

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the annex of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 4th October 2010.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr D C B Webb (Chairman), Mr A E Hunt (Vice Chairman), Mr C J Hosea, Mr B Tibbles, Mr K G Webb, Mrs R Woodcraft and, and Miss M Verneti (Clerk). District Cllr Mr P Austin.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A Aldridge and County Councillor Mr R Leighton
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on Monday 6th September were duly agreed. Cllr B Tibbles proposed, Cllr A E Hunt seconded and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**
Cllr D C Webb declared a personal interest in Item 5c.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a. Measuring the pot holes is still outstanding
 - b. The Clerk had sent a second letter re Street Lighting to the residents in Adams Lane informing them about the potential for timers to be put on the lights. So far she had received half a dozen positive responses.
 - c. Anglian Water had written to the Clerk stating that they would be carrying out a Camera Survey of the problem area on October 15th. The Clerk agreed to chase soon after that if no response had been received.
 - d. The Clerk had chased the developer regarding the diseased beech tree at Alexandra Cottage and had received a response stating the Tree would be removed in “the near future”. The Clerk was asked to chase this and forward it onto Martin Minta at SCDC for his assistance in ensuring that the tree is removed before the disease spreads to the others.
5. **PLANNING**
 - a. **Planning Notifications Received:**
 1. **Marshway, Leveretts Lane, (C10/1771)** – Retrospective approval for timber shed on site of dismantled garage – Granted
 2. **Hoistwood House, The Street (C10/1706)** – Erection of conservatory and kitchen extensions - Granted
 3. **Westwood, Lodge Road (C10/1739)** - Erection of indoor Swimming pool – Granted - The Council asked the Clerk to write back to the planners stressing the request to see full details of all the proposed plant.
 - b. **Planning Applications Received:**
 1. **Greyroof, Millfield Road, (C10/2341)** Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. The Council had no objections to this application.

c. **Tree Works:**

1. **Bennetts Copse (C10/0010) TCA** The Chairman declared a personal interest in this item as he was a WCLC Trustee. Prior warning of the removal of 14 Self seeded sycamore trees had been received and the Council had no objections to this going forward.
2. **Marshview, The Street** Mr Minta from SCDC had written to the Council stating that he had no problem with the removal of the two Leylandi either side of the entrance to this Property. The Council agreed that they had no objection to this proposal.

6. **ACCOUNTS**

a) **Receipts**

- a. Second half of the 2010/2011 Precept £3,871.00

b) **Payments:**

- a. Mr N J Fisk – Repairs to Bell Green £120.00
- b. Miss M Verneti Salary – July to Sept £1,129.00
- c. Miss M Verneti Expenses - July to Sept £81.44

Cllr K Webb proposed and Cllr B Tibbles seconded that the accounts were agreed for payment and the receipts acknowledged.

7. **REPORTS FROM CLLR A ALDRIDGE**

Cllr A Aldridge had attended two meeting for the Parish Council, as she was unable to attend the meeting she sent the following reports:

1. **Marine Aggregate Environmental Assessment Stakeholder Workshop. (See Appendix 1)**
2. **Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group (See Appendix 2)**

After the reports had been read the Vice Chairman, Mr A E Hunt thanked Cllr A Aldridge for attending both meetings.

8. **SPEED MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT**

Following on from the previous discussion The Chairman had done some research into the VA Signs on the internet and discovered that it was possible to get them from a Norfolk company including a solar panel for approximately £5,000. It was therefore agreed to contact Suffolk Coastal Highways Department, and SCDC Planning Department to establish any permissions, and also to discuss with the Highways Department the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit for the village.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Dr Therese Coffey MP had written to the Chairman with a copy of the letter she had received from the Post Office regarding the situation in Walberswick. It was agreed to keep a close eye on the situation and write again if no news was forthcoming.
- b. Suffolk County Council had written to the Clerk with preparations for the coming winter, asking where the village had had grit placed in the past and a list of equipment that could be purchased. The clerk agreed to fill in the form and ask

for confirmation that grit heaps would still be left outside the village hall, and at the end of Sandy Lane in Leveretts Lane, and ask for confirmation that the main road in and out of the village would continue to be gritted.

- c. The Parish Council had received a letter from the Local History Group expressing concern about the way that Suffolk Coasts and Heaths were running the visitors' centre. The Clerk had looked into the past accounts and realised that the annual Ground Rent of £2.60 per year had been overlooked for the past few years and as well as sending Suffolk Coasts and Heaths an invoice for the amount the Parish Council agreed to add their support to the History Group and try to get some changes made for the benefit of the village.
- d. SCDC had written to the Parish Council regarding some minor changes to the village envelope. These were discussed and it was agreed that most of the changes were minor, but there was concern about the land between Adams Lane and Church Lane, as it was believed that this had been earmarked for possible development in the SCDC Plan of 1987. The Clerk was asked to question this when responding.

10. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND THE POLICE

PCSO Newson had not sent a report this month and County Councillor Rae Leighton had sent his apologies.

The Chairman expressed surprise that PCSO Newson had not been in touch as there had been a report of vandalism on the Environment Agency dumper trucks up at the Hoist car park, where ball bearings and sand had been put in the gear boxes.

District Councillor Peter Austin told the Parish Council that the first joint meeting between SCDC and WDC had taken place, and it was seen as the way forward, with one centralised Management Team. He stated that he did not believe this would happen over night, but that contracts wouldn't be renewed at their end of their term.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- a. Councillor K Webb stated that if the grass seed for the village green was to be used before the winter it had to be done as soon as possible. A working party of Councillors and other helpers would be organised to carry out the work during the coming week.
- b. The Beach Clean had been arranged for Sunday 24th and advertised. Posters would be placed around the village and the Clerk was asked to chase up Gloves and Bags.
- c. Work on the Slipway was continuing whenever tides would allow on a Sunday morning. It was agreed to put a note in the village news to get people involved with helping with the work.
- d. On Wednesday afternoons Cllr D Webb had a group of people clearing areas of the common and again asked for extra volunteers.
- e. Mr J Reeder, the Postman was retiring at the end of October and Cllr K Webb proposed that a donation from the Community Benefit Fund be made to him, with thanks from the villagers for his good service over the years. This was unanimously agreed.

- f. Cllr K Webb also brought up the fact that he had been reminded that more could be achieved by “the pull of a good team” and he stated that he hoped the village could remember that and go back to how it used to be, with everyone working together for the good of the village.
- g. Cllr D Webb made a short statement about the Meeting held in Southwold regarding the proposals to protect the A12 from Flooding at Blythburgh (*See Appendix3*)

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- a. Mr T Kohn proposed a vote of thanks, which produced a spontaneous round of applause for the parish councillors for everything they did for the village.
- b. Mrs Byrne mentioned about the litter bins at the village hall not being emptied often enough. Mr Harris also mentioned the one at the Ferry Road Car Park, the Clerk agreed to chase this.
- c. Mr J MacCarthy asked when the Clerk was going to obtain the qualification for Quality Status, stating that it was a condition of her employment. The Chairman responded that this was not the case and it was not a matter for public discussion.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 1st November at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting was closed at 8.50 pm

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