

Dear

Many thanks for your long letter on this subject. It has obviously taken you a lot of time and thought. The Councillors and I come at this from a completely different angle. We take the view that it is part of the function of the WPC to facilitate such events which help develop and promote a community spirit in the village and to try and find ways around such problems as may arise. While I am grateful to you for drawing some of these to my attention, you seem to be considerably exaggerating them.

Christmas Carols

The Parish Council is not actually organising the Christmas Carols although some Councillors are involved in the organisation as public spirited members of the community who believe that events like the communal singing of Christmas Carols are good for the spiritual well being of the village. The WPC is organising the mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall afterwards. I have it on good authority from a number of villagers that this has been done by the Parish council for many years.

Santa's Christmas Grotto

The WPC are lucky enough to have as councillors two experienced educators in Ms Richardson and Mr Cameron-Goodman who are well able to organise events and entertainments like this, which many people think are of benefit to the village and which will provide some additional Christmas cheer to local children.

WPC has the power to organise and if it thinks fit to fund both events under section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 which also gives them power to use WPC property for the purpose.

Item 11 was properly put on the agenda for the last meeting and notice of it was properly given on the Village Notice boards and on the website.

Regards

Jeremy Solnick

Walberswick Parish Clerk