

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge
Parish Council held on
12 June 2017 at 7.00pm**



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

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and Cllr Allan Bainbridge - County Councillor and 2 members of the public.

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting - the members not present at the May Meeting signed their declaration of office

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from Cllr Martin

3. **New member** - 2 applications received for one vacancy, after brief interview the members voted Kat Harding onto the council. She signed her declaration of office and took her place on the council

4. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

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

2 members of the public attended to discuss application for planning for 40 Embleton Drive, after a brief outline to the planning and site meeting from the Chair, the council voted to object to the planning. The Clerk to contact Planning.

6. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report submitted - 5 anti social behaviour, 1 RTC, 1 theft and 3 road related.

7. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. **Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

9. **Clerks report:**

Update on the abandoned car, the Clerk has sent letter asking to be removed. The car belongs to the wife of the previous abandoned car.

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

- a) **Room hire** - after a meeting with Willy Nilly, the council discussed their request. They all agreed it is a very good project, but not for parish rooms.

Resolved: As storage is an issue, the council voted unanimously against their request

Cllr Foster gave her apologies and left the meeting at 7.50pm

b) **Planning applications received**

DM/17/01578/RM	Land To The South East Of Fern Meadows Waldrige Road Waldrige DH2 3RB	Reserved Matters application relating to 2/13/00304/FUL (Erection of one dwelling) for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale details
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DM/17/01589/FPA	66 Lesbury Close Chester-le-Street DH2 3SR	Single storey extension to rear with pitched roof to rear and side
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DM/17/01633/FPA	1 Long Dale Chester-le-Street DH2 2XQ	Erection of boundary wall to front and driveway extension
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DM/17/01653/FPA	40 Embleton Drive Chester-le-Street DH2 3JS	Single storey extension to side and widening of driveway
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DM/17/01749/FPA	5 Foxglove Chester-le-Street DH2 2XW	Two storey extension to side
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Resolved: To recommend approval for all except 40 Embleton Drive

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

- *No applications received*

d) **County Councillors report –**

Cllr Bainbridge gave a verbal report, he spoke of which committees he is involved in.

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

The Caretaker gave a verbal report, stating no issues arising within the green, all equipment in sound order.

Resolved: Report noted

Cllr McDonnell arrived at the meeting at 8pm

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

- Councillor training
- Chairman training
- Other training courses available
- Village hall (free training) - the Clerk requested to attend

Resolved: *It was agreed to allow Clerk to attend Village Hall. Cllrs Baker and Warren to attend Code of Conduct.*

g) **Friends of Congburn Woods** - A new group to be formed to discuss issues in the woods from motobikes. Cllr Davies and Baker gave a brief outline of the group. A public meeting is planned for 16 June at Pelton Fell.

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

- Grant awarding policy
- Training intent

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

i) **Beat the bounds walk** - all arrangements were discussed. The date of the walk is 25 June at 2pm.

Resolved: *Risk assessment and lead person were agreed. Refreshments to be purchased*

j) **Energy bill** - after the heating has been kept on to alleviate the damp, the energy company have increased the direct debit to £98 per month.

Resolved: *It was agreed to leave heating on thermostat at 14 degrees, the Caretaker to monitor if the heating is kicking in and report readings at next meeting.*

k) **Correspondence received**

- Nothing received

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

- Nothing received

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

Cllr Cork gave an update. Quote for winter bedding was received at £2,321. A problem with theft of plants has occurred. He requested holding a lunch in the summer for the Chesters Best competition. Costs of Hi-vis vests for volunteers to be sought for next meeting

Resolved: *Update noted. It was agreed to order winter bedding. It was agreed to hold lunch at cost of £50. It was agreed to purchase 6 CCTV stickers*

n) **Fun day** - All activities were discussed, the Clerk to continue to arrange.

o) **AAP forum updates –**

- No update available

p) **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:	
	(1)	That the sum of £650.26 be paid to Mrs A Foster (May 2017 wage)
	(2)	That the sum of £211.50 be paid to Mr B Laidler (May 2017 wage)
	(3)	That the sum of £36.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - allowance
	(4)	That the sum of £381.96 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery - watering
	(5)	That the sum of £51.24 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Easter confectionery
	(6)	That the sum of £36.00 be paid to CPRE - subscriptions
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u>
		<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:
	(1)	That the sum of £24.00 was received for room hire
<p>11. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>11 July 2017 - to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.45.pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman Date</p>		