

## WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting of Walberswick Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.15 in the annex of the Village Hall.

**139/18 The Chairman welcomed Councillors and villagers and announced the following at the start of the meeting:** *Please note that the item to consider the Issues Arising Report from BDO is withdrawn from the Agenda. BDO has informed the Clerk that the electronic copy which was sent still has errors. The Council has not yet received a corrected electronic or hard copy. Additionally, there was insufficient statutory notice to enable the item.*

*Therefore the Clerk has asked BDO to send the final, amended copy in time to be posted on or before the 30th January to allow statutory notice to be given to discuss the report at the meeting of 12th February. There will, therefore, be no questions taken on this agenda item during the public forum.*

**140/18 Councillors considered, approved and accepted apologies for absence** from Councillor Lewis.

**141/18 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation:** There were none.

**142/18 Open Forum:** The Chairman opened the Meeting for 15 minutes for members of the public to be invited to give their views on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration in accordance with S.O. 3f— 3k. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

**143/18 Report from County Councillor Richard Smith**

Councillor Smith provided a report on key issues facing the County Council including the need to increase the SCC Council tax in the coming year primarily as a result of increased demands for and costs of social care including for the elderly and for vulnerable children and young people. He also provided an update on the status of Sizewell C consultations and the likelihood of delays prior to the start of third round consultations. He said that he would visit all of his parish councils as often as possible, but if there was something that required his presence, the Clerk should inform him and he would prioritise attendance. A number of questions were posed to Councillor Smith with regard to the condition of the roads. He asked that these concerns be shared directly with the Highway Authority and with the Police, as relevant, but that if Parishioners were still unsatisfied that they should contact him so that he could follow up.

**144/18 The Minute of the Meeting of 11th December 2017** was considered for accuracy and resolved that the Chairman should sign them as a true and accurate record.

**145/18 Finance Matters**

- a) Councillors considered payments on the Authorisation to Pay Sheet. The Clerk highlighted each item. The Clerk clarified that the software had made a typo showing the invoice number of the BDO audit with a £ sign. **It was resolved that the items on the Authorisation to Pay sheet should be paid.**

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