

# Walberswick Common Lands Charity

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Mr Mark Knight  
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Dear Mr Knight

**WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY (“the Charity”)  
APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIVE TRUSTEE BY WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL (“the Council”)**

Mrs Hannah Sutton was first appointed as a Nominative Trustee by the Council in December 2014. I am writing to you because her current term expires on 31 December 2019 and the Parish Council is therefore required to make an appointment for the following four-year term.

Under the terms of the Charity’s Scheme the Council is entitled to appoint four Nominative Trustees to the Charity, each for a four-year term. The total number of Trustees being seven. The Scheme was last revised in 2009 in consultation with the Council. At that time the following wording was included:

*“The Parish Council shall endeavour to find Nominative Trustees that fit into the skills matrix adopted by the Trustees from time to time following consultation with the Parish Council”.*

The Trustees considered this appointment at their meeting of 30 October and they unanimously propose that Mrs Sutton be re-appointed by the Parish Council. Hannah has proven herself to be an able and hard-working Trustee. She has taken specific responsibility for the communal beach hut, the children’s summer activities, is a member of the Safe Space team and has taken a pastoral interest in the community. When Hannah became a Trustee, she had little experience in dealing with the type of policy and legal issues the Charity has grappled with over recent years. She has applied herself to these with great diligence and is now an effective and challenging contributor to debate. Hannah has also proven to be an excellent and sometimes impassioned advocate for the work of the Trustees.

As far as diversity is concerned, we believe that there has never been a more diverse group of Trustees in terms of age, gender, education, economic circumstances, professional skills and life experience. As far as gender balance is concerned Hannah's re-appointment would maintain our current ratio of four female to three male Trustees. In addition, she has recently started work at Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary Academy which will add a useful perspective to the educational support that the Charity provides.

We would be happy to answer any questions that Councillors may have either on this specific appointment or the work of the Charity in general.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Darkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**James Darkins**  
**Chairman**