

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldrige Parish Council held on 13 April 2010 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Cork, Donkin, Foster, Graver, Graham, McDonnell, Richardson and Westrip

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved - Apologies received Cllr Harris (reason was accepted)

2. **Declaration of Interest:**

Resolved Cllr Graham declared an interest on agenda item H as she is on the waiting list for an allotment.

3. **Questions from members of the public:**

Nothing to report

4. **Police Report:**

PC Bittlestone gave her report – 15 total incidents – 2 theft, 3 criminal damage, 1 public order, 6 vehicle nuisance and 3 youth nuisance.

The Millennium Green has been targeted recently with a large amount of graffiti. Brian has cleared this up, and the police will be arresting those responsible.

5. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held of 9 March 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Clerks report:**

Previously circulated for information only.

Nothing to report

7. Parish Matters and on-going items

a) **Planning applications received:**

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1 West Drive
Chester Le Street
County Durham
DH2 2XH

Erection of single-storey
extension at rear of dwelling.

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. The Clerk to contact Elaine Field to get advice on completing the application form and arrange a site meeting.

c) **Summer planting** – a quote for summer bedding from St Barnabas Nursery was received for £2,562.84

Resolved: *It was agreed to accept the quote, with the understanding more plants may need to be purchased, as more beds have been identified, this could raise to £3,000*

d) **Annual report** – The Clerk submitted the 2009/2010 annual report for approval

Resolved: *The report was approved, the Clerk to arrange the appropriate copies and arrange distribution. Copies to be available for the Annual Parish Meeting.*

e) **Waldrige Fell Rangers meeting** – Cllr McDonnell gave a brief account of the recently attended meeting.

Resolved: *It was agreed to work in partnership with the rangers to help improve the surrounding area, and invite them to the fun day.*

f) **Millennium Green** – Insurance in now in place for the takeover, nothing back from Natural England.

Resolved: *Cllr Westrip to contact Ian Pillar from Durham Rural Community Council to discuss if he knows why no paperwork has been received.*

g) **Annual Parish Meeting** – All arrangements were discussed and agreed.

h) **Allotments** – After a meeting held with the Allotment Association, all recent issues were discussed. (Cllr Graham did not take part in the vote)

Resolved: *It was agreed, a letter to be sent to all allotment holders explaining new procedure. Only one plot per household, all future people on the waiting list must live in the Parish, a 12 month notice will be given to all holders with more than one plot, none of the current holders will be evicted who do not fill this criteria. A new policy will be implemented in 2011.*

i) **Fun day** –

Resolved: *A meeting to be held 4 May at 7.00pm to discuss all arrangements.*

j) **Correspondence** – (for discussion / decision / action)

- AAP – task and finish groups – All members were asked if they would like to be part of the 5 task groups.

Resolved: *The Clerk to contact AAP with names of members interested and to ask for minutes etc to be sent out regularly.*

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

Nothing to report

k) **Signposts – street furniture** – £1,400 was received from the residents association to part fund the recent installation. The members to check if the height is satisfactory.

Resolved: *The members to contact the Clerk with their thoughts.*

l) **Play park in the village** – A letter received stating application has now been passed to Durham County Council Cabinet for final approval on 26 May 2010.

m) **Photographic competition** –

Resolved: *That the agenda item would be deferred until the next meeting.*

n) **Memorial garden (MIND)** – Cllr Westrip to contact MIND for more information.

o) **Councillor vacancy** – Two applications have been received

Resolved: *The Clerk to contact both applicants inviting them to an interview on 27 April at 6.00pm*

p) **Parking in the Village** –

Resolved: *That the agenda item would be deferred until the next meeting.*

q) **Footpaths** – The state of the footpaths after the recent installation of lamp posts, and the amount of lights still not working was discussed.

Resolved: *All members to take note of the street name involved and the column number and report back to the Clerk, who will pass the details on to Cllr Bainbridge.*

r) **It was agreed the following items to be added to agenda for next meeting**

- Newsletter – to discuss revamping and printing in colour
- Queens Diamond Jubilee – to discuss arranging event
- Millennium Green – to discuss extending circle

8. **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) (9) (10) (11) (12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £472.71 be paid to Mrs A Foster (March 2010 wage) That the sum of £185.60 be paid to Mr B Laidler (March 2010 wage) That the sum of £19.20 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) That the sum of £466.10 be paid to CDALC – subscriptions That the sum of £48.12 be paid to Mrs A Foster (stationery) That the sum of £75.75 be paid to Mrs A Foster (Easter confectionery) That the sum of £18.28 be paid to Mrs A Foster (Easter eggs) That the sum of £20.00 be paid to CDALC (standing order booklet) That the sum of £35.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster (date protection) That the sum of £41.78 be paid to Maxwells That the sum of £1,891.75 be paid to Chester-le-Street plant hire (<i>this to be raised only if the extra work has been completed</i>)
	(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 £27.00 was received for room hire
<p>9. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting of the Council - Tuesday 11 May 2010 to commence at 6.30pm directly followed by monthly meeting at 7.00pm.</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>		