

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
11 September 2012 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors – Brannan, Cork, Douglas, Foster, Howie, McDonnell and Richardson

Also in attendance - Angela Foster, Parish Clerk, Cllr Bainbridge, Maxine Stubbs Durham Police, David Battensby DCC Highways and 6 members of the public

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Minute silence** - Cllr Cork said a few words in memory of Cllr Jackie Donkin who sadly passed away. The members held one minute silence.

3. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllrs Harris and Huston gave their apologies and the reasons were accepted.

4. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

- The bushes at the house in Poplar Street, which was reported some months ago have let them overgrow once more. This to be checked out and another letter to be sent to the resident if needed.
- Path at flower bed in village is in a dangerous state, the Clerk to contact DCC to see if they are responsible.

6. **Police Report:**

PCSO Amy Fleetham attended and gave her report for two months – 5 youth nuisance, 1 criminal damage, 3 theft, 0 burglary and 0 vehicle nuisance. Amy confirmed after speaking to the owners of the land, that the 'Inn on the Green' will not be turned into a travellers site, after numerous rumours.

7. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

[2/12/00198/FUL](#) 22 Aberwick Drive Two storey extension to the
Chester-le-Street front
Durham
DH2 3TG

[2/12/00205/TPO](#) 104 Warkworth Drive (REAR Reduction of branch back to
OFF) branch bark ridge of beech
Chester-le-Street tree (TPO C-L-S 17)
Durham
DH2 3TW

Resolved: *To recommend approval.*

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

- *Nothing to report*

c) **Memorial for Jackie Donkin** – Placing a seat with a plaque in the village play area in memory of Jackie and giving a cheque to McMillan Nurses was discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to purchase a seat, plaque and give £30 to McMillan Nurses in lieu of flowers.*

d) **Code of Conduct** – The Clerk distributed the revised Code of Conduct with some amendments, which was previously adopted July 2012.

Resolved: *Pursuant to the Localism Act 2011, Waldrige Parish Council has adopted the revised Code of Conduct to take effect from 1 September 2012.*

e) **Co Durham Plan** – The plan is ready to be viewed. Consultation events are being held where the members are recommended to attend.

f) **Millennium Green** – A resident's letter was received asking for the bushes on the green to be pruned. This to be handed to the NIB working group. Brian to check out the green regularly and prune if necessary.

g) **Vacancy** – The vacant post has been advertised, if an election is called it will be held on 14 November.

h) **Tree guard** – The costs received for a wooden tree guard for the Royal Oak were discussed. It was suggested putting a plaque on to celebrate the Queens Jubilee

Resolved *It was agreed to purchase the smaller guard at £32. It was agreed to get costs for plaque.*

i) **Section 106 monies** – Ideas were briefly discussed, it was agreed to bring to the next meeting to discuss further and then invite the art designer from DCC to a separate meeting.

- j) **Inn on the Green** – Mr and Mrs Bowery attended the meeting to discuss the recent amendments to their plans. They have asked the Parish Council for a letter of support in relation to the building being turned into a house, which was agreed at a meeting in September 2011. The members agreed to send the letter of support for the original planning application. They discussed the size of the fence they plan and the new path suggestion. They noted if the original path at the front of the building is made public right of way, that they would resist this.
- k) **Update from award ceremony / NIB meeting / winter bedding** – Cllr Cork gave an overview of the ceremony and noted the Council won a silver award.

Resolved: *The cost of winter bedding £2,220.00 was agreed.*

- l) **Flower show / Fun day / Halloween** – This will be brought to the next meeting. The lights for Halloween were discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to purchase 2 x double lights at a cost of £40.00 each.*

- m) **Neighbourhood meeting** – The members noted the meeting which was held 18th July did not help them in their decision to prepare a plan. It was suggested waiting for the Co Durham Plan to be in place before anything else discussed.

n) **Correspondence received**

- i. Waldrige Advisory Group – meeting date 19 September
- ii. Standards information session - event at County Hall – 11 October
- iii. Letter explaining Disclosable Pecuniary Interests was discussed
- iv. A resident enquired about the parish rooms being an internet cafe
- v. Council tax reforms update was discussed

Resolved:

- i. *It was agreed some members to attend*
- ii. *It was agreed as many members as possible to attend, including the Clerk.*
- iii. *All members noted the letter*
- iv. *All members agreed not to go down this route*
- v. *All members noted update*

o) **Correspondence received after agenda published** – for noting

- Nothing to discuss

- p) **Parking issues – parking** – Maxine and David discussed what steps could be taken to reduce speed through the village. They will check out the height of the rumble strips and see if a sign could be installed stating concealed entrance.

The parking bays costs were discussed and will be at least £38,000. No more could be done until funding was in place. They agreed to see if markings could be installed on the corner of Poplar Street.

- q) **Welcome sign** – This to be placed on the next agenda.

- r) **Best Kept Garden competition** – Cllr Cork noted the winners, these will receive a certificate and garden centre vouchers at the award ceremony. It was agreed to name next

years competition and trophy after Jackie Donkin

s) **Parish Rooms –**

- i. All work is now complete
- ii. Microwave and cooking utensils/equipment needs to be bought for the rooms
- iii. A laminator is needed, quote received was £65

Resolved:

- I. It was noted, the Chair thanked Brian for all the extra work he has done*
- II. It was agreed to purchase all equipment needed*
- III. It was agreed the Clerk to purchase laminator*

t) **Trailer / van –** Further costs of hiring of vans are needed.

Resolved: *It was agreed not to purchase a trailer, but to hire a van for events. More quotes to be brought to the next meeting.*

u) **AAP forum updates –** No updates available.

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

- Prices for petrol grass cutter and strimmer
- Tombola money
- £30 for mcmillan nurses

8. **Financial Matters**

	(a) <u>Payments</u>	
<u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £432.60 be paid to Mrs A Foster (June 2012 wage) That the sum of £155.56 be paid to Mr B Laidler (June 2012 wage) That the sum of £7.20 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) That the sum of £40.00 be paid to Mr B Laidler (strimmer & blind repair) That the sum of £441.20 be paid to HMRC That the sum of £33.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - telephone That the sum of £340.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster – claim back for decorator That the sum of £795.22 be paid to Cane & Co - insurance That the sum of £146.00 be paid to Studio 3 That the sum of £255.00 be paid to Shane Askew alarm That the sum of £75.00 be paid to Harrisons – keys cut That the sum of £29.99 be paid to Mrs K Foster – flowers George Hunter That the sum of £47.67 be paid to Maxwells That the sum of £2,220.00 Be paid to St Barnabas Nursery – winter beddings That the sum of £205.85 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery - watering
	(b) <u>Receipts</u>	<p><u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the sum of £63 was received for room hire
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 9 October 2012 - 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 9.20pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>		