

**WALBERSWICK PARISH MEETING**

Minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2018 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** *Hannah Sutton, Lee Sutton, Marie Ruth, Esme Richardson (in the Chair), Robin Buncombe, Penny Buncombe, Jane Sutherland-Rogers, James Darkins, Pat Lancaster, Nigel Walpole, Margaret Walpole, Tony Kohn, Rita Woodcraft, Philip Kett, Julia Josephs, John Simpson, David Walters, Kay Ungless, William Ungless, Dick Leon, Luke Jeans, Joanna Saunders, Suzie Godfrey, Sue Wood, Peter Austin, Jane Hamilton, David Godsmark, Adele Godsmark, Julia Rice, Jen Cardwell, John Weston, Betsy Lemon, Vanessa Tucker, Elaine Heeler, Lavinia Penrhys-Evans, Pam Webb, Harry Edwards, Ingar Edwards, Duncan Freestone, Richard Smith (Suffolk County Councillor), John Nicholls, Alex Godfrey, Josie Bassinette, Nick Ruczaj, Bill Willison, Jon Winyard, Matthew Wetmore, Andrew Price, Alvin Hunt, Shirley Humphries, Mr Fisk, Mr Grey, Craig Baker, Margaret Atkinson, Kevin Murphy, Helen Murphy, Jan Hetherington, Gavin Petrie, Andrew Lewis and Mrs Mary Mitson-Woods, Clerk as Minute Secretary.*

**2018/01 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.**

**2018/02 Apologies for absence** were received from Judy Morton, Walberswick Amateur Theatrical Society and Marian Beard, Walberswick Women's Institute.

**2018/03 Report from Councillor Richardson (Attached)**

**2018/04 Walberswick PC Responsible Finance Officer/Clerk report (Attached)**

**2018/05 James Darkins** Chairman of Walberswick Common Lands Charity, presented a detailed report. (Attached).

**2018/06 County Councillor Richard Smith** reported that he has been a County Councillor since 2010, when he represented Leiston division. Councillor Smith now represents Walberswick and surrounding parishes and has political responsibility for Finance and how the Council delivers it's services. He has 12 parish councils and tries to visit each council for alternate meetings. He has no responsibility for highways with the exception of roadworks at larger housing developments. A Locality budget in his power has been allocated to a number of villages across all areas.

**Highway Matters.** PCs complain about highway matters and Councillor Smith will try to help when normal channels are not successful. Almost £1 million has been spent on salt during the severe weather and a huge number of potholes have been reported; this presents a real challenge to Suffolk County Council. Speeding motorists are a problem and a number of villages have installed speed activated indicators to reduce speed. A pilot scheme using a number plate recognition is being trialled to see whether this is a better alternative.

Little has happened on the **Sizewell C project** following the inadequate report on the stage2 consultation. It is hoped that future public consultations will be more effective in reducing the environmental impact of the scheme. Sizewell C is the only such development to be placed in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and additionally it's proximity to Minsmere bird reserve and the beautiful Walberswick marshes causes further concern to all who are interested in protecting the environment.

**2018/07 Philip Kett reported on the village allotments and the Walberswick Local History Group (Attached)**

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**2018/08 The Chairman told the meeting that the report from the Walberswick Amateur Theatrical Society would be placed on the website.**

**2018/09 Bill Ungless and Jon Winyard reported from the Heritage Hut and Scroll Committee.**  
(Attached)

**2018/10 Betsy Lemon reported from the Horticultural Society** that despite adverse weather the Annual Horticultural Show was a success. 48 entrants provided 301 entries, in 2016 30 entrants provided 234 entries. Eight trophies were awarded and Best in Show went to that pink cake! Mini trophies for junior classes encouraged more children to enter. The Horticultural Committee thanks everyone for tremendous effort and support. The combination of hardworking Committee members, enthusiastic exhibitors and an amazing turnout of viewers made the show a huge success. The 2018 schedule will include a few new categories. The Committee would like to encourage even more participants in 2018 and hopes that parents will urge children to enter the junior classes. New ideas are always welcome.

**2018/11 Report from RNLI delivered by Jon Winyard.** Jon reported that this is the second year of the `Walberswick Fundraising branch of RNLI since it was revived. So far this year 320.50 has been raised, an increase of 78% on 2016. This was helped by a large donation following the closure of the crabbing event account, the contents of which were transferred to the RNLI. The RNLI supported the summer fete for the first time raised funds for the fete committee, this also resulted in sales of merchandise which contributed directly to the Southwold branch. The Southwold lifeboat was launched 14 times in 2017. This year the mini fete is to be revived on 28th May in the Village Hall – donations will be gratefully received. More details will be on social media and the website.

**2018/12 St Andrews Church report from John Simpson, the new Church Warden. John reported on activity at St Andrew's in the past year.**

**2018/13 Report from Traffic and Parking Review Management team from Hannah Sutton committee team member.** (Attached)

**2018/15 Village Hall Committee report from Alvin Hunt** Alvin reported that the stage extension purchased last year has been in good use and was invaluable for the pantomime. There is a new fridge in the annex kitchen. A new shed, designed by Bill Ungless, replaced the old one to provide more storage. 10 new 'go-pak' tables have been bought, removing the need to borrow tables for the fete. An almost new projector was bought for £1000, and Alvin thanked Richard Steward for his help and advice and his commitment to look after the technical aspects of the device. New crockery, clothes rail (stored in the shed) and hardwood rails to protect the annex walls from damage. John Weston had kindly provided tools and assistant for this. A film licence has been acquired to enable the very successful children's events. The Spaghetti western was abandoned due to lack of support but the August Bingo was a success and fun. A new constitution has been developed, this was overseen by Peter Byrne and is now in place. Alvin finished by thanking all of the members of the committee for all their hard work

**2018/16 Village News report from Gavin Petrie** (Attached)

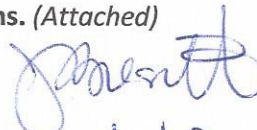
**2018/17 Village website from Kay Ungless** (Attached)

**2018/18 Women's Institute report.** In Marian Beard's absence this will be on the village website

**2018/19 Blyth Estuary Group report from James Darkins.** (Attached)

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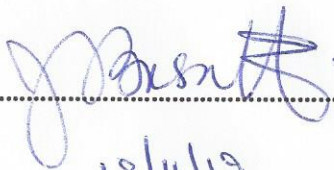
  
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**2018/20 Walberswick Car Parks Ltd. Josie Bassinette. (Attached)**

**2018/21 Parish Plan report from John Nicholls. (Attached).** John also reported on the extension to the boardwalk to give access to wheel chair users from Cliff Car Park to the beach. This will improve access for prams/pushchairs etc. It is supported by WCLC and funding may be available from Waveney District Council capital works programme.

**No other matters were raised from the floor and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.31pm**

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