

## WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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



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

**Also in attendance** - Angela Foster, Parish Clerk, Cllr Keith Davidson DCC and 3 members of the public.

1. **Welcome / Minutes silence** – As no chair/vice chair in attendance a vote is needed to elect a chairperson for the meeting to continue

**Resolved:** It was agreed Cllr Cork will take the meeting; he welcomed everyone and asked for a minutes silence for Remembrance Day.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

**Resolved:** Cllrs McDonnell and Foster gave their apologies and the reasons were accepted.

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests / to agree to keep this item on future agendas**

**Resolved:** No members declared an interest on any agenda item.

As this item is not a legal point on minutes due to all members completing their member's interest forms it doesn't have to appear on agendas, but it was suggested keeping this item on future agendas to minute those interests.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to keep this item on future agendas

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

- Land at flats in village – the land is becoming overgrown and a resident is allowing a dog to foul. The Clerk to contact DCC
- Gates at Poplar Street – the residents queried if the gates which owners have put up should be open to the public. The Clerk to check with DCC
- Trees overgrown again at 3 Poplar Street, a letter to be sent to the owner
- Vans parked on corner of Poplar Street. Amy to investigate.
- Parking – the residents wished to know why nothing has been done. It was agreed to re-check with David Battensby to why the cost of £38,000 was given

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Amy Fleetham attended and submitted her report – 0 rowdy youth nuisance, 1 criminal damage, 1 theft, 3 burglary and 1 vehicle nuisance.

Cllr Richardson wished to thank the police for their help in dealing with recent anti social behaviour in his street.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2012 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

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

No applications received

c) **Clerks hours** – the Clerk requested her hours be raised to 15 per week

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to give the Clerk an extra 2 hours per week to 15*

d) **Dispensations / budget setting / future election costs / council tax benefits** – Due to the new code of conduct all members now have to apply for dispensation to set the precept this to be completed before the budget/precept can be discussed.

**Resolved:** A letter requesting dispensation was signed by all members present.

The draft budget 2013/14 was discussed; this to be brought to the December meeting for approval, future election costs and shortfall of double taxation was discussed. The precept will be set in the January meeting.

e) **Petrol grass cutter and strimmer** – This to be put on next agenda

f) **Sponsored walk on green** – a resident has requested she holds a sponsored walk with children under 5 on the millennium green. The Clerk advised of health and safety, risk and liability.

**Resolved:** *The members wished to check with the Insurance company before making a decision..*

g) **Inn on the Green** – correspondence received from DCC stating that planning permission was agreed to turn the pub into a private residence. No further correspondence received regarding the grounds/path.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to check with PROW to see if any further information available

h) **Section 106 monies** – The Clerk met with the art designer from DCC, he suggests applying for the money, then contacting other art designers to get quotes for the work to be commissioned.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to send off the application form.*

i) **Northumbria in Bloom entry** – the application form was received for next year's competition, a cost of £125.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to enter and pay the cost*

- j) **Welcome sign** – a quote of £100 + vat was received for designing the raising of the sign, a cost would still be needed for the work to be carried out

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to leave this for now, as the cost could be excessive*

- k) **Correspondence received**

- i. Thank you letters received from RSVP and McMillan nurses

- l) **Correspondence received after agenda published** – for noting

- AAP forum to be held 19 November

- m) **Millennium Green** – As Cllr Bainbridge was not in attendance, this to be brought to the next meeting.

- n) **Van hire for events** – Quotes of between £39 and £50 was received

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to hire a van when needed for the events instead of buying a new trailer.*

- o) **Winter talks** – Suggested ideas included Northumbrian Pipes 22 January, fell ranger in February and Bees in March. The Clerk to advertise.

- 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**

Toilet floor

NIB working group to start meeting monthly from February on 1 Wed of month

Clippings

Fire assessment

9. **Financial Matters**

	<b>(a)</b> <b><u>Payments</u></b>	
<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following payments be agreed:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1)</li> <li>(2)</li> <li>(3)</li> <li>(4)</li> <li>(5)</li> <li>(6)</li> <li>(7)</li> <li>(8)</li> <li>(9)</li> <li>(10)</li> <li>(11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the sum of £432.40 be paid to Mrs A Foster (October 2012 wage)</li> <li>That the sum of £158.28 be paid to Mr B Laidler (October 2012 wage) (this to incorporate the raise in national minimum wage).</li> <li>That the sum of £3.90 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses)</li> <li>That the sum of £26.99 be paid to Mrs A Foster - canvas</li> <li>That the sum of £24.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster – plaques</li> <li>That the sum of £87.80 be paid to Mrs A Foster – trophy/Halloween</li> <li>That the sum of £125.00 be paid to Northumbria in Bloom (if agreed)</li> <li>That the sum of £150.00 be paid to RSVP</li> <li>That the sum of £150.00 be paid to Waldrige Junior Rangers</li> <li>That the sum of £101.00 be paid to Durham Christian Partnership (tombola)</li> <li>That the sum of £146.00 be paid to Studio 3 - clippings</li> </ul>
	<b>(b)</b> <b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following receipts be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the sum of £60.00 was received for room hire</li> </ul>
<p>10. <b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 11 December 2012 - 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.45pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Chairman</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Date</b></p>		