

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge
Parish Council held on
12 January 2016 at 7.00pm**



Present: Councillors - Cork, Davies, Dawson, Foster, Harris, Howie and Moody

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker, Cllr Katherine Henig County Councillor, Paul Rutherford Neighbourhood warden, 3 members of the public

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies for Absence:** -

Apologies received from Cllr McDonnell

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest

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

No questions raised

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Cruthers attended and gave the report - 1 theft, 1 anti social behaviour. No other matters raised

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman

7. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

- a) **Allotments** - 2 members of the association attended with 4 quotes for replacing the water pipes. They will meet with DCC to discuss applying for funding. The Parish to discuss further after they have applied for funding.

Trees are becoming overgrown on hammerhead and damaging the fence. Quotes to be received to carry out work. As getting close to the bird season, this work needs doing soon.

Hedge overgrown at entrance to allotments, causing fly tipping. Request hedge to be cut down to acceptable level.

Resolved: *It was agreed to quotes and carry work done asap. Clerk to use delegated powers.*

- b) **Wardens** Paul Rutherford attended and gave an overview of the work of the rangers. He provided leaflets and answered questions.

c) **Planning applications received**

DM/15/03761/OUT	Land To The South East Of Fern Meadows Waldrige Road Waldrige DH2 3RB	Outline application for 6no. flats with landscaping matters reserved
DM/15/03795/FPA	36 Denwick Close Chester-le-Street DH2 3TL	Erection of single storey rear extension, two storey and first floor side extension, and conversion of garage to habitable room

Resolved: *To recommend approval for Denwick Close*

Fern Meadows, the members showed concern over the amount of flats and parking issues which could occur. The Clerk to contact planning.

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

- No applications received

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

Road Safety - Speed limit scheme / Street lighting

Local Environment - Flytipping CCTV / Flood fence

Other - Car parking scheme / Birch View playground / Planning follow-up / Devolution consultation

Resolved: *Report noted*

- f) **Allotment rent increase** - As per tenancy agreement, allotment rents could be increased by 5%

Resolved: *It was agreed to increase rents by 5% as of March 2016*

- g) **Parking** - Costs received via County Councillors report - £25,000. DCC will be responsible for maintenance and insurance.

Resolved: *It was agreed as previously set in budget to provide £3,000 towards installation.*

- h) **Precept setting** - The Clerk gave her recommendations of keeping precept the same, with residents having no increase.

Resolved: *It was agreed to request £30,370 with £268 grant*

- i) **Fitness equipment / Millennium Green / goal posts monthly inspections** – The equipment has been inspected. Nothing to report

Annual inspection is due.

Resolved: *Report noted. It was agreed to get inspection by Wicksteed at cost of £45.00*

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

Resolved: *Cllr Dawson signed the bank statement, reconciliation, budget and petty cash as a non signatory.*

- k) **Action plan** - The Clerk distributed the up to date action plan for consideration.

Resolved: *It was agreed all items up to date. The Clerk to start collating information for next years.*

- l) **Clippings** - The Clerk distributed clippings for approval

Resolved: *It was agreed to go to print*

- m) **Probation service support**

Cllr Dawson gave a brief outline to the application for support from the probation team

- n) **Nature trail** - A date of 18 January at 2.00pm was arranged. Cllr Harris and Cork to attend site meeting and report back.

- o) **Funday and Easter events**

A date of 27 March agreed for Easter event. A date of 4 September agreed for Funday

Resolved: *The Clerk to make all necessary arrangements*

- p) **Moving sign on C11** - A cost of £600 was received for moving sign.

Resolved: *It was agreed the Clerk to contact to see if can do any cheaper. The Clerk to arrange planning.*

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

- CDALC smaller councils meeting - 12 February
- CDALC managing events - 9 March - the Clerk to attend

r) **Correspondence received**

1. Foundation level - to note the council has been awarded foundation level in the Local Council Award Scheme
2. Royal Garden Party - to discuss nominations
3. Queen's 90th birthday beacons - to discuss if the members wish to be involved in this

Resolved:

1. *The members noted the award and agreed to receive the certificate in person from Chairman of accreditation panel, to arrange date*
2. *Cllr Dawson was nominated*
3. *To check costs of beacons and place on next agenda*

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

- Nothing received

t) **Waldridge in Bloom working group update** –

- Cllr Cork gave an update.

Resolved: *It was agreed to get costs of signs to say NIB Gold winners*

u) **AAP forum updates** –

- Nothing to report

v) **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:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £590.80 be paid to Mrs A Foster (December 2015 wage) That the sum of £189.37 be paid to Mr B Laidler (December 2015 wage) That the sum of £85.98.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - canvas for rooms That the sum of £591.20 be paid to HMRC That the sum of £300.00 be paid to Chester le Street friends - grants That the sum of £200.00 be paid to Durham Cathedral - grants That the sum of £153.00 be paid to Studio 3 - clippings
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u> <u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the sum of £24.00 was received for room hire
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>9 February - to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.10pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman Date</p>		