

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on 12 December 2017 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors - Davies, Foster, Harding, Howie, Moody and Warren

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and Cllrs Allan Bainbridge and Paul Sexton - County Councillors and 3 members of the public

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from Cllrs Baker, Cork and Martin

3. **Vacancy** - Electoral services have received a valid petition to call an election, if contested an election will be called in February

4. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

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

2 members of the public wished to talk about agenda item E, this was agreed to bring forward for discussion

The footpath stopping up order has been approved, the owners are now able to erect a fence around their property. They will be starting the building work in the new year. The welcome sign the Parish installed several years ago will need be relocated in the future as is on their land.

6. **Police Report:**

PCSO Donnelly attended (in his own time) and submitted the report. After several burglaries in the area he also issued some crime prevention advice. He suggested holding an event to inform the residents of all crime prevention. A date to be arranged and the Clerk to advertise in clippings.

There have been 5 burglaries, 0 anti social behaviour and 0 theft

The Chair thanked PCSO Donnelly for attending

A local locksmith attended to discuss the new snap proof locks

7. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. **Clerks report:**

Nothing to report

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

a) **Planning applications received**

DM/17/03388/FPA	27 Meadow Drive Chester-le-Street DH2 2XA	Two storey rear extension and first floor rear extension (retrospective)
DM/17/03764/FPA	7 Banks Holt Chester-le-Street DH2 2XJ	Single storey extension to rear and garage conversion

Resolved: *To recommend approval for Meadow Drive, not enough information provided to give any approval for Banks Holt*

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

- *No applications received*

c) **County Councillors report –**

Street light removal - Cllrs Sexton and Bainbridge are still in contact with DCC regarding the removal of the lights on C11 Waldridge Link Road, and will bring any further information to the council.

No further information regarding Birch View play area.

The dog bag dispensers have been installed on the Millennium Green.

d) **Supporting local businesses** - Local businesses who want to advertise their business on Facebook was discussed

Resolved *It was agreed to allow, as long as they are from local area.*

e) **Footpath on former Inn on the Green** - This was discussed under public participation

f) **Notice Board** - After recent notices were placed on outside of the notice board, this action was discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed a policy needs to be put in place stating only parish matters should be advertised on the board.*

g) **Working Group** - The new working group members discussed new ideas that they would like to carry out. They asked for a budget so as to know what they can do.

Resolved: *It was agreed to place £1000 on the budget next year and re assess for future years.*

h) **Draft budget** - As further costs are needed in case of employing a data protection officer, this to be agreed at the January meeting.

i) **Lights for Halloween and other events** - Further costs to be brought to the next meeting it was noted you can not hire this kind of equipment

- j) **Plans for Millennium Green** - Plans of the green have been sought for any future information regarding the green.
- k) **Broadband** - This to be placed on the next agenda
- l) **Seating on Millennium Green** - Further costs still to be sought and brought to the next meeting.
- m) **Fitness equipment / Millennium Green / goal posts / fun hoop monthly inspections –**
 The Caretaker gave a verbal report, stating no issues arising within the green, all equipment in sound order. The bollards need to have some reflective material on as when lowered they are hard to see
***Resolved:** Report noted. Cllr Sexton will place some reflective tape around the base*
- n) **General Data Protection Regulations** - No further information available, but this to remain an agenda item until May 2018
- o) **Timetable of events –** CDALC forthcoming events (if any)
 - *Nothing planned*
- p) **Friends of Congburn Woods** - Cllr Davies gave an update. It was noted a reduction in anti social behaviour in the woods since the group started.
- q) **Policy review** - (if any to be reviewed/adopted)
 - No policies to be reviewed
- r) **Correspondence received**
 1. Request for nominations for Royal Garden Party
 2. Request from resident to use room for toilet on Christmas day
 3. Garden Waste collections 2018 - costs of £30 one year or £90 3 years
Resolved:
 1. *It was agreed that Cllr Harding to be nominated*
 2. *It was agreed to allow and Cllr Harding will open up for her, insurance in place as long as they door is locked after every visit.*
 3. *It was agreed to go with the 3 years deal*
- s) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)
 - Nothing received
- t) **Waldridge in Bloom working group update –**
 The cost of the summer bedding was discussed
***Resolved:** It was agreed to order the summer bedding at a cost of £2,310*
- u) **WW1 event** - All arrangements were discussed

- v) **AAP forum update** - Cllr Davies gave an update.
- w) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

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10. **Financial Matters**

	(a)	<u>Payments</u>
	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed:	
	(1)	That the sum of £650.26 be paid to Mrs A Foster (November 2017 wage)
	(2)	That the sum of £211.50 be paid to Mr B Laidler (November 2017 wage)
	(3)	That the sum of £81.00 be paid to CDALC - training
	(4)	That the sum of £36.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - allowance
	(5)	That the sum of £125.00 be paid to Northumbria in Bloom
	(6)	That the sum of £383.98 be paid to NetIsland - web hosting
	(7)	That the sum of £208.00 be paid to SLCC - membership
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u>
		<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:
	(1)	That the sum of £33.00 was received for room hire
<p>11. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>9 January 2018 - to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.50 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman Date</p>		