

# West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00 pm,  
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

**Present:** Cllr G Smith, Deputy Chairman  
Cllr K Bolton  
Cllr J Curl  
Cllr E Farrer  
Cllr L Rielly  
Cllr W Robinson  
Cllr N Simpson  
Cllr C Smith

## **20.11 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

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

There were no expressions of interest received.

## **20.13 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.

## **20.14 INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- A resident confirmed that her brother-in-law had offered to repair the picnic tables and another volunteer has offered to paint them. The Parish Council were obviously grateful for their generosity and thanked them for their support of the village.
- A request to use the Parish Room on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for Village in Bloom fund raising was approved. It was confirmed that the village is being judged twice this coming year. It was advised that Cllr Yorke has agreed to provide some funding towards the project. It was confirmed that a Civic Pride funding application for £500 has been approved. An anonymous donation of £500 has also been given towards their work.

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

- It was reported that a bus shelter window has been put out near the Workingmen's Club. The window has been replaced and it was advised that other areas have also been targeted.
- Cllr Rielly reported that she is awaiting a response from an individual prior to commencing the youth club initiative.

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## 20.16 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

Poppy Wreaths and Crosses		£175.50
HMRC- PAYE		£150.00
npower - electricity		£35.88
Domestic Salary		£73.00
Telephone & Broad Band		£30.00
npower- gas		£58.67

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council have also been successful in obtaining £500 towards a groundworks project. The area on Darlington Road has been identified as a specific project.

## 20.17 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

### i. To consider approval of Leaflet Number 1

In the absence of Cllr Roberts and Cllr Gargett-Gillens it was resolved that the Clerk obtain the available version of Leaflet 1 and this item will again go onto the next agenda.

### ii. To receive an update on the installation of the 4<sup>th</sup> defibrillator

It was confirmed that the new Headteacher of Copeland Road school has requested permission from DCC to site the defibrillator on the school perimeter.

### iii. To consider an addition to the Pant Memorial

It was proposed that two solidier silhouettes be purchased for siting at The Pant. It was resolved that this would add to the monument and a quote will be obtained for the next meeting. It was also proposed that a curtain of poppies be purchased to hang from the Pant Memorial; Mrs Becks confirmed that she will ask the craft group to consider making a curtain of poppies by May 2020.

### iv. To consider 2020 Christmas lights

It was proposed and agreed that the current Christmas lights should be extended. Various options will be considered including lit decorations on lampposts in addition to the 4 trees around the football monument. ACTION: Costs will be obtained for both options by Cllr G Smith for the next meeting. Clerk to request permission and cost to fit commando units onto 10 lamp posts – ref: FS-Case-174655755.

### v. To consider appropriate issue of remaining dog waste bags

It was resolved that the remaining dog waste bags are to be used up and Cllr C Smith and Cllr Simpson agreed to restock the bags at both dog waste stations until they are all used.

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**20.18 To RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

**i To consider quotes for repair of picnic table**

This item was discussed earlier.

**20.19 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no local plans for discussion.

**20.20 To RECEIVE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

- To obtain the final version of Leaflet 1
- To receive update on the siting of the 4<sup>th</sup> defibrillator
- To obtain a quote for the soldier silhouettes
- To obtain quotes and permission for Christmas lights
- To obtain and update on the New Street play area funding and development

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