



**WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:00pm.

**Present**

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

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Received from Cllrs: Morrison and Taylor.

**3. Public questions**

A resident asked to agree an approach to clearing growth from an area on the Millennium green adjacent to his property. Approach agreed on the best way to clear the area.

**4. Correspondence**

Council agreed to a response to a letter received from a parishioner.

**5. Matter arising**

**5.1.** Cllr Sexton reported that Ranger has advised long grass between Waldridge Village and Waldridge Fells needs to be left and not cut as requested by a resident

**5.2.** Cllr Sexton reported that DCC has stated that cost of fencing off play area in Waldridge Village is prohibitive and that they are unable to fund this. DCC advises residents to use the existing bin for dog waste rather than install a new one.

**5.3.** Request to replace seat by bus stop in village is on-going with DCC.

**5.4.** Repairing damage to Parish Rooms gable end to be expedited.

**5.5.** WPC will continue to monitor fly-tipping near grit bin next to Parish Rooms

**6. Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed by all present and signed by the Chair.

**7. Disclosable pecuniary interests**

None declared.

**8. Agenda-motions**

**8.1. January spending and report against budget**

Reviewed and approved

**8.2. Grant applications**

Unanimously agreed to:

Grant £500 to Chester-le-Street Amateur Rowing Club in response to their application

Grant £500 to Waldrige Craft Class in response to their application with a request to prioritise local organisations.

### **8.3. County Councillor Reports**

None

### **8.4. Parish Councillor Vacancies**

All councillors to provide feedback to Co-ordinator and interviews to be arranged.

### **8.5. Flowers**

A planting plan is in place with guidance from the supplier. Initial delivery of plants is expected in February

### **8.6. Purchase Ride-on Lawnmower**

Motion rejected

### **8.7. Events**

#### **8.7.1. Saving Waldrige Village 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

Unanimously agreed to approve a one-off events budget of up to £6000. Working group established with the autonomy to spend this budget as they see fit.

#### **8.7.2. Other events**

Initial plans were put in place for Easter, Summer Fayre, Halloween and Christmas activities.

### **8.8. Parish Room kitchen refurbishment**

Cllr Johnson provided new costings that are substantially lower than originally proposed. To be brought back to a future meeting for a decision.

### **8.9. Regular cleaning of Parish Rooms**

Deferred

### **8.10. AOB**

None

### **8.11. Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm.