

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
12 February 2013 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors – Brannan, Cork, Douglas, Foster, Harris, Howie, McDonnell, Huston and Richardson

Also in attendance - Angela Foster, Parish Clerk, 4 members of the public, Cllr Bainbridge DCC, Cllr Keith Davidson DCC, Brian Laidler

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllr Smith gave his apologies and the reason was accepted.

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

Parked cars became a problem when an ambulance couldn't get to a dying man.

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Amy Fleetham attended and gave her report – 11 total incidents – 8 youth nuisance, 1 criminal damage and 2 theft.

Patrols on parked vehicles on the corner of Poplar Street will continue, fixed penalty notices will be given. She will monitor all vehicles in the street and pass to the traffic wardens. Cllr Bainbridge will check out white lines once again.

The land beside the flats was mentioned re dog fouling. The Clerk to contact the street warden and environmental health again.

The PACT priorities were set for the year – Millennium Green, Waldridge Village both for anti social behaviour and parking in the Village.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

- *No applications received*

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- *No applications received*

c) **Resident request** – As the resident did not turn up this item to be deferred this next month

d) **Easter event** – All arrangements for the day were discussed including if van hire was needed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to give the Clerk delegated powers to purchase refreshments and prizes. All councillors available will attend. A van hire will not be necessary.*

e) **Northumbria in Bloom working group** – Information from the working group held 6 February was discussed. Costs for lawnmower was discussed. Sponsorship to be agreed at next meeting.

Resolved: *It was agreed to hold a coffee morning, a flower show 4 August 2013, arrange a bus trip, to purchase a lawnmower up to £100 and to send letters out re sponsorship.*

f) **Section 106 money** – Site meetings have been arranged with both wood and metal artists. It was suggested going to the workshop to see more designs. Still waiting confirmation from Steven Reed re money.

Resolved: *The Clerk to continue liaising with Steven Reed.*

g) **Clippings** – The clippings were given out for delivery, a new distribution list was circulated. It was noted that the clippings must be delivered before 18 March for purdah.

h) **Funday** – All arrangements were discussed and new activities suggested. Wood carver and extra equipment to be placed on next agenda.

Resolved: *It was agreed to give the Clerk delegated powers to book all activities, hire van, purchase refreshments and tombola prizes. Garden furniture to be purchased up to £100*

i) **Annual Meeting of the Council / Annual Parish Meeting** – Dates of the two meetings were discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to hold the Annual meeting of the Council on 7th May 2013 and the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 May 2013*

j) **Talk from Keith Davidson** - The revised date noted as 26 February

k) **Correspondence received**

- Room hire request from DCC for 2 May to hold elections.
- A second letter from resident re Warkworth Drive and roundabouts

Resolved:

- *It was agreed to allow DCC to use the rooms for the elections on 2 May. Cllr McDonnell to open up.*
- *It was agreed to send another letter stating have passed all enquiries to the relevant authorities.*

l) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)

- Nothing received

m) **Emergency heating** – After the boiler broke down, it was suggested purchasing electric heater for emergency use

Resolved: *It was agreed not to purchase any emergency heaters*

n) **Grassed area at Poplar Street** – Fencing off the grassed area to avoid cars parking on the grass was discussed.

Resolved: *The Clerk to contact DCC to see if this is allowed. To contact PCSO/traffic wardens to see if anything can be done about the parked cars.*

o) **Dog fouling leaflets** – It was suggested purchasing dog fouling leaflets.

Resolved: *The Clerk to contact DCC, as they may be able to provide, if not then get quotes*

p) **Memorial seat at Ashkirk Close** – A resident has requested the Parish to allow a seat to be erected.

Resolved: *It was agreed to pass to County Council for approval*

q) **AAP forum updates** – No updates

r) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

- Solar Christmas light on tree in Village
- Costs of smaller generator

9. **Financial Matters**

	(a) <u>Payments</u>	
<u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed:		
	<p>(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)</p>	<p>That the sum of £489.60 be paid to Mrs A Foster (January 2013 wage) That the sum of £158.49 be paid to Mr B Laidler (January 2013 wage) That the sum of £4.10 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) That the sum of £330.00 be paid to Elliott loo hire That the sum of £1,068.00 be paid to Durham Flooring That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Miss C Gibson (face painter) That the sum of £227.86 be paid to Net Island – web hosting That the sum of £524.59 be paid to CDALC – subscriptions That the sum of £153.00 be paid to Studio 3 That the sum of £35.00 be paid to ICO</p>
	(b) <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted: <p>(1) That the sum of £78.00 was received for room (2) That the sum of £42.00 was received for room hire (story ladies)</p>
<p>11. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 12 March 2013 - 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.23pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>		