

to the Parish Council and be part of the consultation process and recommendation on planning for the future of Walberswick.

2017/09 Report from Council Michael Gower, SCC

Councillor Gower referred to his Enabling Communities Budget and suggested that the village comes up with projects that could access this. There is also the Exemplar Fund to which the PC is applying for improving facilities at the Heritage Hut.

He also referred to the SCC budget and explained the pressures from cuts and the effect of the increase in the Minimum wage. Councillor Gower is not standing for election at the May elections and told the Meeting it had been a pleasure to serve the people of Walberswick. He said that democracy is very precious and it should never be undermined by vexatious activity in a world where democracy is under threat.

2017/10 Village Hall Committee Report.

Alvin Hunt reported that two new noticeboards have been provided and partially funded by Councillor Catchpole's Enabling Communities budget. Storage of equipment is always a problem and an application for planning consent has gone into SCDC to put up extra storage accommodation. There is a problem with damp ingress in a number of places and these are being assessed and monitored. Fundraising has been successful with a number of events. Members of the VHC and other helpers provide refreshments for our events and he is very grateful to everyone involved.

Vivien Hunt is taking over from Betsy Lemmon as Hon Secretary. Lavinia Penrhys-Evans, Robin Buncombe, Fiona Hosea and Michael Stannard all joined the Village Hall Committee in 2016. The old 1969 Constitution is now obsolete and Peter Byrne has led a team to update with a new agreement provided with help from Community Action Suffolk.

A sound system will replace the pre-war amplification equipment, which finally failed at last year's fete.

2017/11 Village Website

Kay Ungless reported that CAS could no longer fund the website and the WPC stepped in to bear the cost. The website provides a huge facility to put up and store a wide range of information, articles, events, WPC etc. There are announcements of weddings, (6 coming up this year), funerals and obituaries. Kay appealed for villagers to tell the web organisers of any other things they would like features on the website.

2017/12 RNLI Fundraising Committee.

Councillor Lee Sutton gave a report on the fundraising activities of the RNLI in 2016. £1,390.00 was raised from donations, a quiz night and a darts competition. The aim is to improve on this in 2017 with the mini fete on the early May Bank Holiday. Lee thanked everyone for the support that enables the RNLI to continue it's lifesaving work.

2017/13 Local History Group.

Report from Philip Kett. Philip reported that the History Group holds 3 lectures each year on all sorts of subjects by all sorts of people. The 120 members pay £7.50 per year to join. As last year was the 25th Anniversary year an exhibition was held in the Heritage Hut; this