

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
9 July 2013 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors – Bailey, Brannan, Cork, Foster, Harris, McDonnell and Smith

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler – caretaker, 8 member of the public

1. **Welcome** – The vice chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllrs Douglas and Huston gave their apologies and the reasons were accepted. No apologies from Cllr Howie

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

Dog fouling on the green – the residents would like to know if the area can be dog free, the Clerk to contact DCC

5 road accidents have occurred on the bend at Waldridge over the past weeks. Residents reminded to keep note and report to the police.

Noise from flats late at night, residents asked to contact the police straight away

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Fleetham attended and submitted the report – 8 total incidents - 1 theft, 1 criminal damage, 2 vehicle crime, 3 anti social behaviour and 1 vehicle anti social behaviour.

A bogus official has been seen in our area, all residents asked to look out for elderly neighbours. Contact police if seen.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted.

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

2/13/00139/FUL	17 Olive Street Waldrige Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3SQ	Erection of two storey extension at rear of dwelling
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Resolved: *Recommend approval as long as the residents do not object*

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

2/13/00133/FUL	100 Warkworth Drive Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3TW	Erection of fence at front of dwelling along boundary with No. 98 varying in height between 1.040m and 1.120m.
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Resolved: *Recommend approval*

c) **Conclusion of Audit** – The Clerk confirmed that the external audit had been completed and an unqualified audit opinion has been given.

Resolved: *The Clerk should complete the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2013*

d) **Northumbria in Bloom update**

- Date of judging has changed to 19 July
- Watering needs to be increased as weather is very hot
- A road accident damaged the pot, the cost to replace is £50
- Cllr Cork would like to advertise the church service at Hermitage on bed

Resolved

- *Noted*
- *It was agreed to increase until judging*
- *It was agreed to contact the driver and ask for £50 to replace*
- *It was agreed to allow to place sign*

e) **Quarterly Accounts** –The Clerk distributed the quarterly accounts for approval

Resolved: *The budget, petty cash, bank statement and reconciliation were accepted*

f) **Millennium Green problems**

Several residents have reported trees overgrowing and hanging in their gardens. It was suggested employing a professional tree surgeon to oversee work

Resolved: *It was agreed to get costs of tree surgeons, the work to be carried out in the Autumn*

- g) **Section 106 money** – First planning application been sent to DCC for the nature trail. The metal designs were distributed for approval

Resolved: *It was agreed to go with one of the designs and ask for 3 to be changed. Planning application to be completed as soon as happy with new designs*

- h) **Request from Resident Association** – The association have passed the parking problem at Norton Close onto the Parish.

Resolved: *Cllr Davidson has been in touch with DCC, to await his return to see what progress made*

- i) **Newsletter** – the Clerk distributed the newsletter for delivery

- j) **Millennium Green project** – Money for project now received, the installation of the fitness equipment will be August 27th. Once planning has gone in they will release the extra money for metal sculpture.

- k) **Funday** – All arrangements were discussed. Army cadets can attend, no folk dancers available. All other arrangements agreed

- l) **Roof repairs** - two quotes received

Resolved: *It was agreed to go with David Pearson, the Clerk to make contact*

- m) **Laptop repair** - The Clerks laptop needs to be fixed

Resolved: *It was agreed to carry this out, or replace with new one up to £200. The Clerk to get costs, this may need to be done before the next meeting.*

- n) **Correspondence received**

- To note County Councillors report – covering flooding and dog green walkers
- The new edition of the 'Good Councillors Guide' is now available to download, hard copies will cost £3 plus delivery

Resolved:

- Report noted.
- It was agreed to download

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

- No items

- p) **AAP forum updates** – none attended

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

10. **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) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £504.08 be paid to Mrs A Foster (June 2013 wage) That the sum of £158.48 be paid to Mr B Laidler (June 2013 wage) That the sum of £7.20 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) x 2 month That the sum of £504.08 be paid to Mrs A Foster (July 2013 wage) – dated 13 August 2013 That the sum of £158.48 be paid to Mr B Laidler (July 2013 wage) dated 13 August 2013 That the sum of £496.00 be paid to HMRC That the sum of £300.00 be paid to M Maylia – bouncy castle That the sum of £50.00 be paid to C Gibson – face painter That the sum of £600 be paid to Carnival Funfairs – roundabout That the sum of £540.00 be paid to Empire Adventure – climbing wall That the sum of £153.00 be paid to Studio 3 That the sum of £240.00 be paid to BDO That the sum of £29.00 be paid to CPRE That the sum of £57.60 be paid to St Johns Ambulance (this to replace lost cheque) That the sum of £300.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster – funday That the sum of £3.99 be paid to Maxwells That the sum of £330.00 be paid to Elliott Loo Hire That the sum of £10.00 be paid to Cllr Brannan, travel expenses for training
	(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 £30.00 was received for room hire (2) That the sum of £11,350.00 was received from DCC – fitness equipment reimbursement
<p>11. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>10 September 2013 to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.45pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>		