



WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present

Cllrs: Johnson, Kinnear, Moffat, Moist, Sexton, Taylor, Parish Co-ordinator Harris.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Received from Cllrs: Fantarrow and Morrison.

3. Public questions

None

4. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed by all present and signed by the Chair.

5. Disclosable pecuniary interests

None declared.

6. Agenda-motions

See below.

7. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7pm.

Agenda-Motions

(Specific actions arising are documented and tracked in the **action log**).

1) Financial matters

Parish Co-ordinator presented financial statement for November 2023, report of spending against specific budgets and receipts for scrutiny by council. [Decision: financial statements for November 2023 were approved by Council and signed by Chair and Co-ordinator](#) Parish Co-ordinator confirmed that staff on-costs were accounted for. No other queries were raised.

2) County Councillor Reports

CLlr Moist reported progress on the construction of car parking in the village. Final planning approval is awaited. Construction is expected to commence in March 2024.

3) 2024-5 Precept

Council considered the need to raise the parish precept which has not increased for the past 5 years in which period UK prices have increased by approximately 22%. It was noted the council cannot allow its budget to shrink further in real terms without impacting on the service it provides to the local community. [Decision: unanimously agreed to increase the 2024-5 precept by between 4% and 7%. Agreed by vote 4 to 2 in favour of a 7% increase.](#)

4) 2024-7 MTFP

[Decision: unanimously agreed to sign-off the 2024-7 Medium term financial plan \(MTFP\)](#)

The plan will be regularly reviewed against actual spending and adjusted accordingly.

5) Immediate Spending Commitments

[Decision: £500 spending on replenishing dog waste bag dispensers on a pilot with a review of effectiveness and take up in the summer of 2024](#)

[Decision: £1000 annual revenue spending and £1200 CAPEX spending unanimously agreed for additional grit bins and grit.](#)

6) Flower Beds and Tubs

[Decision: Unanimously agreed that the default position should be to purchase bedding plants ourselves and insource maintenance with the option of outsourcing to DCC if our capacity is exceeded.](#)

7) Events

Deferred.

8) Grant Application Received

[Decision: Unanimously agreed to grant £500 as requested to Waldrige Park Juniors FC.](#)

9) Review Action Log

Deferred.

10) AOB

None