

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the annex of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th July 2010.

PRESENT

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

The Chairman started the meeting by explaining that two people had complained to the monitoring officer that the Parish Council had given insufficient notification for the rescheduled meeting, and unfortunately it was clear that the notices should have been posted on Saturday 10th rather than the morning of Sunday 11th. The Council had therefore decided to carry on and have the meeting, but agreed that no decisions could be made.

1. Apologies had been received from Mrs A Aldridge (Vice Chairman), and County Councillor Mr R Leighton.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** could not be agreed and were held over to the next meeting.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**
Even though it was clear that no discussions or decisions would be made on the Planning Applications on the Agenda Cllr K Webb declared a prejudicial interest in items 5.b.1 and 2, and due to the blood relationship between them so did Cllr D C B Webb.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes that did not require a decision from the Council, therefore they were held over to the next meeting.

There was a discussion about whether or not the Questions posed in the Parish Plan would suffice as an Updated Housing Needs Survey, but the decision was held over until the following meeting.

5. **PLANNING**

a. **Planning Notifications Received:**

1. **Millcroft, Millfield Road (C10/0966)** – Approved
2. **Kermont, The Street (C10/1190)** – Approved
3. **Tygwyn, The Lea (C10/1251)** – Approved
4. **9 Church Lane (C10/1161)** – Refused

b. **Planning Applications Received:**

There were 5 planning applications for consideration by the Council but as no decisions could be made it was agreed to hold them all over until the next meeting.

c. **Tree Works:**

There were several notifications of Tree works for consideration by the Council but as no decisions could be made it was agreed to hold them all over until the next meeting. There was concern that the timing may be outside the statutory 6 weeks, and that the opportunity to object would be missed

6. **ACCOUNTS**

Receipts and Payments: As no decisions could be made it was agreed to hold them all over until the next meeting.

7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR**

Following the sad death of Anne Kiff Wood the Chairman stated that he had placed a notice in the Village News asking for someone to step forward and take on this role.

8. **STREET LIGHTS IN ADAMS LANE – UPDATE**

This item was held over to the next meeting.

9. **TRAIL BIKES/MOTOR BIKES USING FOOTPATHS**

The chairman stated that he had come across someone using the footpaths with a trail bike and had challenged them. He had reported it to the police who agreed to monitor the situation.

10. **PARKING SIGNS MEETING**

The Chairman and Cllr A Hunt had met with Mr Lee Smith from Suffolk County Council Highways Department with regards to the new signage in the village. They had gone round the village area by area and managed to keep the new signs to an absolute minimum. It was felt that under the circumstances the best had been made of a difficult situation and Cllr Webb and Cllr Hunt were thanked for their time.

11. **COPIES OF PAST MINUTES**

Cllr Hunt bought a letter from the previous Clerk suggesting that the old minutes dating back to the late 1800's be given to the History Society. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

12. **VANDALISM ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

The Chairman stated that another Cllr, K Webb had come outside his house to find a gentleman digging up the green with a metal detector and spade. Cllr K Webb challenged the man, who eventually, left. The matter has been reported to the police.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Two requests for memorial seats had been received by the Clerk, these were held over to the following meeting.
- b. A letter regarding access to the Scroll had been received from Mr R. Scott. The decision was held over to the next meeting.
- c. Letters were received from SCDC regarding Outdoor Space Contributions, Current Allotment provisions, and Interim Planning policy. These were all held over to the next meeting.

- d. The Clerk had received a letter stating that Natural England were pulling out of supporting the re-introduction of Sea Eagles to the East Coast. The full text of the letter was added to the Councillor's Circular lists.
- e. The Marine Aggregate Regional Environmental Assessment had sent a letter and an email requesting setting up a meeting – the decision on this was held over until the next meeting.
- f. A Request had been received to run Donkey Rides down by the river - the decision on this was held over until the next meeting.
- g. A letter had been received from a Holiday Letting Agency informing the Parish Council of an anonymous letter that had been delivered to one of their properties asking any potential letters keep their children quiet. The letter was not condoned by the Council and stated for the record that should people wish to complain they should put their names to letters and not send them anonymously.
- h. The request for a wedding Blessing on the beach was held over until the next meeting.

14. SEA AND RIVER DEFENCES

The Chairman had nothing new to report this month.

The Meeting was suspended to receive external reports:

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

District Cllr Peter Austin stated that he nothing much to report other than the fact that Mr Jeremy Schofield the Corporate director at Suffolk Coastal had retired and due to current cut backs it was not sure if this position would be refilled.

The meeting was re-convened.

16. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- a. Cllr K Webb bought up the fact that grass seed had been purchased, but due to the dry weather it was now impossible to do anything until the end of the School holidays, when large areas could be fenced off and attempts made to repair it.

17. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr McCarthy asked about the minutes from the 14th May Planning Meeting and the Clerk stated that she would try and get them done for the next meeting.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council agreed to reschedule the July meeting for Wednesday 21st July at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm

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