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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 9th June 2014 in the Village Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllrs Richardson (Chair), Haselgrave, Sutton, Gower, & Hosea. The Parish Clerk – John Lavery, plus about 25 members of the Public.

7:15pm, Open Forum

Item 1 - To receive the District Councillor Report

SCDC had been busy with planning matters including a large wind turbine next to the A12 at Thorington which was turned down. A proposed Solar farm at Hatcheson was also rejected but on this occasion by the Secretary of State.

Item 2 - To receive the County Councillor Report

Further proposals regarding Sizewell 'C' have come through from EDF. These concern land use, accommodation etc. No further proposals have come forward about access to the site. Concerns remain in villages along the B1122 which is currently the main road access to the Power Station.

Item 3 - To receive the Police Report

Crimes of interest to Walberswick parish council as follows:

There has been a single crime for the parish May 2014 which was a theft from a garden within the village.

Jamie Newson
PCSO 3044

A member of the public asked if his recent letter was to be dealt with during the meeting. The Chair informed him that the letter could not be referred to as it contained references to individuals.

Another member of the public also asked if his recent letter would be included in the meeting. The Chair informed him that it would be read under 'correspondence'.

A member of the public informed the Council that there was a consultation opportunity relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy that the Council might wish to look at.

A member of the public informed the meeting that the playing field needed cutting. Apparently David Webb did this job voluntarily prior to his death. The Clerk will liaise with Waveney Norse to ensure that they undertake this work alongside their other duties.

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Parish Council Meeting

1. Chair's Welcome

2. To receive Members' declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

There weren't any.

3. To note, discuss and agree or otherwise apologies for absence

All present

4. Declaration of Interests/Dispensation Applications Received

None received

5. Agree Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014

Agreed by all and signed by the Chair. As had been pointed out by a member of the public in the public forum the title of the meeting did not refer to the fact that this was the Annual Meeting of the Council. The Clerk apologized for this error. The Chair proposed amending the minutes to reflect the correct title of the meeting. Cllr Gower seconded the amendment and the councillors agreed it.

6. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk has been told that the dangerous planks at the Quay Heading have now been repaired.

Speedwatch and Temporary Vehicle Activated sign and The Clerk has been in contact with Blythburgh Parish Council regarding these issues. There seems plenty of good will regarding traffic problems between the Parish Councils. The subject of joint working with Blythburgh around Speedwatch is on this evening's agenda

Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign

Demands on the County Council's Temporary Vehicle Activated Signs means that they are difficult to obtain and there is effectively a waiting list. At a recent meeting with Blythburgh Parish Council the suggestion was made that we might consider sharing the use and cost of one of these signs with them. This is also on tonight's agenda

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20 mph limit

Cllr Gower has written to David Chenery of Suffolk County Council regarding instigating an assessment of whether Walberswick is eligible for a 20mph area. It has been made clear that there is more local support for the 20 mph area than in the past.

Clement Freud Memorial seat

This 'L' shaped bench has now been installed on the green

Stocks Green Memorial seat

This has been sitting in Brian & Christine Fisher's garden as BT failed to replace it after the Broadband Box was installed. BT are now dealing with this and the bench will be back on Stocks Green very soon.

Photo-Shoots

We have had a couple of requests for photo shoots in Walberswick recently. There will be one tomorrow for Chester Barrie tailoring around the Harbour near the Ferry.

7. To receive the Finance report

Bank Statement Balances at 11th April 2014 (Latest available)

Treasurers Account = £5,032.31
Bus Instant Access Account xx51 = £6,841.04

Total = £11,873.35

Available finance at 11th April 2014 = £11,873.35

Cheques approved at 13th May meeting but not cleared yet

Total £536.87

Cheques (to be) Paid in £7.28

Current Available Finance = £11,343.76

- Approve sections 1 & 2 of the 2014 Annual Return

Most of the Councillors had met to review the accounts and annual return prior to this meeting. Those present at that meeting - Cllrs Richardson, Gower and Sutton - approved the Annual Return, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk. Cllrs Hosea and Haslegrave were not present at the review meeting and therefore abstained

- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council
 - Approve Clerks Pay for May
After review of the timesheets this was approved by all.
 - Issue Cheque for Clerk's Pay for April - Issued

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- Appoint Internal Auditor – Heelis & Lodge.
Heelis & Lodge were appointed on condition that their fee did not exceed £100

8. Discuss planning applications.

- Receive Planning decisions.

Application No.	Location (within Walberswick)	Decision
DC/14/0391/FUL	Tyra, 24 Manor Close	APPROVED: 4 new windows to North elevation & ground floor extension to rear.

- Planning applications received at time of publishing this agenda

Application No.	Location (within Walberswick)	Proposal
D/14/1390/FUL	8 The Terrace, The Street	Remove existing Summerhouse and replace. No Objections

9. Advice from SALC re Agendas

The advice received in an e-mail was read out by the Chair

10. Progress re Bank Mandate

All the signatures have been applied to the form which has been sent to 'Head Office'.
The Clerk will chase this with the bank this week.

11. To Consider quotations for Goal Posts at the Playsite

Quotations were considered and a decision was made to purchase the
9 x 9 Club Socketed Goal package from Live for Soccer.co.uk
@ £490 inc VAT plus Delivery of £49-95.

12. Progress re Heritage Hut refurbishment

Cllr Hosea believed that less work was needed to restore the Heritage Hut than had been originally envisaged. He proposed that we advertise for Volunteers in the village news to make up a working party to take on the work. All agreed.
Saturday 19th July was set as the first date for the working party to meet. The Clerk was tasked with ensuring that this was advertised in the Village News and on notice boards etc.

13. Speedwatch group - Update

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We have received an offer from Blythburgh Speedwatch group for Walberwick volunteers to join with them to form a joint Speedwatch group to cover both villages. Cllr Gower proposed that initially we advertise for Walberswick Volunteers to join this venture in the Village News. All agreed. The Clerk was tasked with ensuring that this was advertised as required.

14. Discuss Clerk's Insurance

The Clerk (after being advised during SALC training) pointed out to the meeting that the Council is responsible for providing appropriate home-working Insurance

The Clerk was tasked with exploring the options and finding the most appropriate package.

15. Correspondence

A letter from Maureen Thompson was read out regarding her concerns about the state of the Heritage Hut and its current lack of use.

A letter from Luke Jeans asking for permission for BT to undertake some work to lay a telephone cable to Tows Cabin. Cllrs all agreed to this request providing that BT formally request permission to dig the trench to allow the cable to be laid. BT must also ensure that all physical disruption is made good once the work was completed.

An e-mail had been received from Danny Boswell of Premier Sports regarding working in partnership with the village to deliver summer holiday multi-sport activity days for the local children in the area aged between 5 – 12 yrs. This has been previously been booked via Marie in the Tuck shop. However Danny had not been able to contact Marie – hence the e-mail. Cllr Haslegrave works with Marie sometimes and offered to communicate O.B.O. Danny.

An e-mail from John Nicholls was read out explaining some of the proposed mechanisms for joint working between the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group.

As requested a 5 page letter from Mr A Walpole was read out by Cllr Hosea. Followed by a short response by the Chair.

16. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow.

Cllr Hosea felt that 2 more 'Beware Children' signs were needed before Adams and Church lanes to warn traffic coming in to the village. The clerk was asked to contact Bob Clench at Suffolk CC to find out price and delivery.

Cllrs had received various complaints that the grass around some footpaths in the village weren't being cut by the Contractor. The Clerk was asked to obtain the details and liaise with Norse.

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Given the volume of correspondence being received it was agreed to delegate responsibility for drafting replies to the Clerk. The Clerk would produce a draft and ask for comments/ contributions from Councillors to help with the drafting. The final draft letter will be shown to all Councillors and agreed by the Chairman before being issued.

17. To Consider co-option of New Councillors

A letter from Ray Cameron Goodman had been received offering his services as a Councillor. This was favourably received and Mr Goodman's co-option will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

18. Date of the next meeting

This was set for Monday 7th July at 7-15pm.

The meeting closed at 8-36 p.m.