

# WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldrige Parish Council held on 14 April 2015 at 7.00pm



**Present:** Councillors - Cork, Davies, Foster, Harris, McDonnell

**Also in attendance** - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and 1 member of the public

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **New member** - Kirsteen Vaughan submitted her application form for the position of Councillor (co-opted). She was accepted on to the Council, and signed the declaration of acceptance

3. **Apologies for Absence:**

**Resolved:** Cllrs Cooper (recovering from operation), Moody and Howie (family commitment) gave their apologies - and the reasons were accepted.

4. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr McDonnell, declared an interest in agenda item (C) - allotment grants

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

1 question raised. Why has nothing been done regarding the lights off at the Poppyfields roundabout reported at the last meeting, since then 2 accidents have occurred in the parish. The Clerk to check with Cllr Henig.

6. **Police Report:**

PCSO Donnelly attended and gave the report - 5 total incidents reported - 1 theft, 1 criminal damage, 2 anti social behaviour and 1 vehicle ASB

Neighbourhood warden attended and gave an update on all activities reported. Handed out leaflets for fly tipping and gave the contact number and email for residents to report any issues.

7. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

**Resolved** *That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman*

8. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

[DM/15/00859/TPO](#)      96 Warkworth      Removal of branch to Beech tree subject to  
Drive      TPO CLS-17, The Hermitage  
Chester-le-Street  
DH2 3TW

**Resolved:** *To recommend approval*

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

- None received

c) **County Councillors report** – Cllr Henig was unable to attend. She sent message saying Tony Ward from DCC highways will attend the meeting in June to discuss all the street lighting issues.

d) **Grants requested** - AAP for the mobile cinema requested a grant of £500, Waldrige Allotments Association requested a grant for top soil.

**Resolved:** *The Clerk to contact AAP to ask for full costings to run the cinema. This to be brought to the next meeting. To confirm with the allotments to see if still require funding as believe have already received top soil*

e) **Annual Parish Meeting 28 April** - The arrangements and speakers were discussed

**Resolved:** *The Clerk to purchase refreshments and check with speakers. It was agreed next year to hold before April meeting at 6.00pm*

f) **Parking problems in the village** – Still awaiting a site meeting

g) **Smoke free play areas** - A new campaign to promote smoke free play areas has been launched by DCC. Nothing for Parish to do as DCC will install all information material.

h) **Notice board** - Quote received from Greenbarns re notice board, this is the same company previously used, the cost would be £802. The locations were discussed.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to advertise to residents to see if they could provide suitable locations, this to be brought to the next meeting.*

i) **Fitness equipment / millennium green / goal posts monthly inspections** – The equipment has been inspected. No more damage has occurred recently. Further stickers purchased and distributed. The goal posts have been installed and should be covered by monthly inspection.

**Resolved:** *Report noted. Larger stickers to be purchased.*

j) **Wicksteed annual inspection** - Report received, mentioned damage to handle bars, which happened several years ago. Noted no signs installed. This has been previously discussed and agreed not needed.

**Resolved:** Report noted

- k) **Timetable of events** – CDALC forthcoming events (if any)
- nothing planned
- l) **Nomination papers for Chair/Vice Chair** - The Clerk requested nomination papers back
- m) **Clerk pension** - New regulations are being brought in for employers to offer a pension scheme. The Clerk to be first contact. She would prefer to opt out if the option is available. Awaiting further information.
- n) **Correspondence received**
- nothing received
- o) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)
- Nothing received
- p) **Waldrige in Bloom working group update** –
- Cllr Cork gave an update. Noted judges comments
- q) **AAP forum updates** –
- Nothing to report
- r) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

10. **Financial Matters**

	<b>(a)</b>	<b><u>Payments</u></b>	
		<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following payments be agreed:	
	(1)	That the sum of £572.54 be paid to Mrs A Foster (March 2015 wage)	
	(2)	That the sum of £184.03 be paid to Mr B Laidler (March 2014 wage)	
	(3)	That the sum of £571.80 be paid to HMRC	
	(4)	That the sum of £27.00 be paid to CDALC - training	
	<b>(b)</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	

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

12 May - Annual meeting of the Council 2015 to commence at 6.30pm followed by full council meeting at 7.00pm

The meeting terminated at 9.00pm

**Chairman**  
**Date**