

WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldridge Parish Council held on
11 June 2013 at 7.00pm



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

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

1. **Welcome** – The vice chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Resolved: Cllrs Harris and Huston gave their apologies and the reasons were accepted.

3. **New member** – Vivienne Bailey submitted her application form for the position of Councillor. She was accepted on to the Council, and signed the declaration of acceptance.

4. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: No members declared an interest on any agenda item

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

One question was raised, is there any further update on the old 'Inn on the Green'. Cllr Davidson to investigate as to the hold up, and if any update on the public right of way.

6. **Police Report:**

No police presence and no report provided

7. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. **Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council meeting**

Resolved That the minutes of the annual meeting of the council held on 7 May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman

9. **Clerks report:**

No report submitted.

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

a) **Planning applications received**

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

2/13/00095/FUL	9 Meadow Drive Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 2XA	Erection of single-storey extension at rear of dwelling to replace existing conservatory.
2/13/00104/FUL	25 Lilburn Close Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3TN	Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling.
2/13/00106/TEL	Telecommunications Mast (CITL 114209) Waldridge Road Chester-le-Street Durham	Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for the removal and replacement of 12.5m street pole and for two new cabinets with ancillary equipment (telecommunications development)

Resolved: *Recommend approval*

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

2/13/00124/FUL	20 Fenwick Close Chester-le-Street Durham DH2 3SU	Erection of extension to existing detached garage
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Resolved: *Recommend approval*

c) **Northumbria in Bloom update – 5 June 2013**

- Coffee morning was requested for 6 July 2013

Resolved *To agree to hold event*

d) **Millennium Green problems**

It was suggested placing more chippings around the green to help with the flooding problem. A resident requested the footpath leading onto the green be improved.

Resolved: *It was agreed to get extra chippings, this to be provided free of charge. The footpath in question is DCC land, Cllr Davidson to see if anything can be done to improve the surface, the Clerk to contact the resident.*

e) **Beat the bounds walk** – all arrangements were discussed for walk 23rd June.

f) **Section 106 money** – Further information required, then planning application to be sent to DCC for the nature trail. A change in designs were discussed. No further information from metal designer, but he is working on them now.

Resolved: It was agreed to change the wooden sculptures to 4 panels and one upright. The cost increased by £400.

- g) **Allotment update** – Update received. Request was made to keep cockerels and ducks

Resolved: It was agreed as long as noise is monitored and if excessive they will need to be removed.

- h) **Calendar** – Costs were sought to produce a calendar.

Resolved: It was agreed not to proceed as the cost too expensive

- i) **Millennium Green project** – Acceptance letter received. Design for metal sculpture was distributed for approval. The metal design will have to wait until planning permission is applied for and approved.

Resolved: It was agreed to go with the design, the Clerk to liaise with all concerned.

- j) **Grant awarding policy** – Updated policy brought to the meeting for approval.

Resolved: The updated policy was signed by the vice chairman. The Clerk to upload to website.

- k) **Rats** – Rats are becoming a problem in the village. Costs of £40 per resident were quoted from DCC. They will not put boxes in open space.

Resolved: Residents need to be responsible for reporting the problem and paying the costs from DCC.

- l) **Road at Poplar Street** – After work was carried out and failed, several complaints were received from residents. DCC promised the work to be completed to rectify the problem. Cllr Davidson to chase up.

- m) **Funday** – all arrangements were discussed. It was suggested folk dancers, army/sea cadets to be invited.

- n) **Bench at Fell** – The bench which was rotten has been removed, unknown who was responsible. The Clerk to contact the ranger to see if it can be replaced. This to be placed on next agenda along with costs if ranger will not replace.

- o) **Correspondence received**

- Standards - Parish & Town Councils Briefing Session – June 26th
- To note County Councillors report – covering Lindesfarne Gospels events / flooding Fellside Meadows / environment awards

Resolved:

- Cllrs Foster/Brannan/Douglas/Bailey and Smith to attend
- Report noted. The members thanked the County Councillors for nominating them for the environment award.

- p) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)

- No items

- q) **AAP forum updates** – forum meeting planned for 24 June
- r) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

10. **Financial Matters**

	(a)	<u>Payments</u>
	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following payments be agreed:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the sum of £504.08 be paid to Mrs A Foster (May 2012 wage) (2) That the sum of £158.48 be paid to Mr B Laidler (May 2012 wage) (3) That the sum of £3.60 be paid to Mr B Laidler (Expenses) (4) That the sum of £67.97 be paid to Mrs A Foster - external hard drive (5) That the sum of £36.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster – telephone (6) That the sum of £39.06 be paid to Peterlee fire company (7) That the sum of £100.00 be paid to Chris Gavagin for shredding (8) That the sum of £97.50 be paid to DCC – planning application 	
	(b)	<u>Receipts</u>
	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following receipts be noted:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the sum of £48.00 was received for room hire (2) That the sum of £36.00 was received Story Ladies – room hire (3) That the sum of £100.00 was received from Costcutter – sponsorship (4) That the sum of £50.00 was received from selling generator 	
<p>11. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>9 July 2013 to commence at 7.00pm</p> <p>The meeting terminated at 8.45pm</p>		
		Chairman
		Date