

Walberswick Parish Plan: Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

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The Parish Plan has two parts: the Village Survey carried out in 2011 and the Action Plan, published in October 2012.

The Action Plan envisages autonomous groups developing and implementing proposals in liaison with the Parish Council. Tonight's meeting provides the opportunity to inform the village of progress in some of these areas. The Agenda includes reports from the Blyth Estuary Partnership on sea and river defences and from Safe Space Walberswick on traffic and parking in the village. Here, I am reporting on the work of the Planning Advisory Group.

The establishment of the Advisory Group was a recommendation of the Action Plan, to enhance the effectiveness of the Council's response to planning applications.

The Group reviews all planning applications referred for consultation by East Suffolk Council (formerly Suffolk Coastal District Council) and reports to the Parish Council. The Council uses the reports at its discretion in responding to the planning authority on behalf of the village.

During the past twelve months the group has reviewed nineteen applications, making a total of sixty-nine reports submitted to the Parish Council since the scheme's inception in 2014. The reports are posted on the Planning pages of the Walberswick website five days before the relevant Council meeting. All planning applications relating to Walberswick are listed and linked as they are published.

The Planning Advisory Group comprises residents with professional experience of architecture and planning. Its members are Paul Bradley, Alan Gomm, Alvin Hunt, Brian Martin, John Nichols and Bill Ungless. With the agreement of the chair of the Parish Council, architect Katherine Gomm joined the group in 2018. Kay Ungless acts as the group's administrator and John Nichols is the chairman.

John Nichols

