

# WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the annex of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st 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, and Miss M Verneti (Clerk). District Cllr Mr P Austin.

1. Apologies had been received from Mrs A Aldridge (Vice Chairman), and Mr C J Hosea
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**  
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**
  - a. The Clerk stated that there had still been no satisfactory response from the Police regarding the Mobile Police Station. It was agreed not to chase the matter further.
  - b. Measuring the pot holes is still outstanding
  - c. The Letter from a resident in Ferry Road has been dealt with
  - d. The Horses head is still missing on the Common – the Clerk agreed to chase this.
  - e. The matter of carrying out a Housing Needs survey was discussed again. Cllr A Hunt who represents the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Steering Committee suggested that the questions included in the Parish Plan might be sufficient for the Council's needs, as long as it was explained to residents that they should complete the survey and add any other information they felt was relevant.
5. **PLANNING**
  - a. **Planning Notifications Received:**  
These had all been read out at the last meeting. There were no new notifications.
  - b. **Planning Applications Received:**
    1. **Land to side & Rear of Rosemary Cottage etc (C10/0188)**  
The Clerk began by reading out Cllr Hosea's views, as he could not attend the meeting, which were in favour of the proposed development. Also Cllr Aldridge, who also could not attend the meeting had asked the clerk to pass on her views which were to object to the application as it currently stood. Cllr A Hunt stated that although he had originally been in favour of a small number of bungalows on the site, he objected to the number of houses on this current application for the same reasons stated in our previous objection. Cllr R Woodcraft stated that she felt 8 dwellings was too many but would like to see more affordable housing in the village. Cllr K Webb felt that there would be some sort of development on the site. Cllr B Tibbles stated that he agreed with Cllr Hosea and would support the application and was concerned that the Council would miss an opportunity. The Chairman stated that he was unsure that the mix was right, and that 1 bedroom

bungalows were the way to go, but he did support some sort of development o the site.

Having declared a prejudicial interest, Cllr K Webb left the meeting, and The Chairman, Cllr D Webb handed the chair to Cllr A Hunt and also left the meeting.

Cllr A Hunt then made a formal proposal that the Parish Council object to the application as it stood for the same reasons as we had objected previously. A vote was then taken and the motion was carried by two votes to one. The Clerk was asked to resend our objections as before.

Cllr K Webb and Cllr D Webb rejoined the meeting.

**NB:** After further conversations with SALC *after* the meeting it became clear that the Clerk had misunderstood the advice given to her previously by the monitoring officer regarding Prejudicial Interests. In future it is only when the interest is Personal that the Councillor may remain in the room for the discussion, and that if the interest declared is Prejudicial the Councillor must leave the room. However it agreed amongst the Parish Council that in the case of the Rosemary Cottage Application the result of the vote would have been the same had Cllr D Webb and Cllr K Webb not taken part in the discussion and their views did not affect how Cllrs Hunt, Tibbles and Woodcraft voted.

2. **The Anchor Hotel, The Street, Walberswick (C10/1468)** - Remodelling of existing chalet block.

After a discussion it was agreed that this would generally improve the facilities at the Anchor.

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Cllr A Hunt asked for a vote and it was carried unanimously.

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**See Note Above**

3. **The Old Corner House, The Street, Walberswick (C09/0615)** – Revised scheme.

This application consisted of Listed building consent for an extension that had already been passed with the addition of a single storey shed. It was commented on that it was a huge extension and there was still concern about the provision of only two parking spaces for a house containing that many bedrooms.

4. **Westwick, Lodge Road, Walberswick C10/1619)** – Erection of Porch  
The Council had no objections to this application.

5. **Hoistwood House, The Street, (C10/1706)** – Erection of Conservatory and kitchen extensions.

An objection had been received by the Parish Council to this application, referring to SPG16. The Chairman stated he had read this policy and couldn't see that it applied. The Council had no objections to this application.

6. **Marshway, Leveretts Lane, (C10/1771)** – Retrospective planning for detached timber shed on site of dismantled garage.

The Council had no objections to this application other than the continued objection to retrospective applications always being passed.

7. **Westwood, Lodge Road, Walberswick (C10/1739)** – Construction of an indoor swimming pool

The Clerk began by reading Cllr Hosea's comments stating that he felt the Parish Council should object strongly to swimming pools, if for nothing else for the negative environmental impact they have. It was not clear from the drawings where the plant would be, whether or not there would be ventilation ducts. Both the neighbours had expressed concern about the construction phase and were also concerned about noise, and lack of information on the plant and ventilation.

The Clerk was asked to contact SCDC and ask for further information. It was stated that even though the Environmental grounds were not planning grounds they were relevant in this case, and in general terms the Parish Council were not in favour of swimming pools.

c. **Tree Works:**

- a) **Te Awahou, Millfield Road:** Removal of branch over pond and front wall – No objections
- b) **3 Millstones, Millfield Road:** 50% reduction in height for an Oak and Eucalyptus and shaping of a cherry Tree – No objections
- c) **Land to rear of Bunbury Cottage, The Street** Remove 3 sycamore trees adjacent to the Chapel – The Clerk was asked to check who was the applicant, and if it was, as suspected the Common Lands Trust, they be contacted to see why the trees were to be cut down.
- d) **Land adjacent to Tows Cabin, Ferry Road** Fell two Willow Trees – The Parish Council were most concerned about this application and asked the Clerk to write to the Common Lands Trust to find out why there had been an application to cut down the trees.

6. **ACCOUNTS**

- a) **Receipts** – There were no receipts

b) **Payments:**

- a. Essex & Suffolk Water – bill for sports field £16.70
- b. Southwold Press – flyer for Newsletter - £28.00
- c. Viking Stationery – Stationery Requisites - £97.50
- d. Cllr A E Hunt – Expenses for Planning Meeting - £12.80
- e. Cllr D Webb – Expenses for SALC meeting - £12.80
- f. Cllr D Webb – Chairman's Allowance - £50.00
- g. Miss M Vernetti – Expenses April to June - £101.08
- h. Miss M Vernetti – Salary April to June - £1073.93
- i. Mr N Fisk – repair works - £103.00

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

The Clerk reported that all residents in Adams Lane and Nightingale Close had been written to and the overwhelming response had been in favour of keeping the street lights.

However, some of the residents had heard about a scheme to fit timers to street lighting and the Clerk had contacted Suffolk County Council about this.

She had been informed that SCC were in fact in the planning phase of this proposal and if we were in favour of it, it would be useful to them to have our request in writing. The proposal was that small timing devices could be fitted to each individual light giving 365 day control. The lights would still come on as soon as it started to get dark but could be turned off at different times. There would be no cost to the Parish Council as SCC owned the lights.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write again to the residents to see how they felt about this proposal.

**8. COPIES OF PAST MINUTES**

Cllr Hunt had 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 discussed and agreed that the Minutes should probably stay with the Clerk, but that the History Society were welcome to borrow any old minutes for research purposes.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Two requests for memorial seats had been received by the Clerk, One was for Bell Green and the Clerk was asked to write back and refuse, as there was already a seat there. The second was for the footpath at the back of the allotments and behind the houses in Millfield Road, and the Clerk was asked to write back and point out that none of this land belonged to the Parish Council so they would have to contact Sir Charles Blois.
- b. A letter regarding access to the Scroll had been received from Mr R. Scott. It was unanimously agreed to give Mr Scott the access he required.
- c. The letters from SCDC regarding Outdoor Space Contributions, Current Allotment provisions, and Interim Planning policy, were all discussed. It was agreed to send the letter regarding indoor Sport facilities to the Village Hall Management Committee, respond to the letter about Allotment provision using Philip Kett's year end information, and to possibly apply for a grant to repair the Swings on the Green from the Outdoor Play and Space Fund.
- 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. It was agreed to write to the RSPB expressing our concerns should they wish to carry on with the proposal.
- e. The Marine Aggregate Regional Environmental Assessment had sent a letter and an email requesting setting up a meeting – It was agreed that if necessary Walberswick would host a workshop and the Clerk was asked to reply.
- f. A Request had been received to run Donkey Rides down by the river - the Parish Council agreed unanimously that it wasn't required in Walberswick.
- 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 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.** A request for a wedding Blessing on the beach had been received. The clerk was asked to write back advising who to contact, as the land to which the letter referred was not Parish Council Land.

**10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

- a.** Cllr Hosea had made a complaint about Latitude, but apart from stating that it did appear to be louder this year, none of the other Councillors had any complaints.
- b.** Cllr K Webb asked the clerk to look into the By-Laws that prevent parking on the Village Green as it would be useful to have small versions to laminate and put under people's windscreens when they did.
- c.** WCLC had agreed to fence in the Play Equipment up on the Common so the Clerk was asked to find a second quote.
- d.** There had been a complaint about the hedge being overgrown at Ardmay. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident.

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- a.** Mr Walpole asked for a copy of the email Cllr Hosea had sent to the Clerk. His request was refused as this was purely an internal document and not in the public domain.
- b.** Mr McCarthy asked how the Council felt about the case officer at SCDC being replaced on the Rosemary Cottage Application. The Chairman stated that in his opinion SCDC had tried to do the "right thing" by giving the application to someone who had not been involved in all the previous applications so that they could judge it with fresh eyes and on merit.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that as this meeting had been rescheduled twice the August meeting should be moved to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, thus leaving only 4 weeks until the September meeting.

It was therefore scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting was closed at 8.45 pm

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