

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
15 October 2013 at 7.00pm



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

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler – caretaker, Cllr Keith Davidson, Cllr Katherine Henig and 7 member of the public

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: All members present

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

Parking – residents queried why parking spaces have been made at Mendip Avenue, when no money is available for parking it the Village. The Clerk to check out with Highways

Speed at Embleton Drive – resident has requested a speed watch. PCSO to arrange.

Cars parking on grass in village – The Clerk to ask the warden to patrol.

Inn on the Green – Cllr Davidson gave an update on the building. The Clerk to check with PROW to see what update on footpath.

Cars / vans parking causing obstruction at new flats. The Clerk to check out with planning, as the resident is selling cars from his property.

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Lumsden attended and submitted the report – 3 youth nuisance, 2 criminal damage and 1 vehicle nuisance.

Parking has been added to the list of PACT priorities.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2013 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.

2/13/00195/FUL	29 Chillingham Drive Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3TJ	Erection of single-storey extension at side/rear of dwelling.
2/13/00240/FUL	6 Poppyfields Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 2NA	Erection two storey + single storey rear extensions

Resolved: *Recommend approval.*

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

No applications received

c) **Correspondence received**

- Cllrs Henig and Davidson presented their report
- CDALC AGM will be held 26 October at County Hall
- Letter received from courts re compensation stating the defendant is now in custody so the compensation will be ceased for the time being.
- Report from warden stating dog fouling patrols has taken place in village
- Thank you letters received from North East Air Ambulance and Mountain Rescue

Resolved:

- *Report noted*
- *Cllr Foster to attend*
- *Reply to be sent stating still wish to receive compensation*
- *Report noted*
- *Thank you letters noted*

d) **Correspondence received after agenda published (to note only)**

- Nothing received

e) **Japanese Knotweed** – Cllr Davidson confirmed it is not DCC land. The Clerk sent a letter to the house owner, but no reply.

Resolved: *The Clerk to contact DCC legal to see what legal position is now for the weed. To try land registry.*

f) **Norton Close** – Cllr Davidson gave update on legal status re installing a ramp. Further questions raised. This to be brought to the next meeting.

g) **Seat on Millennium Green** – Several residents have requested a seat be placed on the

green.

Resolved: This to be placed on the new survey.

- h) **Allotment road** – The association have requested the road be repaired and hedges pruned

Resolved: *It was agreed to get some gravel to fill in the potholes. The Clerk to get costs. To contact DCC re hedges.*

- i) **Northumbria in Bloom update**

- Cllr Cork gave an update from NIB working group held on 9 October, he spoke of the Silver Gilt award being awarded

- j) **Quarterly accounts** – The Clerk distributed the accounts for approval

Resolved: *The Chair signed the bank statement, reconciliation, petty cash and budget*

- k) **Budget preparation** – The Clerk submitted the draft budget for discussion. This to be agreed and adopted in December

- l) **Grants** – Due to time constraints, this item to be deferred till November meeting

- m) **Photo competition** - Due to time constraints, this item to be deferred till November meeting

- n) **Citizen of the year** – Due to time constraints, this item to be deferred till November meeting

- o) **Best kept garden competition** – Cllr Cork announced the winning entries

Resolved: *It was previously agreed to give £50 vouchers to overall winner, £25 to each other area and £10 front door display. The trophy to get engraved and invite to award evening*

- p) **Questionnaire** – As the questionnaire on the website is now 3 years old, it was suggested carrying out a new one. As a resident quoted on Facebook “only one person asked for fitness equipment on this questionnaire. Why was it installed? “It was reported Retired Cllr Allan Bainbridge offered the money specifically for this equipment.

This resident was invited to the meeting to discuss his concerns, but did not attend.

Resolved: *It was agreed to get new questionnaire arranged, this to be placed on next years budget.*

- q) **Section 106 money** – The Clerk gave an update on planning – one new application needs to be made. The others now all approved. The artists are now working on the structures.

- r) **Millennium Green project** – Equipment now installed. One resident has complained. Planning dept will look into this complaint.

- s) **Funday** – The date and next years activities were discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to hold on 7 September, the Clerk to book all usual activities, further activities to be arranged, this to be discussed at next months meeting*

- t) **Halloween night** – Arrangements for night were discussed
- u) **Award evening** – Due to time constraints, this item to be deferred till November meeting
Resolved: *The event to be put back to 26 November*
- v) **Facebook policy** – After recent postings on the group page, it was suggested updating policy
Resolved: *All changes agreed, the Clerk to place on Facebook and website*
- w) **Clippings** – The Clerk distributed the clippings for approval.
Resolved: *All agreed content, ready to go to print, need to be delivered before Halloween*
- x) **AAP forum updates** –Board meeting will be on 28 October 2013
- y) **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:	
	(1)	That the sum of £508.97 be paid to Mrs A Foster (September 2013 wage)
	(2)	That the sum of £158.48 be paid to Mr B Laidler (September 2013 wage)
	(3)	That the sum of £3.60 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses)
	(4)	That the sum of £80.00 be paid to Chris Gavagin re tree pruning
	(5)	That the sum of 76.80 be paid to St Johns Ambulance re fun day
	(6)	That the sum of £94.79 be paid to Mrs A Foster re glow sticks
	(7)	That the sum of £8,520 be paid to Wicksteed – fitness equipment
	(8)	That the sum of £97.50 be paid to DCC – re planning
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u>
	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:	
	(1)	That the sum of £54.00 was received for room hire
	(2)	That the sum of £42.00 was received from Story ladies – room hire
	(3)	That the sum of £650.00 was received from DCC re metal sculpture on green

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

12 November 2013 to commence at 7.00pm

The meeting terminated at 9.30pm

Chairman

Date