



## WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

To: The Chairman and members of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
(Councillors England, Graham, Johnson, Lewcock, Moffat, Moist, Morrison, Sexton and Taylor)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Here are the minutes from the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting which was held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm.

### **BUSINESS**

1. Welcome – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. To receive apologies for absence - to note all apologies and reasons must be submitted in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs Moffat, Moist, England & Morrison.
3. To receive and accept any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from members in any item to be discussed. To remind members, if any changes in circumstances, that new forms need to be submitted. None disclosed.
4. To agree the minutes of the last meeting. Agreed.
5. Agenda-Motions (attached) – see below for minute updates.
6. To note date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @7pm.

### **5. Agenda-Motions:**

1. **Action Log** – Cllrs to provide an update accordingly. Agreed to defer.
2. **Events Update** – Halloween, Co-working Project, Hot Meals/Warm Space.  
It was agreed that the event went very well with over 100 in attendance and great feedback WPC put on record, their thanks to Cllr Graham for organising.  
It was confirmed that Hot Meals would commence in January.
3. **County Cllrs Report** – Cllr Sexton & Moist. Car Parking Update -  
Cllr Sexton advised that the funds for village parking had been approved pending Highways Planning/Approval for the scheme, which we expect in December 2022.  
Hopefully, with full approval January 2022 and scheme commencement in Spring 2023.  
Cllr Johnson raised the proposal brought to council by Cllr Moist at the previous meeting,

whereby, WPC would contribute £5,000 towards the scheme. Cllr Johnson said she was not in favour of WPC contributing to the scheme given they had not been involved in planning it. Cllr Sexton advised that the scheme had been in planning for almost 5 years and was a County Council project and as County Cllrs he and Cllr Moist had worked hard to get the scheme to where it is. DCC have the necessary experts to assess and everyone in the village has been consulted. Cllr Sexton advised if there is a shortfall in funding for the scheme, Cllr Moist and Sexton would make up any shortfall to ensure the scheme is delivered.

4. **Millennium Green Dog Fouling** – Cllr Sexton – to discuss initiatives/signage and potential FPN's.

Cllr Sexton raised the issue of some residents not picking up after their Dog and asked how WPC would like to proceed to deter people from doing so. It was discussed at length and agreed that a social media and Durham Warden approach on education and enforcement, where necessary would be the preferred strategy.

5. **Staffing** – Chair to update everyone.

It was that we would receive applications for anyone interested in becoming a Cllr and appoint at the next meeting. NOTE – all statutory notices have been issued and required time expired, so WPC can now appoint.

6. **Precept** – to agree on % increase for 2023. WPC agreed to defer until next meeting.

7. **Finance** – Chair to update in Clerk's absence. MTFP, AGAR, Banking.

Cllr Sexton advised that we are 90% there with DCC/PAYE capability, just waiting for Unity Trust Bank to set up BACS.

We agreed to defer MTFP until January to afford Chair and Vice Chair time to pull it all together.

The Chair advised we are still awaiting certification for the AGAR, however, we are likely to have strong recommendations on improvement, which we are aware of, given the position WPC has been left in.

8. **AOB** – at Chairs discretion - None

## **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:00pm**