

# WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall annex at 7.30pm on 16 August 2012.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mr R Leighton, Mr B Morton, Mr A Pearson, Mr B Tibbles, Mr D Webb (Chairman), District Councillor M Gower and Mrs J Gomm (Clerk).

Before the meeting opened, Cllr Tibbles requested a minute's silence to remember Cllr K Webb (Wally), who had recently passed away. Cllr Tibbles said that Wally had been a Councillor for more than 33 years and had been a really good servant for the village.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Woodcraft.

The meeting was **adjourned** to permit County Councillor R Leighton to sign his declaration of acceptance of office as a Parish Councillor and he was welcomed as a Parish Councillor by the Chairman.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2012 were amended on the request of Cllr Morton and **approved** as amended and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Tibbles.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2012 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Tibbles and seconded by Cllr Pearson.

## 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

**Pecuniary interests:** Cllr Morton, item 4 on the agenda (four planning applications relating to 1 Valley Farm, Ferry Road). Cllrs Tibbles and Webb, item 5 on the agenda (request to keep pigs on an allotment).

**Local non pecuniary interests:** none.

## 4. PLANNING

Cllr Morton left the room before discussion of this item.

### a) Planning and listed building applications:

**1 Valley Farm, Ferry Road, C12/0855:** retention of extension to outbuilding used as a games room

**1 Valley Farm, Ferry Road, C12/0857:** retention of games room extension to outbuilding

**1 Valley Farm, Ferry Road, C12/0856:** retention of balcony to east elevation

**1 Valley Farm, Ferry Road, C12/0875:** retention of balcony to east elevation

It was **agreed** to make the following comments to Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC):

- The property is used for holiday letting. On the website advertising the property it appears that the number of available beds is greater than the size and number of bedrooms could accommodate (some of the Councillors are aware of the internal layout of the property). This leads Councillors to fear that the outbuilding referred to as a games room could also be used as additional sleeping accommodation which would be on the ground floor.
- The property is within the flood risk area.
- It is observed that full flood risk assessments have not been carried out, especially taking into account the possibility of sleeping accommodation on the ground floor.
- The Parish Council therefore requests SCDC to obtain full flood risk assessments in respect of all four applications and refer these to the Parish

Council. The Parish Council would then be able to make more fully informed comments on the applications.

Cllr Morton returned to the room.

**b) Planning notifications:**

**Land to the side and rear of Rosemary Cottage and former Waveney Lodge (Kingfisher/Moonfleet), The Street, C11/0375:** planning permission had been granted for the erection of 5 dwellings with associated garages, including 1 affordable house and the construction of a new vehicular access road.

**Cloudcroft, Stocks Lane, C12/1155:** planning permission had been granted for alterations to include cladding with timber boarding (removal of conservatory and block up door).

**Northdale, The Street, C12/1165:** planning permission had been granted for a loft conversion and single storey rear extension, replacement of timber windows and doors in colours to match existing in timber or aluminium.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO KEEP PIGS ON THE ALLOTMENT**

Cllrs Tibbles and Webb left the room before discussion of this item.

The Council had received a request from an allotment holder to keep three weaners in an under used part of the allotments where pigs had been kept some time ago. The applicant was undertaking the necessary training and obtaining a licence and pig movement documentation. Because the tenancy agreement only permitted the keeping of hens and rabbits it was **agreed** to consult the existing allotment holders individually by letter and the general public by notice on village notice boards and the website before making a decision at the next meeting. The Clerk pointed out that as the existing tenancy agreement and rents paid dated back to 1993 it might be sensible to review these at the same time.

Cllrs Tibbles and Webb returned to the room.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS BY COUNCILLOR MORTON FOR THE COUNCIL TO APOLOGISE TO INDIVIDUALS HE BELIEVES ARE AGGRIEVED BY ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Webb said that he was working on a statement, but wished to seek advice. He therefore moved that the item be adjourned to the next meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Leighton and so **agreed**.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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