

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldrige Parish Council held on 11 May 2010 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Cork, Donkin, Foster, Graver, Graham, Harris, McDonnell, McGowan, Richardson

Also in attendance Cllr Bainbridge DCC and two members of the public

1. Co-opted Member

Resolved: Mrs Karen McGowan was invited to become a co-opted member, Mrs McGowan accepted the invitation, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took her place on the Council.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Resolved - Apologies received from Cllr Westrip (reason was accepted)

3. Declaration of Interest:

Resolved Cllrs Graham/McGowan declared an interest on agenda item H as they are on the waiting list for an allotment. Cllr Harris declared an interest on agenda item H as her family have an allotment.

4. Questions from members of the public:

One member of the public asked why the recently installed street lamps are still not in operation. Cllr Bainbridge will check out.

5. Police Report:

PC Bittlestone gave her report –14 total incidents – 1 Burglary, 1 shed burglar, 1 arson, 4 theft, 1 theft of a motor vehicle, 2 thefts from motor vehicles, 1 attempted theft from motor vehicle, 1 criminal damage and 2 vehicle nuisance.

One youth has been charged with the recent graffiti on the Millennium Green.

Motorcycles are being a nuisance around the Parish; the police took the details and will investigate.

The Chair thanked PC Bittlestone for her report.

6. Minutes of Council meeting:

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held of 13 April 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Clerks report:

Nothing to report

8. Parish Matters and on-going items

a) **Planning applications received:**

2/10/00079/FUL	18 Rothbury Close Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3JN	Demolition of existing boundary wall and erection of new brick wall 1m in height (revised application of previously withdrawn application 2/10/00035/FUL - height and position altered).
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Resolved: *To recommend approval*

To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was published.

None to report

b) **Parish Paths Partnership** – Two locations have been identified. Cllr McDonnell gave feedback from recently attended site meeting.

Resolved: *The Rangers are planning working groups to lay chippings on one part of the path suggested, the only part to be re-routed. None of these areas will receive P3 funding. The path close to Poppyfields, this land could be privately owned, this needs to be checked before any work can be carried out.*

c) **Annual return** – The Council received and considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 which included the Statement of Accounts, the Annual Governance Statement and the Financial Information in section 4 of the Annual Return relating to the Annual Internal Audit Report.

Resolved: *To approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010*

Resolved: *To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2010.*

d) **Statement, petty cash, reconciliation and budget** –

Resolved: *These were accepted and signed by the Chair*

e) **Clippings** – The Clerk distributed the clippings for approval. Colour printing was discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to send the clippings to the printers. It was agreed to get more quotes for colour printing to be used in the future.*

f) **Northumbria in Bloom:**

- Cllr Cork gave an update on the Spring judging – the judges seemed very pleased with all the areas shown.
- Autumn planting was discussed – hedges and shrubs were suggested as a boundary to the plantation. Prices to be sought. Martin Bristow to be contacted re present fence. (Cllr Bainbridge to make contact). A plan of maintenance needs to be put in place.

g) **St Barnabas Nursery** – Their appeal to be heard shortly, it was suggested the Parish support them in their appeal.

Resolved: *The Clerk to write a letter of support of their application to the Planning Department at the County Council.*

h) **Allotments** – As a working group has been formed, they should arrange a meeting to discuss how to go forward, and report back to full council. Date arranged 25 May at 7.00pm.

i) **Correspondence** –

- Update received from police regarding enquiry on Waldrige Fell relating to people carrying guns.

Resolved: *No further action to be taken by the police*

- Other correspondence received after agenda published (for Information only)

Nothing to report

j) **Queens Diamond Jubilee** – Holding an event was discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to hold an event in 2012, possible arrangement to be discussed at the next meeting.*

k) **Millennium Green** – The circle area on the Green needs to be improved for future events.

Resolved *As the paperwork has still not been finalised, it was agreed to put on hold any improvements to the area.*

l) **Photographic competition** – It was discussed that the Parish should hold a photographic competition to be made into a calendar.

Resolved: *It was agreed to hold two age groups for the competitions. The Clerk to advertise in the next clippings and website.*

m) **Memorial garden (MIND)** – It was discussed supporting a memorial garden in the Parish. Cllr Westrip has been in contact with MIND.

Resolved: *It was agreed to put on hold until Cllr Westrip in attendance.*

n) **Parking in the Village** – The land beside the allotments was discussed as possible land for parking.

Resolved: *This land is unsuitable for parking.*

o) **To take note of any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

- MIND
- Golden Jubilee celebrations
- Land next to hammerhead to discuss a children's flower garden
- Civic Parking Enforcement

9. **Financial Matters**

	(a) <u>Payments</u>	
<u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) 	<p>That the sum of £490.39 be paid to Mrs A Foster (April 2010 wage)(To incorporate salary increase of one increment in line with NALC contract of employment)</p> <p>That the sum of £163.20 be paid to Mrs A Foster (expenses incurred 09/10)</p> <p>That the sum of £185.60 be paid to Mr B Laidler (April 2010 wage)</p> <p>That the sum of £19.20 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses)</p> <p>That the sum of £50.00 be paid to C Gibson (face painter Easter event)</p> <p>That the sum of £272.60 be paid to St Johns Ambulance (Training)</p> <p>That the sum of £381.88 be paid to S M Lowery (internal auditor)</p> <p>That the sum of £30.48 be paid to Maxwells</p>
	(b) <u>Receipts</u>	<p><u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the sum of £37.00 was received for room hire (2) That the sum of £31,609 was received for Precept and double taxation (3) That the sum of £1,400 was received from Residents Association (4) That the sum of £500 was received from Cllr A Bainbridge, for new seats
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 8 June 2010 to commence at 7.00pm.</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.50 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>		