

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the annex of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 7th December, 2009

PRESENT

Councillors Mr A E Hunt (Chairman), Mr D C B Webb (Vice Chairman), Mr K G Webb, Mr B Tibbles, Mrs M V Dabbs, Mrs A Aldridge, and, Miss M Verneti (Clerk). County Cllr Mr R Leighton.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Mr R G Buncombe and District Cllr Mr P Austin
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** for the 2nd and 9th November were **approved** and were signed as a true record by the Chairman
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - There were no interests declared
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a. Re the **lifebelts**, Cllr Dabbs pointed out that there used to be more on the beach and the clerk was asked to contact WDC to see what the situation was.
 - b. The Rev Brian Fisher was to be asked to conduct the carol service round the tree on the 21st December.
 - c. Playquip Leisure had responded to the clerk's letter regarding the ROSPA report. It would appear that in the eyes of Playquip ROSPA were incorrect with some of their measurements and it was suggested that the Clerk pass this letter onto ROSPA for their comment.
 - d. Cllr D Webb had obtained a quote from P. Denny for fencing in the play area on the common, the Clerk was asked to obtain two others for comparison
 - e. The Clerk had sent a letter to the planning department regarding the porch on the front of Anchor Cottages, as yet no response had been received.
5. **PLANNING**
 - a. **Planning Notifications Received:**
 1. **Blythreach, The Street, C9/1040** Erection of extensions approved.
 2. **Troy, Church Field, C09/1362** New dwelling approved.
 - b. **Planning Applications Received:**
 - a. **The Old Corner House, The Street, (C09/0615)** Non material amendment to planning permission. The Council had no objections to the changes, but did ask the Clerk to write and make a note about the danger of having another blind entrance on the corner of Leveretts Lane.
 - b. **Westwood, Lodge Road (C09/1638) Amendment** to include garage. The Council had no objections other than to comment on the fact that it was a substantial building for a garage. An email had also been received from the Planning Office giving further details on the height of the proposed cobbled wall. Again the Council objected on the grounds that the wall was unnecessarily high and if granted would set an unwelcome precedent.

- c. **Tree Works:**
 - a. **The Anchor Hotel C09/00161** The Cllrs had no objection to lime trees on car park boundary being repollarded.
 - b. **Long Roof, Leveretts Lane, C09/00143/TCA** This application had been withdrawn with a new application being made for a specific, smaller number of trees to be removed and some general tidying up of lower branches of some others. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Suffolk Coastal and arrange a meeting between the Tree Officer and Roger Best to see exactly the situation.
- d. **The Planning Process:** The Clerk circulated some documentation with a list of key points of issues that had arisen regarding the planning process in recent months, it was unanimously agreed to set up an extra Parish Council meeting sometime in January or February, and invite the Head of the Planning Department, Mr Ridley to answer some of these points. It was also agreed to inform the public so they could attend should they wish to have their say.
- e. **Viewing Arrangements for Parishoners:** It was also agreed that from now on once the Clerk had received any plans or applications, after they had been logged, she would deliver them to the Chairman's, or other nominated Councillor's houses so that any parishioners could make an appointment to view them in the village.

6. ACCOUNTS

- a. **Receipts**
 - i. EDF Wayleaves payment 2008/09 - £23.23
 - ii. Allotment Rents totalling £205
- b. **Payments**
 - i. SALC – Local Council Clerks Guide - £11.75
 - ii. SALC – updated 8th edition Arnold Baker - £55
 - iii. SALC – cost of CiLCA Training for the Clerk - £402.50
 - iv. Miss M. Verneti – Extra Hours worked for CiLCA Course - £165.20
 - v. Miss M Verneti – Expenses for Sept – Nov + CiLCA Mileage - £151.73
 - vi. Miss M Verneti – Salary for Sept – Nov - £1073.93
 - vii. Wangford & Henham PC – POWB Training 01.12.09 - £30.00
 - viii. Harisons Flagpoles – Survey cost - £86.25

It was unanimously supported that the above accounts should be paid, and a letter of thanks be sent to Philip Kett for once more collecting all the allotment rents.

- c. **2010/2011 Budget and Precept**
The Budget for 2011 was discussed and it was agreed to apply for a 2% rise for the precept for the next financial year.
- d. It was agreed to pay Mrs E Bloomfield for her expenses incurred in cleaning the bus shelter for the past year, and to send her a letter of thanks.

7. Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework Consultation

The Parish Council made no response.

8. Repairs to the Flagpole

The Clerk submitted the quotation from Harrisons Flagpoles. Unfortunately, the pole had been damaged in the accident and therefore a new one was required. It was agreed that the Clerk would check with Suffolk Acre that the insurance did indeed cover replacement before proceeding.

9. The Clerk's workload was discussed in relation to the extra hours required to put together the CiLCA portfolio and all the extra recent planning issues. It was agreed that the Clerk should keep a note of the extra hours and report to the next meeting.

10. Meeting dates were agreed for 2010. These are predominately the first Monday of each month except where the Monday is a public holiday. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be agreed at the next meeting.

11. Response to the Police Chief regarding the Mobile Police Station

Cllr M Dabbs read out the letter she had drafted, clearly explaining the Parish councils views on the MPS. It was unanimously agreed that it should be sent, and Cllr Dabbs was thanked for her response.

12. Cllr D Webb had attended the meeting regarding the possibility of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell. He reported that whilst no formal decision had been made it was clear the preferred sites were ones where there was an existing reactor. There was potentially another two being earmarked for Sizewell. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Rural Services Network Survey** it was clear that this had little or no impact to the village and it was agreed not to complete it.
- b. A Letter had been received from someone regarding housing in Walberswick, and asking for the support of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond.
- c. An email was received regarding housing stock in Walberswick. As it had been received after the agenda had been published it will be carried forward to the next meeting.

14. SEA AND RIVER DEFENCES

Cllr D Webb reported that the Environment Agency had given the Blyth Estuary Group £40,000 representing additional Government funding.

Cllr Webb also brought a copy of a letter he had written to the Environment Agency regarding the Dunwich River sluice.

The Meeting was suspended to receive external reports:

15. MATTERS RAISED BY THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND THE POLICE.

Cllr Leighton reported that after the judicial review the Court of Appeal had upheld the boundary committee's two options for the Local Government Review of Suffolk. It

basically meant that the process was “back at square one” but it was likely that it would be pushed through before the next general election.

There was no report from the Police and Cllr Austin had sent his apologies.

The meeting was re-convened.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th January 2010

The Meeting was closed at 9.15 pm

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