

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on 9 May 2017 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors - Cork, Davies, Foster and Martin

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and Cllr Allan Bainbridge - County Councillor and 4 members of the public.

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from Cllr Baker, McDonnell, Moody, Howie and Warren

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

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

- Trees getting too big beside telephone wires, the Clerk to contact DCC

2 verbal reports were given re permanent room hire for 3 days per week from 2 separate groups. It was agreed to allow Willy Nilly to hire the rooms, but agreement needs to be made first. A meeting to be called to meet with them and discuss the hire agreement. To be placed on next agenda to agree.

5. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report submitted - 3 anti social behaviour, 1 criminal damage. Fires are becoming a concern on the fell. The police to monitor and advise residents if they see anything to report immediately.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

After report from residents at last meeting re emergency service not being able to get to the village with cars parked on the corner, it was advised Durham County have agreed to put lines on corner of Poplar Street.

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 Bainbridge the newly elected County Councillor attended and introduced himself to the members. He agrees to work closely with the Parish and attend meetings.

d) **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*

e) **Easter event**

Unfortunately the rain stopped the event.

Resolved: *It was agreed to send cheque to face painter as she was on route when cancelled. It was agreed to still hold next year*

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

- Regional Training Seminar - The Clerk requests to attend, cost £69

Resolved: *It was agreed to allow Clerk to attend*

g) **Friends on Congburn Woods** - A new group to be formed to discuss issues in the woods from motobikes. Cllr Davies gave a brief outline of the group. This to be a permanent item on the agenda.

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

- no policies as were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council

i) **Annual return** – The Council received and considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 which included the Statement of Accounts, the Annual Governance Statement and the Financial Information in section 4 of the Annual Return relating to the annual Internal Audit Report. They took on board all suggestions made.

Resolved To approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017

Resolved To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2017

j) **Correspondence received**

- Room hire request for elections on 8 June - Cllr McDonnell to open up

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

- Apology letter received from person who drove onto the Millennium Green.

Resolved: *It was agreed the matter is now closed*

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

- Cllr Cork gave an update. He requested £100 to purchase 4 oak planters

Resolved: *Update noted. It was agreed to pay the £100, a cheque to be raised*

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

n) **AAP forum updates –**

- No update available

o) **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 £642.06 be paid to Mrs A Foster (April 2017 wage) - to include	
	(2)	one increment as per contract of employment and pay increase as per NALC 2	
	(3)	year deal	
	(4)	That the sum of £211.7 be paid to Mr B Laidler (April 2017 wage) - to include	
	(5)	increase in living wage	
	(6)	That the sum of £584.42 to be paid to CDALC - subscriptions	
	(7)	That the sum of £450.00 be paid to S Lowery - Audit	
	(8)	That the sum of £49.68 be paid to St Johns Ambulance	
	(9)	That the sum of £100.00 be paid to G Cork - planters	
	(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	
	(2)	That the sum of £1,443.26 was received - vat reclaim	

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

13 June 2017 - to commence at 7.00pm

Cllr Davies wished Cllr Carol Harris all the best for her future as he leaves the Parish Council after 17 years to pursue her new career.

The meeting terminated at 8.30pm

Chairman
Date