

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
8 May 2012 at 7.00pm



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

Also in attendance - Angela Foster, Parish Clerk, Cllr Bainbridge and 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllr Donkin gave her apologies and the reason was accepted

2. **Declaration of Interest:**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

- Parked cars at Fernmeadows – too many cars parked at flats, also parking on footpath and obstructing views of oncoming vehicles. This has been raised several times, the Clerk to contact the PCSO and see if any feedback received.
- Overhanging hedge at 3 Poplar Street. The Clerk to send a polite letter asking if residents could cut back.
- Inn on the Green – the resident's wished to know if there was any further update re sale of land. The Clerk to contact DCC assets, David Telford and copy Kevin Jones MP.

4. **Police Report:**

No police presence, but report submitted – 3 total incidents - 2 anti social nuisance, 0 criminal damage, 0 theft, 1 burglary and 0 road related.

5. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. **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.

<u>2/12/00040/FUL</u>	Waldrige Cottage Warkworth Drive Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3SL	Demolition of existing stone garage and rebuilding including various alterations to elevations and roof to allow first floor level and open timber store to western elevation
<u>2/12/00095/FUL</u>	44 Falstone Drive Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3ST	Erection of garage to side of house

Resolved: *To recommend approval*

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

Nothing to report

c) **General Power Of Competence** - A report concerning the General Power of Competence had been circulated and it was noted that the Parish Council met the conditions relating to the electoral mandate and relevant qualification / training for the Clerk, to be able to exercise the General Power of Competence

Resolved: *That the Parish Council meets the criteria specified in paragraph 2 of the Parish Council (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and in accordance with section 1 is now entitled to use this power.*

d) **Northumbria in Bloom update**

- i. Cllr Cork gave update from working group held on 1 May. The only expense needed is for pebbles for the sustainable beds.
- ii. Scouts – a site meeting was suggested to view the bed they have proposed before agreeing to costs involved.
- iii. Royal Oak – the position suggested was at Poppyfields roundabout, more costs to be sought for guard. NWL needs to be contacted before planting re drains.
- iv. The cost of spikes for tyres £39.00 for 10
- v. To next working group meeting (29 May arranged at 6.00pm, same night as neighbourhood plans meeting)

Resolved:

- i. Update noted. The Clerk to get costs for pebbles.
- ii. It was agreed to hold site meeting
- iii. Position agreed. The Clerk to get more costs
- iv. It was agreed to order spikes at above costs, the Clerk to purchase.
- v. Date noted

e) **Annual return** – The Council received and considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2012 which included the Statement of Accounts, the Annual Governance

Statement and the Financial Information in section 4 of the Annual Return relating to the Annual Internal Audit Report.

Resolved: *To approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012*

Resolved: *To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2012.*

f) **Parking in village** – no update received

g) **Fun day medals** – the costs and quantity of medals was discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed the Clerk to get further costs of 200 medals*

h) **Jubilee event** – Costs of chocolate medals for the event was discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to purchase 24 chocolate medals to give to the winners of the races at a cost of £24.00. The Clerk to arrange posters.*

i) **Correspondence received**

i. Date for neighbourhood plan meeting agreed as 29 May 2012 at 7.00pm

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

- Nothing received

k) **Parish Rooms** –

i. The survey report was received from Lucion, no asbestos found.

Resolved:

i. *It was agreed work now to be carried out on the rooms, the report to be kept at the Parish rooms.*

l) **Resident query** – an email received regarding parked cars at Fernmeadows, this was discussed under public participation time.

m) **July meeting** – the Clerk proposed a change of date for the July meeting due to pre booked holidays

Resolved: *It was agreed to change the date to 17 July*

n) **Welcome sign** – it was suggested contacting the company responsible for originally installing the sign to see if the plinth could be raised.

o) **Litter pick** – The date for the litter pick was agreed at 7 July. The Clerk to arrange advertising. It was suggested holding more throughout the year.

p) **Letter for Queen** – it was suggested sending a letter of congratulations to the Queen. The Clerk to made arrangements.

q) **Report from Neighbourhood planning meeting** – Cllrs Foster and Douglas attended the training event, they gave a brief outline of what is needed. It was suggested waiting until

the presentation from DRCC before any decision is made.

- r) **Report from power of competence training** – The Clerk attended a training event. She gave a brief outline as to the criteria, restrictions and benefits of the Council gaining this power. The Clerk to submit the portfolio.
- s) **AAP forum updates** –
No updates available.
- t) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

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)(16) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £432.40 be paid to Mrs A Foster (April 2012 wage) That the sum of £155.56 be paid to Mr B Laidler (April 2012 wage) That the sum of £4.50 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) That the sum of £62.19 be paid to Mrs A Foster (Expenses) That the sum of £20.00 be paid to SLCC – extra module for Clerks portfolio That the sum of £48.00 be paid to SLCC – general power training That the sum of £330.00 be paid to Elliott Loo Hire – funday That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Baywings deposit falconry – funday That the sum of £250.00 be paid to Rock it deposit climb wall funday That the sum of £140.34 be paid to Running IMP – medals That the sum of £600.00 be paid to P Evans Carnival rides funday That the sum of £1,641.95 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery That the sum of £50.00 be paid to C Gibson – face painter jubilee That the sum of £102.87 be paid to St Barnabas Nursery – watering That the sum of £240.00 be paid to Lucion – asbestos survey That the sum of £396.00 be paid to S M Lower - audit 	
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u>	
	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1)(2)(3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £51.00 was received for room hire That the sum of 1,584.63 was received from VAT return That the sum of £31,609 was received from DCC precept 	

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 7.00pm

The meeting terminated at 9.00pm

Chairman

Date