

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Waldrige Parish Council held on  
9 December 2014 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors - Cork, Howie, Huston, McDonnell and  
Moody

**Also in attendance** - Angela Foster - Parish Clerk, Brian Laidler - caretaker and County Cllr  
Katherine Henig

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

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

**Resolved:** Cllrs Foster - (social event) and Jassat (holiday), Harris, (christmas concert),  
Cooper (illness) gave their apologies - and the reasons were accepted.

3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest

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

One question was raised through Cllr McDonnell - 2 street lights have been off since the  
work was carried out, the streets are in darkness and very dangerous. The Clerk to contact  
DCC

5. **Police Report:**

PCSO Taylor attended and gave her report - 3 criminal damage, 3 burglary and 3 vehicle  
nuisance. Ongoing checks being carried out on the Millennium Green, where youths have  
had alcohol confiscated.

No camera to be put on the green. Cllr Henig to speak with DCC to get reason for objection.

6. **Minutes of Council meeting:**

**Resolved** *That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 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.**

[DM/14/03400/TPO](#) Waldrige House                      Fell 1 no Elm Tree (TPO 25)  
Waldrige Road  
Waldrige  
Chester-le-Street  
DH2 3SJ

**Resolved:** *Only agree to this if the tree is diseased.*

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

[DM/14/03633/FPA](#) 3 Poppyfields                      Erection of single-storey  
Chester-le-Street                      extension at rear of dwelling.  
DH2 2NA

**Resolved:** *To recommend approval*

c) **County Councillors report** – Cllr Henig submitted her report covering:

**Traffic management** - Community speed involvement / Parking in Waldrige Village

**Other issues** - Fly-tipping / Chairman's medal

**Resolved:** *The report was noted. All matters accepted.*

d) **Fitness equipment monthly inspections** – The equipment has been inspected. No more damage has occurred recently. CCTV signs to be installed

**Resolved:** *Report noted*

e) **Action plan** - A draft action plan was produced, this to be brought to next meeting when more members will be in attendance.

f) **Budget** - The final budget was distributed

**Resolved:** *The budget was agreed. The precept to be set in January*

g) **Website** - A proposal was given by the web designer, to fully manage the site for £140 per year.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed pay for one year and review to see if beneficial next year.*

h) **Ladder training for caretaker** - A course was sought for caretaker to attend, a cost of £72

**Resolved:** *Caretaker does not wish to attend. He has accepted that he will not climb any ladders whilst on Parish duties.*

- i) **Parking problems in the village** – One location has been identified, this land is DCC owned

Cllr Henig to speak with DCC to see if the area is acceptable. Find the soil survey report which was carried out few years ago.

- j) **Goal posts on Millennium Green** - No planning permission is needed. Costs range between £800 to £1200.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to put poster up and do a leaflet drop to inform residents of proposals. The Clerk to get costs of smaller 5 aside posts.*

- k) **Solar panels** - A project arranged by AAP have suggested installing solar panel on roof of parish rooms. A feasibility study would need to be carried out first. Costs would be covered by AAP, electricity would be paid for and extra would go back to AAP

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to carry out feasibility study first to see if roof is strong enough. Further information*

- l) **Scarecrow trail** - This to be placed on agenda for January, Cllr Foster not in attendance

- m) **Timetable of events** – CDALC forthcoming events (if any)

*No training available at present*

- n) **Clippings** - The winter clippings were distributed for approval

**Resolved:** *Agreed ready to go to print*

**These items were moved up the agenda as two councillors wished to leave early. Cheques were signed.**

- o) **Waldridge in Bloom working group update** –

Cllr Cork gave an update. Plants need to be ordered for summer bedding, the cost would be £2,310 if same plants ordered

Cost of new planters were sought from Durham County Council at £15.00 each

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to order plants, It was agreed to check if correct price and get costs of triple pots.*

- p) **January meeting date** - The Clerk requested the date be changed due to outside commitments.

**Resolved:** *It was agreed to change the date to Monday 12 January 2015*

- q) **Clerks Salary** - It was noted NALC agreement of 2.2% pay increase from January 2015 - March 2016, with one off payment £100 (£45.54) pro rata in December. The Clerk requested waiting until April to change salary increase, due to mix up in last years salary, very hard to make changes.

**Resolved:** *The increase was noted and accepted. It was agreed to wait until April for increase to be effective.*

**Cllrs McDonnell and Huston left the meeting at 8.30pm, the meeting was terminated due to the meeting being inquorate.**

- r) **Media policy** - this to be placed on next months agenda
- s) **Data Protection policy** - this to be placed on next months agenda
- t) **Policy for filming at meetings** - this to be placed on next months agenda
- u) **Correspondence received**
  - Nothing received
- v) **Correspondence received after agenda published** (to note only)
  - Nothing received
- w) **AAP forum updates** –
  - Nothing to report
- x) **Urgent issues for noting** (Clerk to use delegated powers if necessary) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

9. **Financial Matters**

	<b>(a)</b>	<b><u>Payments</u></b>
	<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following payments be agreed:	
	(1)	That the sum of £603.42 be paid to Mrs A Foster (November 2014 wage)
	(2)	This to include the one off non consolidated payment due to pay increase
		That the sum of £183.83 be paid to Mr B Laidler (November 2014 wage)
	(3)	That the sum of £36.00 be paid to Mrs A Foster - allowance
	(4)	That the sum of £149.00 be paid to SLCC - annual subscriptions
	(5)	That the sum of £153.00 be paid to Studio 3
	(6)	That the sum of £287.97 be paid to Net Island - web hosting
	(7)	That the sum of £140.00 be paid to Net Island - content management
	<b>(b)</b>	<b><u>Receipts</u></b>
		<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> That the following receipts be noted:
	(1)	That the sum £42.00 was received for room hire

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

12 January 2015 to commence at 7.00pm - change of original date.

The meeting terminated at 8.30pm (due to the meeting being inquorate)

**Chairman**  
**Date**