

**WALBERSWICK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**  
**VILLAGE HALL, WALBERSWICK**

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Andrew Lewis (Chair of the Parish Council) and Mr. Mark Knight (Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council) and 24 electors of the Parish.

**1 Chairman's welcome.**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. It was stated that all reports had previously been submitted and are available alongside these notes and the agenda for this meeting on the Parish Council website in full.

**2 Apologies for absence.**

It was reported that the representatives from the RNLI, Women's Institute and St. Andrew's Church were not present.

**3 To consider the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The Chair and Clerk confirmed that the minutes were a true representation of the meeting and signed.

**4 Report from County Councillor**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**5 Report from District Councillor**

Cllr. Beavan reported that he was in the process of tabling an amendment to the constitution for East Suffolk Council to allow the previous method for assessing and determining planning applications, where the ward member for the area in question had the ability to 'call in' a contention application for closer examination by the committee and not to have these delegated to officer decisions. He also strongly urged the Parish Council to proceed with their Neighbourhood Plan as this was a strong tool which would preserve and enhance the local environment.

He also reported on a disappointing experience with logging onto and registering housing needs on the Home Choice website which had conflicting timescales and systemic issues when completing essential documents. The lack of affordable housing in the area would impact the village due to local people and businesses being forced to leave. A request by Cllr. Beavan to double the amount of affordable housing in the district was turned down by cabinet.

The cost of living crisis was continuing with rises in inflation, fuel, food and other household bills. Cllr. Beavan has approached Connected Communities who offer

guidance on debt which could run surgeries in the village if suitable.

Finally, it was reported that there would be a march against Sizewell C on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and all were encouraged to attend.

#### **6 Report from Walberswick Parish Council**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **7 Walberswick Village Website**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

C Cllr. Smith left the meeting at 7.35pm.

#### **8 History Group**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **9 Prescription Collection Service**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

At 7.49pm the Chair invited questions regarding the previous agenda items. None were forthcoming.

#### **10 Walberswick Common Lands Charity**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **11 Sizewell**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **12 Walberswick Car Parks Ltd**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **13 Women's Institute**

A representative was not in attendance, however, this report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **14 St. Andrew's Church**

A representative was not in attendance, however, this report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

#### **15 Amateur Theatrical Society**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**16 Village News**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**17 Village Hall**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**18 Village Fete**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**19 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

The Chair took the opportunity at 8.23pm to pause for questions from the electors present. There were none at this stage

**20 RNLI Fundraising Committee**

A representative was not in attendance, however, this report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**21 Scroll Historians**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**22 Planning Advisory Group**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**23 Horticultural Committee**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**24 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**25 Table Tennis Club**

This report is available in full on the Parish Council website.

**26 Any other matters arising from the floor**

There were no questions asked at this stage.

It was finally noted that any further questions should be forwarded to the Chair of the Council via the Parish Clerk who would be happy to reply to any questions residents may have.

The meeting then closed at 8.58pm.

Signed by the Chair.....

Dated.....10/5/23.....