



WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
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12th February 2026

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

In attendance Parish Councillors Sexton (Chair), Moffat, Smith & Summerson

Co-ordinator – Jackie Smart

Below are the minutes of the meeting of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 10th February 2026.

BUSINESS

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence from Cllrs Trainor, Hall, Lewcock, Kinnear, Moist
3. Public Questions – A Waldridge village resident raised 2 questions
 - There has been an issue reported regarding dog poop not being picked up – wanted an update on what was being done. Cllr Sexton advised this was a DCC (Police issue) and the dog warden had the matter in hand, but was unable to share specifics
 - Parking in the new parking area – a number of commercial vehicles are being parked & left for long periods of time blocking the car park to other residents - Cllr Sexton advised this would be a DCC highways issue, but not sure there was anything that could be done at this point – given the scope of what the funding was designed to achieve.
4. Minutes for January agreed by all councillors in attendance. (All councillors received a copy of the minutes & no discrepancies raised)
5. No Pecuniary Interests declared
6. **Agenda-Motions:**
 - Action Log - Action Log reviewed - All other actions remain on-going
 - Correspondence/RFO update
 - New website update – shared details of new site
 - Old website has been decommissioned with an auto transfer to direct traffic to new website
 - New clerk email – in process of transferring from Outlook & Gmail then closing those down
 - Need to advise contacts, update logins etc
 - New councillor Bios requested
 - Councillor emails – now set up & shared – any problems let me know
 - Community Waves / Excessive power usage
 - Electricity usage – Device is using approximately £52.43/month – they will look to recompense us for this

- Have requested the router be moved externally & powered accordingly, they are looking to move – ideally over by car park – awaiting spec to submit to DCC – still chasing
 - Budget – revue ongoing
 - Parish Rooms – noted possible unauthorised access – additional security measures implemented. Should concerns continue the locks will be changed
 - Utility Aid – wanting to revue energy bills – not at this point
 - Flowers/Beds
 - Bed around marker – plants consistently failing – try coloured gravel? Agreed
 - Quotes for flowers elsewhere? Yes
 - Self watering planters – will get a quote
 - Salt Bins – New bins with grit slot are around £435, but won't necessarily stop people taking grit – no action at this point
- County Councillor Report – 5 new memorial seats in the Market Place, commemorating our armed forces.
- AOB – Cllr Sexton raised the issue of events – wanted councillors to consider if they could support organisation of our annual events – to be included in agenda next month.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10^h March 2026

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

Expenditure January

Details	Income	Expenditure
British Gas Service Contract		£ 30.82
J Rich Room Hire	£ 40.00	
J Rich Room Hire	£ 40.00	
Anglian Water DDR		£ 159.21
Sainsburys Fuel		£ 110.31
J Hall Room Hire	£ 20.00	
Eon		£ 128.68
BACS		£ 684.39
J Rich Room Hire Feb	£ 40.00	
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Eltons Footwear - new keys PR		£ 14.95
Amazon - Blink Cameras		£ 46.79
BACS		£ 2,782.30
Bank Charges		£ 16.84
Bank Charges		£ 6.00