

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge
Parish Council held on
8 December 2015 at 7.00pm**



Present: Councillors - Cork, Davies, Dawson, Foster, McDonnell and Moody

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

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:** -

Apologies received from Cllrs Harris and Howie

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Cork and McDonnell declared an interest in agenda items A and H

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

Several members of the public attended to discuss the planning application. Agenda item B

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Haddon attended and gave a report - 1 theft and 1 anti social behaviour. Letter drops have taken place regarding inappropriate parking.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman

7. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

- a) **Water at allotments** - Members of the allotment association attended with quotes for renewing the water pipes after recent water leaks. The costs range from £4,890 to £19,000. This to be placed on next agenda when further quotes will be received. Cllr Henig could help support this project.

Resolved: *It was agreed to place on next agenda*

- b) **Planning applications received**

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

DM/15/03544/PNT	Land To The West Of Brandon Close Chester-le-Street DH2 3SH	Prior notification for the replacement of existing telecommunications mast (no increase in height) and installation of additional equipment cabinet (4G upgrade)
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Several residents attended stating their concern over health issues. After much deliberation the advice given was the residents should contact their MP, as the members feel this is not a planning issue.

Resolved: *To recommend approval*

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

DM/15/03703/FPA	19 Long Burn Drive Chester-le-Street DH2 2XE	Loft conversion, insertion of 2no. dormers, 6no. velux rooflights and side window
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Resolved: *To recommend approval*

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

Road Safety - Speed limit scheme / Street lighting

Local Environment - Flytipping CCTV

Other - Car parking scheme / Birch View playground

Resolved: *Report noted*

- e) **Street lights** - The costs received from DCC's service level agreement was discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to pay for the 10 years up front at cost of £7,743 and save £700 over next 10 years on an annual basis.*

- f) **Parking** - No quote received from DCC re the installation of parking places in the Village, this to be brought to the next meeting.

- g) **Budget** - The Clerk distributed the budget for approval

Resolved: *All items were agreed, the budget was adopted in readiness for precept setting in January.*

- h) **Fitness equipment / Millennium Green / goal posts monthly inspections** – The equipment has been inspected. Nothing to report on equipment. But one panel on the wooden bridge needs to be replaced.

Resolved: Report noted. Caretaker to check on bridge and replace

- i) **Photo competition** - All photos in each category were distributed for consideration

Resolved: It was agreed which photos were the winners. It was agreed to give £25.00 vouchers to both winners and £10.00 to the runner up. It was agreed to put winners in each category onto canvas for room.

- j) **Citizen of the Year** - All nominations were discussed in each category.

Resolved: It was agreed to give £25.00 voucher to the over 18's winner and £20 to each of the 2 under 18's. The Clerk to invite to award evening.

- k) **Grant applications** - To consider each application received (Cllrs Cork and McDonnell took no part in discussion or vote)

Resolved: It was agreed to give Chester le Street Friends £300 and Durham Cathedral £200. The Clerk to arrange cheque and invite to award evening.

- l) **Nature trail** - The Fell Ranger wishes to have a site meeting to discuss taking things forward, as per action plan.

Resolved: The Clerk to arrange a meeting date

- m) **Award evening** - All final arrangements were discussed and agreed

- n) **Moving sign on C11** - The Clerk held a site meeting with the planners. It was noted planning is required. One further quote still needed.

Resolved: It was agreed to apply for permission once the quote is received.

- o) **Timetable of events** – CDALC forthcoming events (if any)

Budget consultation events - Cllr Davies and the Clerk to attend

- p) **Correspondence received**

- Resident requested advertising in clippings for a forthcoming charity exhibition.

Resolved: It was agreed to not allow this in the clippings as will set a precedent.

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

- Nothing received

- r) **Waldridge in Bloom working group update** –

- Cllr Cork gave an update. The NIB application form for next year competition is ready. The Cost is £125.00
- Quote for summer bedding received for £2,310

Resolved: It was agreed to submit application and order plants for next year.

- s) **Trees on Green** - The work carried out has made a remarkable improvement. The residents who complained are very happy. One extra set of trees to be cut down, and a maintenance programme to be put in place. The probation team have also done a lot of work.

Resolved: *It was agreed to get costs to do extra trees and maintenance. The Clerk to arrange a certificate and invite to award evening.*

- t) **AAP forum updates** –

- Nothing to report

- u) **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 £590.80 be paid to Mrs A Foster (November 2015 wage)
	(2)	That the sum of £189.37 be paid to Mr B Laidler (November 2015 wage)
	(3)	That the sum of £36.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - allowance
	(4)	that the sum of £80.98 be paid to Mrs A Foster - gazebo
	(5)	That the sum of £270.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - to purchase vouchers for prizes
	(6)	That the sum of £1,560 be paid to Durham Arb - trees on green
	(7)	That the sum of £175.00 be paid to TFS Plumbing - boiler service and repair
	(8)	That the sum of £171.00 be paid to SLCC - annual subscription
	(9)	That the sum of £24.00 be paid to NALC - Local council award scheme
	(10)	That the sum of £24.00 be paid to Peterlee fire - annual service
	(11)	That the sum of £125.00 be paid to Northumbria in Bloom (if agreed)
	(12)	That the sum of £329.99 be paid to Net Island - web hosting
	(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>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>12 January 2016 - to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.05pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman Date</p>		