

## WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on  
10 September 2013 at 7.00pm



**Present:** Councillors – Bailey, Brannan, Cork, Douglas, Harris, Howie and McDonnell

**Also in attendance** - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler – caretaker, 4 member of the public

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

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

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

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

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

Dogs barking – Police to contact the owners

3 Poplar Street hedge overgrown – the Clerk to send letter once again

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Fleetham attended and submitted the report – 9 total incidents - 3 theft and 6 anti social behaviour.

The police to patrol the Millennium Green with the new equipment being installed. Youths are congregating and drinking.

Dogs to be the new priority for the parish.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman

7. **Clerks report:**

The Clerk submitted the report:

'Dog free area' - which was requested from the residents at the last meeting. DCC have no plans to have a policy for this, they only concentrate on dog fouling. The residents not happy about this, Cllr Henig will see if anything can be done.

Norton Close – Cllr Davidson to comment on update under correspondence

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

<a href="#"><u>2/13/00166/FUL</u></a>	Nature Trail Waldridge Fell Chester-le-Street Co Durham	Installation of 5 wooden carved structures (various designs) at various locations within the nature trail
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00161/FUL</u></a>	11 Cloverhill Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 2LZ	Creation of porch within existing open entrance and erection of sun room to rear (replacing existing conservatory on a larger basis) (revised application)
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00206/FUL</u></a>	10 Fenwick Close Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3SU	Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling to replace existing conservatory and single storey front extension to lounge
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00179/FUL</u></a>	2 Ashgrove Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 2XL	Erection of first-floor extension at side of dwelling including alteration to existing roof to provide a gable.
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00188/FUL</u></a>	Millenium Green Chillingham Drive Chester-le-Street Durham	Installation of two metal carved sculptures both 1.8m in height.
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00190/FUL</u></a>	Grass Verge Land Opposite Chester Street Waldridge Chester-le-Street Durham	Installation of 1 metal carved sculpture 2m in height.
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00191/FUL</u></a>	Land at Poppyfields Roundabout Waldridge Road Chester-le-Street Durham	Installation of 2 metal carved sculptures both 2m in height (one on land to west of Elmwood and one on southern side of Waldridge Road towards Waldridge).
<a href="#"><u>2/13/00211/FUL</u></a>	17 Olive Street Waldridge Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3SQ	Erection of part two-storey/part single-storey extension at rear of dwelling (revised application).

**Resolved:** *Recommend approval. The members unable to comment on the planning applications for the Parish Council. No other comments received from members of the public*

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

*No applications received*

c) **Northumbria in Bloom update**

- The award ceremony arranged for 17 September
- Winter plants have arrived at the nursery

**Resolved**

- *Noted 4 people to attend including Mark Oliphant*

d) **Clerks annual pay increase** – To note 2013/14 national pay scales have been released. An increase of 1.0% to be implemented immediately and backdated from April 2013

**Resolved:** *Pay increase accepted*

e) **Travellers** – The recent arrival of travellers was discussed. DCC have provided a policy in dealing with any future travellers. It was suggested asking if a crash barrier could be installed on the corner to stop further travellers, this will also help with the crashes. Cllr Henig will see if allowed.

f) **Play area on Millennium Green** – Several residents has requested a children's play area being installed on the Green.

**Resolved:** *It was suggested waiting to see if the fitness equipment is safe. Cllr Henig will see if any funding available, it was agreed to monitor for 6 month.*

g) **Trees on the Millennium Green-** costs of £80 have been received to cut down the overhanging trees.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to go with this quote, the work to be carried out in the Autumn*

h) **Section 106 money** – Application for wood sculptures has been accepted. The first installation to take place within two months. David Goss has requested half the money up front.

The metal sculptures – highways have refused the one for the Poppyfields bed. The other one is ok. A new location needs to be looked at. The one in the village needs to be changed location.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to pay the money. Further suggestions to be given to highways before another planning application to be sent.*

i) **Best Kept Garden Comp** – Cllr Cork requested addresses

j) **Millennium Green project** – An installation date of 12 September is arranged. The Clerk to contact Allan Bainbridge to officially open the equipment.

k) **Funday** – It was suggested getting more tents / gazebos

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to split the £103 from tombola to Air Ambulance and Mountain Rescue. As it would be beneficial to have before the Halloween night, it was agreed to purchase one at £62.00*

- l) **Halloween night** – Arrangements for night were discussed, purchasing glow sticks £88.80 for 200 and vouchers for prizes £5 per prize x 3 plus dog prizes.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to purchase glow sticks and vouchers*

- m) **October meeting** - The Clerk requested the meeting to be put back one week due to time constraints of getting agenda out on time due to holidays

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to put the meeting date back to 15th*

- n) **Japanese Knotweed** - This weed is becoming a problem on the Waldrige Lane. Not Durham County Council land.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to try trace the land owner*

- o) **Correspondence received**

- To note County Councillors report – Cllr Henig thanked the council for allowing the flooding information to be at the fun day. She spoke of participatory budgeting event on 9 November. Cllr Davidson spoke of Norton Close parking. This to be placed on next agenda for a decision. He updated the council on the Inn on the Green. He will see if any further update and report back. See if a site meeting could be arranged.

**Resolved:**

- Report noted.

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

- No items

- q) **AAP forum updates** – none attended. Board meeting will be on 23 September

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

Seat on Millennium Green seat

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> <li>(12)</li> <li>(13)</li> <li>(14)</li> <li>(15)</li> </ul>	<p>That the sum of £508.97 be paid to Mrs A Foster (August 2013 wage)</p> <p>That the sum of £30.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster (backdated pay increase from April - August)</p> <p>That the sum of £158.48 be paid to Mr B Laidler (August 2013 wage)</p> <p>That the sum of £3.60 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses)</p> <p>That the sum of £499.20 be paid to HMRC</p> <p>That the sum of £36.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster – telephone</p> <p>That the sum of £81.00 be paid to CDALC - training</p> <p>That the sum of £194.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster – replacement laptop</p> <p>That the sum of £226.43 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery – watering</p> <p>That the sum of £340.00 be paid to David Pearson - roof repairs (PAID)</p> <p>That the sum of £802.16 be paid to Came and Co – annual</p> <p>That the sum of £2,700 be paid to David Goss</p> <p>That the sum of £2,342 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery – winter planting</p> <p>That the sum of £51.50 received from tombola to be given Air Ambulance</p> <p>That the sum of £51.50 received from tombola to be given Mountain Rescue</p> <p>To note the planning application for metal designs had to be paid before meeting, the Clerk sent a cheque for £292.50 out of the money planned for the fun day and put remaining £7.50 in petty cash. The Clerk took from the petty cash the amount of £164.59 for funday.</p>
	<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 £72.00 was received for room hire</li> <li>(2) That the sum of £50.00 was received from broken pot</li> <li>(3) That the sum of £100.00 was received from Charleton Fencing – sponsorship of bed</li> </ul>
<p>11. <b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>15 October 2013 to commence at 7.00pm (note change of date)</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Chairman</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Date</b></p>		