

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
7 May 2013 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillors – Brannan, Cork, Douglas, Foster, Harris, Howie, Huston, and Smith

Also in attendance - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler – caretaker, 1 member of the public

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllr McDonnell gave her apologies and the reason was accepted.

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

One resident asked if any update of the Inn on the Green, the members replied stating no further information available.

5. **Police Report:**

No police presence but report provided – only 1 incident report – 1 youth nuisance

Three speed watches have been carried out – 2 at Warkworth Drive, 1 Waldridge Road with 198 vehicles passing and 0 speeding.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted.

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

- *No applications received*

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

- *No applications received*

c) **Northumbria in Bloom update – 1 May 2013**

- Sponsorship letters sent, four interested, invoices to be raised
- The application for money from AAP has been withdrawn as they wanted too much extra work to be done
- Cllr Cork updated on the judges comments – dog fouling is the one thing they picked up on.
- Letter to residents re rose bed – it was agreed to send letter to ask if parish should take over the maintenance
- Coffee morning arranged 11 May, flyers to be delivered
- Generator – suggestions to see if old one can be sold, but not in very good working order
- Calendar – the members agreed to get costs for producing calendar

d) **Millennium Green**

Dog fouling needs to be addressed. More signs and patrols were suggested
Branches are being broken off trees by children. They need to be removed. Costs of shredding was discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to get the branches shredded at a cost of £100. The Clerk to speak with Warden to arrange patrols and signs.*

e) **Annual return** – The Council received and considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2013 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 2013*

Resolved: *To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2013*

f) **Annual report** – the Clerk distributed the annual report for approval

Resolved: *The report to be placed on website and copies given out at Annual Parish Meeting*

g) **Annual Parish Meeting** – Arrangements for the meeting to be held 21 May were discussed

Resolved: *All members to attend, the police, county councillors, neighbourhood warden*

to be invited. The Chair signed the agenda and notice. Refreshments to be served.

h) **Section 106 money** – Designs were produced with costs provided of £5,000 for the Waldrige Fell Nature Walk, still awaiting designs and costings from metal artist but agreed to apply for planning for wooden designs. The Clerk to contact metal designer stating time deadline

i) **Millennium Green project** –The metal artist suggests increasing the amount to £1,000 to get a more significant sculpture. Still awaiting letter from DCC stating date of receiving money.

Resolved: *It was agreed to increase the amount from £650 to £1,000*

j) **Grant awarding policy** – No applications received, it was suggested changing policy to one per year

Resolved: *It was agreed to change policy to one per year, September deadline.*

k) **Funday** – All activities were discussed, it was noted fewer activities booked this year, further activities were suggested.

Resolved: *It was agreed to ask dog agility, vintage bikes and art and craft tent*

l) **Correspondence received**

- Councillor / chairman training is planned for 9 July at a cost of £27.00 All members invited to attend
- Response from DCC re residents query was distributed

Resolved:

- It was agreed Cllrs Brannan, Cork, Smith to attend. If evening training to be provided other members to attend.
- Response noted, agreed to copy letter to give out to residents

m) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)

- No items

n) **External hard drive** – the Clerk requested an external hard drive to save all date#

Resolved: *It was agreed the Clerk to purchase up to £60*

o) **AAP forum updates** – No meetings due to purdah.

p) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

- Bench at fell

9. **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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the sum of £504.08 be paid to Mrs A Foster (April 2012 wage) That the sum of £158.48 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 £132.75 be paid to Mrs A Foster (Expenses 2012/13)) That the sum of £57.60 be paid to St Johns Ambulance That the sum of £4,250 be paid to R Jordan – circle on green
	(b) <u>Receipts</u>	<p><u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the sum of £24.00 was received for room hire (2) That the sum of £30,695 was received from DCC - precept (3) That the sum of £852.10 was received from VAT reclaim (4) That the sum of £60.00 was received for room hire story ladies
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>11 June 2013 to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.35pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>		