



WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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12th November 2025

To: The Chairman and members of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**
(Parish Councillors Barker, Hall, Kinnear, Lewcock, Moist, Moffat, Sexton & Smith)

In attendance Parish Councillors Sexton (Chair), Moffat, Smith & Lewcock
Co-ordinator – Jackie Smart

Below are the minutes of the meeting of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 11th November 2025.

BUSINESS

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies for absence from Cllrs Barker, Hall, Kinnear & Moist
3. Public Questions – A resident, Kath Foster asked 2 questions
 - Raised concern over 5 of the shrub beds that they weren't being maintained. Cllr Sexton advised that team had a schedule of works, prioritising the flower beds & that the DCC Clean & Green team had been requested to prune in the spring. The team will look at the beds time permitting, particularly the 'Christmas Tree' bed & the Poppyfield bed with the sculpture. It was added that feedback had been very favourable on what the team had delivered & it was felt the Parish looked the best it ever had
 - Raised concern over cars parked on the grass, particularly Norton Close – Cllr Sexton advised this has already been raised with DCC & the police, so we await action
4. Minutes for September & October agreed unanimously
5. No Pecuniary Interests declared
6. **Agenda-Motions:**
 - Action Log - Action Log reviewed, Millenium Green Playground closed as funding window has expired, all other actions ongoing
 - Correspondence/RFO update
 - Julie Crampton – Contract ended end of October, discussed 0 hours contract as previously agreed by council, sorting contract & payroll requirements
 - Allotments – know tenancy under review & have asked if we could advise by January to allow them time to prepare for their AGM in April
 - Audit update – Preparing for interim audit with Gordon Fletcher (April-October)
 - New Agar requirements for next year - **Assertion 10** in the context of the **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)** for 2025/26 introduces new requirements for digital and data compliance for parish and town councils.

➤ Income & Expenditure October

Details	Income	Expenditure
British Gas Service Contract	£ 0	£ 30.82
Anglian Water		£ 231.84
A Casson Room Hire	£ 40.00	£ -
Harperley Garden Centre	£ -	£ 428.40
Harperley Garden Centre	£ -	£ 408.00
Harperley Garden Centre	£ -	£ 306.00
BP Trade UK - Screwfix	£ -	£ 29.38
BP M&S		£ 21.50
Harperley Garden Centre	£ -	£ 306.00
EON		£ 128.68
BACS	£ -	£ 813.97
J Hall Room Hire	£ 20.00	
Candy Kids	£	£ 250.00
Harperley Garden Centre	£	£ 306.00
Harperley Garden Centre	£ -	£ 204.00
JRB Enterprises Ltd		£ 244.56
Zurich Insurance (Van)		£ 1,011.83
DCC Streetlighting		£ 1,531.97
DCC Streetlighting		£ 1,461.18
STO MC Robson		£ 80.00
BP Amazon - Christmas		£ 167.94
Harperley Garden Centre		£ 341.70
Bank Charges		£ 16.98
Harperley Garden Centre		£ 220.92
Transitional HR		£ 1,058.40
BP Halloween Event		£ 96.25
J Rich Room Hire	£ 40.00	
Bank Charges	-	£ 6.00
BACS		£ 3,338.50

- County Cllr Report – Waldrige Village Hall – it would appear the Trustees of the Hall have sold it to the Scouting Association. This is being looked into, as formerly a village asset.
- Elect Vice Chair – deferred until next meeting
- Millenium Green Trust – Annual return has been completed & bank account traced. Deferred to next month, hoping to find new trustees – residents/councillors
- Hedge Cutting Millenium Green – Cllr Sexton is getting some quotes to cut the hedge, placed on action log for review next month
- DCC SLA for Playgrounds – sent to us late, started in April 25 so already in place. Will sign & return
- Events update – Christmas – Cllr Lewcock will look at decorating the tree on 28th November with the help of the team. New lights purchased & baubles to go up
- AOB
 - Cllr Lewcock updated on Millenium Green Play Area. She has a meeting on 26th to discuss updating & approximate costs – she will feed this back to the council

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th December 2025

Yours faithfully, **Cllr Paul Sexton (Chair)**