



WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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13th May 2026

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

In attendance - Parish Councillors Sexton (Chair), Smith, Lewcock, Moist, & Summerson

Co-ordinator – Jackie Smart

Below are the minutes of the AGM of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

BUSINESS

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies received from Cllrs Moffat, Hall & Barker
3. Public Questions – none
4. Minutes for April agreed by all councillors in attendance. (All councillors received a copy of the minutes & no discrepancies raised)
5. Elect Chair for the ensuing 12 months and receive Chair's declaration of acceptance of office – no one else proposed, Cllr Sexton agreed to continue for next 12 months.
6. Elect Vice-Chair for the ensuing 12 months and receive Vice-Chair's declaration of acceptance of office - no one else proposed, Cllr Moist agreed to continue for next 12 months
7. No Pecuniary Interests declared.
8. Chair's annual report – Cllr Sexton raised it had been a challenging few years for Waldridge Parish Council but felt we seemed to be in a better position now & was looking forward to the future. He thanked outgoing Cllr Kinnear for her contribution over the years, supporting the council in a number of roles, Anthea for being a great part of the maintenance team – we wish her well in her new role & our Co-ordinator.
The team, John, Julie & Suzanne, have made an excellent start to the summer planting. We look forward to another colourful show.
9. The Standing Orders & Financial Regulations for the council were reviewed & agreed.
10. Agenda-Motions (attached)
11. Meetings scheduled for the next financial year, first Tuesday of every month with the exception of August

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th June 2026

Agenda-Motions:

1. **Review Action Log** – Updates given on both items, actions being taken to progress this month
2. **Financial Report – Parish Co-ordinator**
 - AGAR – all completed & with internal auditor
 - Bank Reconciliation shared
 - Registered with ICO
 - MTFP prepared
 - We've been asked to quote to do sub-contract work for Plawsworth Kimblesworth Parish Council again, gained agreement from Cllrs to quote.
3. **Events Update** – Waldrige Cinema Day – booked for Saturday 18th July. Cllr Sexton will set up a working party to organise toilets, explore stretch tents to weatherproof event & organise food vendors. Cinema already booked, films to be decided.
4. **AOB** – at Chair's discretion.
 - Play Area Project – Cllr Lewcock has met with a resident who felt the play equipment & proposed play equipment wasn't challenging enough for his 5 year old. It was explained we were looking at an inclusive play facility for children of all mobility. She is however liaising with suppliers/DCC to consider options
 - Goal Posts – Been assessed, before looking at options to move.
 - Dog Issue on Millenium Green – we have been made aware by a number of residents of an ongoing issue with one particular dog owner/dogs. Cllrs discussed options (with the exception of Cllr Sexton who left meeting early) - agreed Council will liaise with DCC Dog Warden Team & the Police, to ensure that all users can enjoy the Millenium Green safely. Letter to be issued to issue to owner.
 - Parish Rooms – unauthorised access is still being noted - motion detect cameras have been installed.

April - Income & Expenditure

Details	Income	Expenditure
British Gas Service Contract		£ 30.82
Anglian Water DDR		£ 1.06
M&S		£ 30.00
EG on the Move		£ 35.15
Precept DCC	£ 76,500.99	
BP Br Gas		£ 60.00
BP Three Bean Ltd		£ 313.00
BP Trade UK		£ 159.84
HMRC VAT refund	£ 4,851.48	
Make my Day Events		£ 520.00
EBAY – van light		£ 34.45
Community Waves	£ 244.65	
J Rich Room Hire	£ 10.00	£-
J Hall Room Hire	£ 20.00	£ -
DDR Eon		£ 128.68
DDR DVLA		£ 345.00
Aldi - Easter		£ 9.90
BP Southlands Garage MOT		£ 58.00
BACS DDR Staff		£ 751.38
Bank Charge		£ 16.90
BACS DDR Staff		£ 1,730.58
Bank Charge		£ 7.00