

# Waddington Parish Council

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## Local Government Act 1972 Meeting of Waddington Parish Council

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 7.30pm at St Helen's Church, Waddington.

### Minutes

*Minutes from our meetings are normally reviewed and agreed at the following scheduled meeting and thereafter published to the village website.*

		Ref no. & Cllrs Proposing & Seconding
<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance and Apologies</b>	
	The attendance of Cllrs D Taylor, R Edmondson, C Sullivan, J Rattigan, L Cox and C Melvin and RVBC Cllr Bob Buller were recorded. Apologies were received from Cllr Bolton. Also in attendance: Carol Baird - Parish Clerk & RFO, and 1 member of the public, Rev Christopher Wood.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
	Cllr Taylor welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting. He identified the opportunity for members of the public to take part would be at agenda item 4. The Covid secure nature of the meeting was continued with social distancing in the main building.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	No declarations of pecuniary or personal interests were received from Councillors in matters identified in the agenda.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Participation (max 5 mins per person)</b>	
	There were no issues raised in the public participation section of the meeting.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting</b>	
	It was resolved to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Waddington Parish Council Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021. These were accepted as an accurate record and thereafter signed by the Chair.	13/09/005 Prop. Cllr CS Sec. Cllr LC
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any matters arising from the minutes &amp; not covered on this Agenda (resolutions closed &amp; not requiring being on Agenda)</b>	
	<b>Lending library</b> – WPC had been waiting for confirmation of the materials intended to be used. It will be situated on the wall by the telephone box in the square, to the right of the notice board and bench. The Clerk was asked to write to the family of the late Damian Allen who are donating the lending library, when it is in position, to thank them for the donation and to outline the terms for installation e.g., that WPC reserve the right to take it down in the future, the family are to undertake any repairs and to re-stain it as required.	

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	<p><b>Playground update</b> – the 2021 ROSPA inspection report has been received and the action plan to tackle the areas of work identified has already started. Cllr D Taylor identified that volunteers may be willing to undertake to paint the three green benches which need maintenance, whilst the council deals with the other outstanding matters in the report. There is also a need to jet wash the playground area. Cllr Rattigan has applied for a grant to fund a portable, self-contained jet washer, for use around the village.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)</b></p>	
	<p>Cllr D Taylor provided a verbal update on the HARP project. The key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armstrong Aggregates Ltd has not yet submitted all the required material to the Lancashire County Council Planning department to enable it to go to a Planning Committee for a decision relating to the deposition of the spoil to the Quarry. This was unlikely to now occur in 2021 due to the timeframe and number of meetings left scheduled this year. This planning decision has to come before decision(s) made by RVBC Planning Committee in respect of the applications submitted by United Utilities as those applications are based on the scenario that the spoil is being transported from the tunnels to the quarry, on both sides of the Fell.</li> <li>• The HARP project has therefore not progressed since the last WPC meeting other than consultation comments being collated and published online at RVBC's dedicated HARP website.</li> <li>• RVBC planning confirmed this week that RVBC are still in the consultation phase and the consultation period would continue far beyond the usual 21-day consultation period which has passed.</li> <li>• Several Cllrs have been approached by residents and advice has been provided on the importance of restricting comments or objections to <i>material considerations</i> concerning the HARP Project. Advice on what constitutes material considerations has been published at <a href="https://waddington.website/harp">https://waddington.website/harp</a></li> <li>• Cllr Sullivan commented that since the last meeting he has been looking at a traffic management proposal in connection with the HARP. The aim is to consider a traffic management plan for Waddington in terms of volume of traffic and speeding. He has been advised to not wait for the HARP project which will take some time and Cllr Sullivan will progress this issue further before the next meeting.</li> <li>• Members of the public are encouraged to look at the village website at <a href="https://waddington.website/harp">https://waddington.website/harp</a> for the latest updates and direct links to the planning applications submitted to RVBC</li> </ul>	

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	<p>by United Utilities and that submitted to LCC by Armstrong Aggregates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the public were also encouraged to approach their parish councillors with any queries about the planning process and the applications, which are being dealt with at RVBC by Mr John Macholc, and planning officer Mr Rob Hope at Lancashire County Council planning office in relation to the quarry application. Your Ward councillor, Mr Bob Buller sits on the Planning Committee at RVBC whilst LCC Cllr for Clitheroe North, Mr Ged Mirfin sits on the Planning Committee for Lancashire County Council.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Updates from Committees</b>	
	<p>Personnel committee – this will meet for the first time in October 21 and report back to the full council. The Clerk, Carol Baird, was congratulated on her success in attaining the CiLCA qualification – the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The Chairman identified that this was an important step for the council in its aspiration to be awarded Foundation Status under the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) - This being a scheme providing councils with the opportunity to demonstrate that they meet the standards set by the sector and put in place the conditions for continued improvement.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Monthly Financial Reporting</b>	
	<p>The financial report prepared and circulated by the Responsible Financial Officer Carol Baird was received by council. In the absence of setting a budget in 2020, the Budget figures presented today were confirmed as actuals for the period May - September 21 and then budgeted thereafter until the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March 22. The projection was to just meet our known commitments with no reserves, with spending cut back to a minimum. The budget was discussed by council and as presented, incorporated a significant reduction in the insurance quotation compared to previous years. It also includes paying the insurance, when due, in this financial year as opposed to rolling it over as in previous years. Cllr Rattigan was thanked by the Chair for his time spent navigating the issues and identifying a provider. The budget identifies that WPC need to have a realistic precept setting process, based on an accurate projection of spending. This will be developed further at the next Finance Committee meeting and brought to full council for discussion at the Oct or Nov meeting.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Council's Policy Documents</b>	
	<p>There were no policies for review at this meeting. A revised timetable will be prepared for the October meeting.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Weeds/Tidiness of the village</b>	

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	<p>Several of our residents have complained to council this summer that weeds are prevalent in the village. In previous years, an expenditure of £500 has been met in paying for weedkiller to be sprayed around the village. This year, funds have not allowed for such activity. The Chair identified that it needed to be resolved if the use of weedkillers containing Glyphosate was to continue, and if so, then approval was also required from council for such expenditure to be included in the budget forecast.</p> <p>Cllr Edmondson stated that on past 'clear up evenings' in the Spring/Summer volunteers met and divided up the key areas of the village to tackle weeds and untidiness. This was a sociable event and generated community spirit. Cllr Melvin suggested flyers go out to the villagers advertising clean up days.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor was concerned about the use of weedkillers along the road side and near gullies - all of which enter either the Brook or Edisford Road stream. If the plants are just sprayed and left in situ then they will simply look unsightly and yellow and in time, return. There needs to be physical removal and sweeping up of debris that allows plants a medium to grow in the gutters and drainage channels. Initiatives in other areas include the marking of drains and gullies leading to watercourses to the effect that only fresh water should be going down the drains, discouraging car washing, chemical cleaning of driveways and patios, and drainage misconnections from households. The Chair expressed the view that the council should certainly not be using weedkillers near any of our watercourses.</p> <p>Cllr Sullivan suggested dividing the village up into various sections. Neighbours could be encouraged to work together to make a difference in their area.</p> <p>It was resolved that the council would no longer employ the practice of spraying weedkiller around the village and no budget would be set for this. The council would aim to re-introduce community weeding/clean up days going forward. This was unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>13/09/011 Prop. Cllr DT Sec. Cllr RE</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Volunteering in the village</b></p>	
	<p>It was acknowledged that the number of volunteers assisting in the Coronation Gardens continued to increase and the area alongside the Brook opposite the Waddington Arms was now receiving attention consequently. A volunteer had also offered to paint the Telephone Kiosk which was being arranged. Efforts to increase the number of volunteers to assist with village enhancements and maintenance tasks would continue. An email mailing list is to be established so that volunteers wishing to contribute to enhancing the village can receive information about such community activity, inviting volunteers with the requisite skills and availability to get in touch and take part.</p>	

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<b>13.</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p>3/2021/0779 at 05/08/2021 Proposed single storey rear extension and associated alterations. Applications for full consent Woods Eave Barn Cross Lane Waddington BB7 3JH</p> <p>3/2021/0763 at 24/08/2021 3 x Silver Birch's to be felled. Application for tree works 34 Fern Walk Shireburn Park Edisford Road Waddington Clitheroe BB7 3LB</p> <p>3/2021/0829 at 25/08/2021 Goat Willow at the rear of plot 95 - request to pollard reduce crown Application for tree works 95 Rowan Avenue Shireburn Park Edisford Road Waddington BB7 3LB</p> <p>3/2021/0872 at 24/08/2021 Tree works to 2 x Pine Tree's (to be felled). Application for tree works 163a Kingfisher Close Shireburn Park Edisford Road Waddington BB7</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Updates from Partnership Meetings</b>	
	None were reported.	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Matters brought forward by Cllrs &amp; Clerk as INFORMATION only</b>	
	<p><b>Footpath at the side of Waddington Old Hall:</b> Cllr Sullivan commented that the footpath down the side of Waddington Old Hall has become very overgrown. The Clerk offered to write to the owners of the Old Hall to enquire if they would oblige in cutting it back.</p> <p><b>Inaugural Waddington Fell Race</b> – Cllr Taylor informed the council that the limit set of 120 runners had now registered and would be taking part on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. It was hoped its success would herald the start of Waddington hosting it as an annual race on the Fell Runners Association calendar.</p> <p><b>Preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5<sup>th</sup> 2022 and Operation London Bridge</b> – these items will be on the Agenda for the next meeting in October 21</p>	

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<b>16.</b>	<b>Next Meeting Dates</b> The following dates were considered and approved: 18.1 Draft September minutes to be circulated – by w/c 27 Sept. 21 18.2 Agenda items and Reports for the October meeting to be submitted to the Clerk by 9am Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October. 18.3 Next meeting to take place Monday 11th October 21 7.30pm at Waddow Hall Conference room (tbc – see website for venue confirmation on the Agenda for the October meeting.)  The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.00pm and all present were thanked for their attendance and contribution.	
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