20.05 To RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Palfreyman received letters from local schools requesting that the Parish Council be more proactive and arrange a monthly litter pick. ACTION: Clerk to respond.

- It was reported that the Memorial Hall is running well and being well used.
- It was advised that Copeland Road school will be appointing a replacement headteacher this week.

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- It was reported that the Gaunless Gateway is still accepting funding applications for local projects.
- Concerns were expressed about the level of crime in the village at present. It was requested that a monthly report be requested via Inspector Andy Reeves, Woodhouse Close Police Station. ACTION: Clerk to request.

20.06 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

Anglian Water Rates		£326.18
npower – electricity		£40.29
Domestic Salary		£73.00
Clerks Salary		£600.00
Telephone & Broad Band		£30.00
Monteith Groups rents	£300.00	
Abyte Annual Website Fees		£288.00

It was reported that £500 funding has been awarded by Civic Pride – It's Your Neighbourhood Funding further to a recent application submitted by the Clerk.

20.07 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

i. To consider newsletter delivery

It was resolved that delivery of future newsletters will be monitored with anyone not receiving one to be highlighted and a supply of spare newsletters will be left at the Parish Room entrance for further distribution by anyone wishing to take a small supply.

ii. To consider approval of Leaflet Number 1

Further to a recent meeting it was advised there is still 1 map outstanding and then the leaflet will be complete; it is anticipated that the leaflet will be produced at the next meeting for final approval prior to printing.

iii. To receive an update on the installation of the 4th defibrillator

It was confirmed that Copeland Road school may not be a suitable site of the defibrillator and an alternative site may be required. Following discussion Cllr G Smith agreed to review the options and propose a suitable location at the next meeting.

20.08 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

i To consider quotes for repair of picnic table

As those providing quotes were not present this item will be carried forward to the February meeting.

20.09 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

It was reported that there has been a recent meeting at the old Station public house in St Helens but no definite details were made available.

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It was highlighted that several members are unable to open weekly plans.
ACTION: Clerk to raise again with DCC.

20.10 To RECEIVE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

- To consider approval of Leaflet Number 1
- To consider quotes for repair of picnic table
- To plan for 2020 Christmas lights
- To confirm location for the defibrillator
- To consider appropriate issue of remaining dog waste bags
- To consider an addition to the Pant Memorial

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