

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge  
Parish Council held on  
10 January 2017 at 7.00pm**



**Present:** Councillors - Baker, Cork, Davies, Foster, Howie and Moody

**Also in attendance** - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and Cllrs Katherine Henig and Keith Davidson - County Councillors and 2 members of the public.

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished the members and public a Happy New Year.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from Cllrs Dawson, Doran, Harris and McDonnell

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

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

Mr Bowery attended to give update on the Inn on the Green development. After attending the December meeting, still 3 objections are outstanding. He has asked PROW to send to the inspector.

One member of the public attended who was an original member of the Millennium Green Trust, he congratulated the Parish Council on the work they have done on the Green and for keeping the green in a good condition.

5. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report was submitted - 1 burglary, 2 anti social nuisance and 1 road traffic collision

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

***Resolved*** That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

Nothing to report

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

a) **Planning applications received**

- *No applications received*

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

- *No applications received*

c) **County Councillors report** – Cllr Henig submitted her report covering:

**Road safety** - Speed watch update

**Local environment** – Fell interpretation project

**Other** - Car parking scheme / Birch View playground / County Durham Plan

**Resolved:** *Report noted. The AAP to invoice the Parish for the match funding of the parking scheme.*

d) **Fitness equipment / Millennium Green / goal posts / fun hoop monthly inspections** –

**Resolved:** *Report noted, no issues raised*

e) **Damp in rooms** - Having heating on twice daily seems to have worked slightly. 3 quotes have been received for pointing. Quote of £160 for thermostat was received. Quotes for dehumidifier was received, up to £200

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to have thermostat installed and to purchase a dehumidifier and get one extra quote for pointing. Also to get costs for removing chimney.*

f) **Precept** - The Clerk gave recommendations to precept needed.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed leave the precept as the same as last year with no increase to band D properties.*

g) **Clippings** - The Clerk distributed the clippings for approval.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to go to print.*

h) **Battle is Over event** - Correspondence received requesting holding an event on 18 November 2018 in memory of the First World War ending

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to hold an event, the Clerk to register an interest. Further ideas to be brought to the next meeting.*

i) **Timetable of events** – CDALC forthcoming events (if any)

Nothing to report

j) **Policy review** - (if any to be reviewed/adopted)

- Public participation
- Community Engagement

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to approve with no changes and be updated on website*

k) **Cars parked on hammerhead** - After sending letter out, only one resident responded. The Clerk to contact DCC and send second letter out stating that DCC will be instructed to get cars removed.

l) **Annual Parish Meeting** - The date was agreed of 27 April, making it more interesting to attract residents was suggested.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to invite Dorothy Hall to do a talk on the history of Waldrige and the First World War.*

m) **Quarterly Accounts** - The Clerk distributed accounts for approval

**Resolved:** *Cllr Moody signed the bank reconciliation, bank statement, petty cash and budget*

n) **Correspondence received**

1. Request for holding elections in rooms on 4 May 2017
2. Request for nominations for Royal Garden Party

**Resolved:**

1. Cllr McDonnell to arrange opening/closing
2. Cllr Cork was nominated.

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

- Nothing received

p) **Waldrige in Bloom working group update** –

- Cllr Cork gave an update. Cllr Cork requested some top soil £70 per bag

**Resolved:** *Update noted. Agreed to purchase top soil*

q) **Fun day** - A date of 3rd September was suggested. All activities were discussed. Hire of generator and van were discussed.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to hold event on 3rd, the Clerk to book all existing activities. More suggestions to be brought to the next meeting. It was agreed to get generator fixed but to hire one for the Halloween night. It was agreed to hire a van for 2 days. Clerk to get costs.*

r) **AAP forum updates** –

- No update available

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

10. **Financial Matters**

	<b>(a) <u>Payments</u></b>	
<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following payments be agreed:		
	(1) (2) (3)	That the sum of £617.76 be paid to Mrs A Foster (December 2016 wage) That the sum of £203.30 be paid to Mr B Laidler (December 2016 wage) That the sum of £691.00 be paid to HMRC
	<b>(b) <u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following receipts be noted:  (1) That the sum of £24.00 was received from room hire

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

14 February 2017 - to commence at 7.00pm

The meeting terminated at 8.50pm

**Chairman**  
**Date**