

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on 11 July 2017 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors - Cork, Davies, Foster, Harding, Howie and Warren

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and Cllrs Allan Bainbridge and Paul Sexton - County Councillors and 2 members of the public.

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from Cllrs Baker, Martin and Moody, no apologies received from Cllr McDonnell

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

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

2 members of the public attended to discuss trees overgrown in village, this has been previously reported but not enough was removed. Speeding along Waldridge Road, a speed watch has already been carried out and speeding was excessive, more will be carried out. A car in Chester St which has been SORN in on public land. A van which is on jacks has been in the lay-by for weeks without moving. The Clerk to contact the police re these vehicles and DCC re the trees.

5. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report submitted - 3 anti social behaviour, 1 RTC, 1 theft and 4 road related. The Clerk to check why a burglary which had been reported was not on the stats.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

Nothing to report

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

a) **Planning applications received**

- *No applications received.*

The Chair gave an update on the planning application for 40 Embleton Drive. After several objections to the application by residents and the Parish, the planning department have still granted permission. The residents are seeking legal advice. The house has since gone up for sale.

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

- *No applications received*

c) **County Councillors report –**

Cllr Bainbridge gave a verbal report on Birch View. Cllr Sexton spoke of 2 dog bins being installed and fence to be erected at Cestria Health Centre

d) **Quarterly Accounts -** The Clerk distributed accounts for approval

Resolved: *Cllr Harding signed the bank reconciliation, bank statement, petty cash and budget*

e) **Dog exercise area -** The Chair gave an update on the new area. He explained that a few queries from residents, the dog bin is outside and ordinary bin inside, the fence is too low and the gate is too high, dogs are getting out. He said an information board should be there to explain why it has been erected as residents are confused.

f) **Building work -** The work is to start on 14 August, the room will be unavailable to hire for 3 days

g) **Fitness equipment / Millennium Green / goal posts / fun hoop monthly inspections –**

The Caretaker gave a verbal report, stating no issues arising within the green, all equipment in sound order. The non slip material on the boardwalk has been picked at by children. The Caretaker to check out.

Resolved: *Report noted*

h) **Energy use -** This to be placed on next agenda and will be monitored

i) **Timetable of events –** CDALC forthcoming events (if any)

Training could be provided at the Parish Rooms for £250, this could be shared with Edmondsley.

Resolved: *It was agreed to get the training booked for September. The Clerk to check with Edmondsley.*

- j) **Clippings and distribution list** - The Clerk requested the next clippings to be agreed via email as needs to go out before next meeting. The distribution list was amended. The Clerk reminded the members this version will be the start of printing in colour.

Resolved: *All agreed*

- k) **Friends of Congburn Woods** - Cllr Davies gave an update. A walk round the woods is planned for 20 July.

- l) **Policy review** - (if any to be reviewed/adopted)

- Anti Fraud

Resolved: *It was agreed to approve with no changes and be updated on website*

- m) **Correspondence received**

- Durham Local Councils Charter was distributed for comments

- n) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)

- Nothing received

- o) **Waldrige in Bloom working group update –**

Cllr Cork gave an update. Costs of hi-vis vests for volunteers was sought at £42. After the many theft of plants, an anonymous person has donated plants.

Resolved: *Update noted. It was agreed to order hi vis vests*

- p) **Fun day** - All final arrangements were discussed and agreed. Purchasing extra gazebos were discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to purchase 2 more at approx £85 each*

- q) **AAP forum update -**

Cllr Davies gave a verbal update

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

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) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £650.26 be paid to Mrs A Foster (June 2017 wage) That the sum of £211.70 be paid to Mr B Laidler (June 2017 wage) That the sum of £713.20 be paid to HMRC That the sum of £216.20 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery - watering That the sum of £2,321 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery - winter bedding That the sum of £650.26 be paid to Mrs A Foster (July 2017 wage) That the sum of £211.50 be paid to Mr B Laidler (July 2017 wage) That the sum of £400.00 be paid to M Maylia - bouncy castle - fun day That the sum of £50.00 be paid to C Gibson - face painter That the sum of £375.00 be paid to Rock it - climbing wall That the sum of £150 be paid to Unique animals That the sum of £150 be paid to Lanchester Brass Band That the sum of £82.80 be paid to SLCC - conference
	(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 £24.00 was received for room hire
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>12 September 2017 - to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.25pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman Date</p>		