

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
10 January 2012 at 7.00pm



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

Also in attendance - Angela Foster, Parish Clerk, Cllr A Bainbridge DCC, PC Dave Barrass, 3 members of the public

1. **New member** – Melanie Howie was accepted on to the Council as an elected member and signed the declaration of acceptance.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

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

3. **Declaration of Interest:**

Resolved: Cllr Douglas declared a personal interest on agenda item K, as she is the treasurer for the residents association, Cllr Harris declared an interest on agenda item I (11) as is personal friend of company invited to give a quote for plastering.

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

Nothing to report

5. **Police Report:**

PC Barrass attended and gave his report 9 total incidents – 1 criminal damage, 1 theft, 2 road related, 3 motor vehicle and 2 domestic.

Metal thefts continue to increase. No other matters to note.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

- a) **Public participation policy** – An updated policy on public participation was distributed for approval

Resolved: It was agreed and adopted

- b) **Planning applications received**

No applications received

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

No applications received

- d) **Trees** – Trees within the Parish was discussed, several issues have arisen recently. The Clerk in close contact with DCC, they will not cut down any healthy trees. They will check on any that the Parish report.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact DCC stating 12 Glanton have not had any contact from DCC.

- e) **Queens jubilee** – All arrangements were discussed from previous meeting. Costs brought to the meeting.

Resolved: The Council agreed to hold teddy picnic, face painter, porta-loo, children's races, Morris dancers and a brass band. The Clerk to make necessary arrangements.

- f) **Accounts**

The Clerk produced and distributed the quarterly accounts for approval.

Resolved: The Chair signed petty cash, reconciliation, budget and the bank statements.

- g) **Correspondence received**

- It was agreed to continue with the walkabouts arranged for 20 February
- Feedback received from Kevin Jones – DCC are still in consultation process
- Queen garden party – one nomination only this year, it was agreed Cllr Foster with one guest to be put forward.
- Small Councils forum 17 February – The Clerk to attend with Cllr Donkin

- h) **Correspondence received after agenda published**

- Invite to Inaugural meeting for Northumbria In Bloom on 13 March – Cllr Cork and 3 others to attend

- i) **Parish Rooms –**

- I. Chairs were discussed re cleaning and stacking
- II. A quote re plastering parish rooms was discussed
- III. A room hire policy was distributed
- IV. A quote was received for an asbestos survey from Lucion of £200 + VAT

Resolved:

- I. *It was agreed to purchase 20 chairs from Cromwell*
- II. *It was agreed to get 3 quotes to carry out work required.*
- III. *The policy was agreed and adopted*
- IV. *The Clerk to get 2 extra quotes*

- j) **Christmas Tree** - The Christmas tree on Redesdale Road was discussed. No flashing lights are allowed so close to the highway, but as this was not the Parish that had put the lights on. The Residents association to be made aware of this DCC rule.
- k) **Welcome sign / boat** – The Residents Association have requested £1,000 to pay towards the sign and boat.

Resolved: *It was agreed not to donate the £1,000. It was agreed the association to submit costs for each individual project and the council would consider each and decide if to support on individual basis. The Clerk to contact the Association advising.*

- l) **Clerk's contract** – A new contract was received from NALC to replace previous contract.

Resolved: *It was accepted and signed.*

- m) **Heritage talk** – A date of 7 February was arranged for talk, the Clerk to arrange refreshments and publicity.
- n) **Path at Inn on the Green** – The land adjacent to the building has not yet been sold. Evidence has been submitted to DCC in favour of the path being a PROW.

Resolved: *The Council agreed when the plans are submitted they would accept the sale of the land with the understanding the path being left. The Council agreed to apply for the path to be put on the definitive map.*

- o) **AAP forum updates** –

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

9. **Financial Matters**

	(a)	<u>Payments</u>	
	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed:		
	(1)	That the sum of £421.42 be paid to Mrs A Foster (December 2011 wage)	
	(2)	That the sum of £155.76 be paid to Mr B Laidler (December 2011 wage)	
	(3)	That the sum of £5.85 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses)	
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u>	
		<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:	
	(1)	That the sum of £18.00 was received for room hire	
		That the sum of £650.04 was received for rent for allotments	
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 14 February 2012.</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>			