

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on  
12 January 2015 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors - Cooper, Cork, Foster, Harris, Howie, McDonnell and Moody

**Also in attendance** - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and County Cllr Katherine Henig, Howell Davies and 1 member of the public

1. **Welcome** – The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Resignation of Chair** - Cllr Huston tendered his resignation with immediate effect, Cllr Foster presided as Vice Chair. She doesn't wish to stand as Chair, this to be placed on next agenda.

3. **Apologies for Absence:**

**Resolved:** Cllr Jassat (holiday), gave his apologies - and the reason was accepted.

4. **New member** - Howell Davies submitted his application form for the position of Councillor (co-opted). He was accepted on to the Council, and signed the declaration of acceptance.

5. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest

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

One member of the public attended, queried about the proposal for goal posts on the green. This is an agenda item later in the meeting.

7. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report was submitted - 1 youth nuisance and 1 criminal damage

8. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

**Resolved** *That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 were approved and signed by the Vice chairman*

9. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

- None received

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

<a href="#">DM/14/03886/FPA</a>	38 Falstone Drive Chester-le-Street DH2 3ST	Single storey side and rear extensions and garage conversion
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**Resolved:** *To recommend approval*

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

**Traffic management** - Community speed involvement / Parking in Waldrige Village

**Other issues** - Birch View playground / old Waldrige club

**Resolved:** *The report was noted. All matters accepted.*

d) **Volunteers and litter picks** - It was agreed to hold litter pick and be part of the Litter Free Durham Campaign. Date arranged as 28 March.

e) **Fly tipping camera** - A proposal to take part in the shared camera at a cost of £1,600 was discussed, it was agreed to get further information before committing.

f) **Fitness equipment monthly inspections** – The equipment has been inspected. No more damage has occurred recently. Wicksteed to carry out annual inspection at £45

**Resolved:** *Report noted, it was agreed to carry out inspection.*

g) **Action plan** - A draft action plan was produced, all members to check plan and bring any suggestions or comments to the next meeting.

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

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

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

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to request £30,101 with £502 grant*

j) **Parking problems in the village** – Cllr Henig to meet with DCC re land and report back.

k) **Goal posts** - The member of the public voiced his concerns, the council noted his concerns, and agreed if any anti social behaviour they will be looked at again. All other comments received were in favour of the posts being installed. The member of the public was happy with this response.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to get further costs and place on next agenda for agreement*

- l) **Royal Garden Party** - Nominations were received

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to nominate Cllr Howie*

- m) **Scarecrow trail** - This to be placed on agenda for January, all members to take a look at other projects around the area.

- n) **Good Councillors Guide** - Hard copies are available from SLCC at a cost of £2.00 + delivery. Downloadable is free.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to purchase 4 hard copies, the other members to download*

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

*No training available at present*

- p) **Media policy** - The policy was distributed for approval

**Resolved:** *It was agreed and adopted*

- q) **Data Protection policy** - The policy was distributed for approval

**Resolved:** *It was agreed and adopted*

- r) **Policy for filming at meetings** - The policy was distributed for approval

**Resolved:** *It was agreed and adopted*

- s) **Correspondence received**

- Nothing received

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

- Nothing received

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

Cllr Cork gave an update.

A request of 4 planters were made at cost of £45.00 plus VAT

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to order planters.*

- v) **AAP forum updates** –

- Nothing to report

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

	<b>(a) <u>Payments</u></b>	
<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following payments be agreed:		
	(1) (2) (3)	That the sum of £572.54 be paid to Mrs A Foster (December 2014 wage) That the sum of £183.83 be paid to Mr B Laidler (December 2014 wage) That the sum of £581.00 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 £36.00 was received for room hire
<p>10. <b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>10 February 2015 to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.05pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Chairman</b> <b>Date</b></p>		