

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
13 March 2012 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors – Brannan, Cork, Donkin, Douglas, Foster, Harris, Howie, McDonnell (Chair) and Richardson

Also in attendance - Angela Foster, Parish Clerk, Cllrs Bainbridge & Davidson, and 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllr Trotter gave her apologies and the reason was accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:**

Resolved: Cllr Foster declared an interest on agenda item L

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

- Youths drinking on grass behind bus shelter
- Off road motorcycles on the fell. The Clerk to contact police re these two issues
- Dogs barking through the village during the day, the Clerk to contact environmental services to see if there is anything that can be done.

4. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report submitted – 5 total incidents - 2 anti social nuisance, 0 criminal damage, 0 theft, 3 burglary and 0 road related.

5. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

7. **Parish Matters and on-going items**

a) **Planning applications received**

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

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9 Beadnell Close
Chester-le-Street
Durham
DH2 3JP

Erection of 1 Mtr high fence along front boundary of site (retrospective application)

Resolved: *To recommend approval*

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

Nothing to report

c) **Northumbria in Bloom update**

- i. Cllr Cork gave an update from working group held on 21 February. Cllr Cork thanked everyone who was involved in the coffee morning, £35.00 was raised.
- ii. The costs of stakes and guards were discussed, guards ranged in price.
- iii. Dates for tree planting were discussed
- iv. Summer bedding plants need to be ordered, prices to be available for next month

Resolved:

- i. Update Noted
- ii. It was agreed to purchase the stakes/guards at the best price the Clerk could find.
- iii. It was agreed to plant the trees as soon as guards arrive
- iv. It was agreed to place order for plants from St Barnabas Nursery

d) **Easter event** - The arrangements for the day was discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to purchase the Easter eggs as prizes as per previous years. The Clerk to make all final arrangements.*

e) **Jubilee event** - The arrangements for the day was discussed, the salvation army have agreed to perform at the event, a donation to them was suggested of £75.00 all other arrangements are in place.

Resolved: *It was agreed to give a donation to the salvation army of £75.00. The Clerk to source costs for medals to give away to the children*

f) **Correspondence received**

- i. St Johns Ambulance annual refresher for Cllr Foster was discussed, the costs for the training is £220
- ii. CDALC sub committee meeting date arranged for 31 March

Resolved:

- i. *It was agreed not to go ahead with the annual training, to change the risk*

assessment for the Beat the Bounds walk.

ii. *Cllrs Douglas / Foster and the Clerk to attend.*

g) **Correspondence received after agenda published** – for noting

- AAP environmental group decided dog fouling would be something the group could do as a targeted exercise, but not at the present time. The Clerk to contact Derek Snaith and ask about the other areas of problems, and see if the wardens could do more regarding dog fouling

h) **Parish Rooms** –

- Three quotes received for plastering, the quotes ranged from £350 - £1000 for worse case scenario
- The queries from the asbestos companies were discussed

Resolved:

- It was agreed to get G Bowes to complete the work at a cost of £350 if only 3 walls to do. It was agreed to ask the plasterer for a quote to take the boards off the walls.*
- It was agreed to go with Lucion, the Clerk to make contact and arrange the work to be done.*

i) **Parking in the village** - A site meeting was held with the police and DCC, various parking areas were discussed. David Battensby suggested Oak Street. He to provide quotes for the work to be done. A working group to be formed to discuss fundraising for the project. Residents to attend.

Resolved: *It was agreed to contact DCC to see if the land opposite Chester Street could be turned into parking bays, the Clerk to contact Assets. The Clerk forwarded all the previous correspondence to David relating to problems with this site. The Clerk to contact land registry to see who owns the two pieces of land at the ends of Chester Street and Oak Street.*

j) **Risk Assessment** – The annual risk assessment was discussed and agreed as per auditor's instructions.

Resolved: *The document was agreed and signed*

k) **Audit** – Shaun Lowery to continue as internal auditor was discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to continue with Shaun Lowery.*

l) **Queens party jubilee** – The costs for Cllr Foster and her husband to travel to London are £114.80

Resolved: *(Cllr Foster didn't take part in the vote) It was agreed to pay the costs involved as Cllr Foster is representing the Parish.*

m) **Grants** – The Hermitage school requested a grant to pay for children to go abroad for the world challenge. As this falls outside the s137 scope, the grant can not be given. It was suggested the children do a fundraising event at the fun day.

n) **Nomination papers** – The Clerk distributed nomination papers for Chair and Vice Chair, these to be brought back to the April meeting for decision / vote in May.

- o) **Inn on the Green** – The steps that were originally planned seem not to agree with the original planning application, the Clerk to contact relevant personnel to find out. No further update received
- p) **AAP forum updates** –
Nothing to report
- q) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**
- Litter pick

8. **Financial Matters**

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| | (a) | <u>Payments</u> | |
| | <u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed: | | |
| | (1) | That the sum of £421.02 be paid to Mrs A Foster (February 2012 wage) | |
| | (2) | That the sum of £155.56 be paid to Mr B Laidler (February 2012 wage) | |
| | (3) | That the sum of £433.40 Be paid to HMRC | |
| | (4) | That the sum of £4.50 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) | |
| | (5) | That the sum of £33.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - telephone | |
| | (6) | That the sum of £488.49 be paid to CDALC – subs | |
| | (7) | That the sum of 227.86 be paid to Net Island – webhost | |
| | (8) | That the sum of £35.00 ICO – data protection renewal | |
| | (b) | <u>Receipts</u> | |
| | | <u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted: | |
| | (1) | That the sum of £54.00 was received for room hire | |
| <p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 10 April 2012.</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.50pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p> | | | |