

8. PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

Councillor Buncombe had outlined his concerns to some of the changes the Trust was proposing. The Councillors agreed that there were some points that needed revisiting and could be discussed informally by The Chairman and Vice chairman with the Trustees. However, Councillor Buncombe, Dabbs and Hunt strongly opposed the alteration of Clause 4 which reduced the number of Nominative Trustees from the Council from 4 to 3. Their reasons for this opposition were:

1. That the perception of the Trust should be one of public trust, transparency and confidence within Walberswick Parish. This proposed clause, which reduces the number of Parish Council Nominated Trustees, could have an adverse effect on this perception.
2. It could also result in a majority of perpetually self-elected Trustees; this would benefit nobody.

The Chairman, Councillor Dabbs stated that the WCLCT cite justification for this change as the need to meet the skills matrix. The Parish Council has previously agreed the wisdom of the skills matrix and as a consequence had consulted with the Trust over recent years when a vacancy had arisen. The position for a new Nominative Trustee had never been advertised without this happening. She considered that as the democratically elected body for Walberswick Parish, the Parish Council would strongly urge the Trustees to reconsider any changes to this aspect of the clause of their revised Scheme.

A vote on this was taken amongst Councillors. The result was five for, one against and one abstention. The motion was therefore carried. A letter to the Trust would be written expressing the above.

9. PARISH PLAN – TO DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE BENEFITS OF A PARISH PLAN FOR WALBERSWICK, PREPARED BY VOLUNTEER RESIDENTS IN THE VILLAGE

A report had been received from Mr Bill Ungless (see appendix 'a') who had carried out the work with three other volunteers, Mr Peter Byrne, Mrs Chrissie Reeves and Councillor D Webb.

It was generally agreed by the Council that a Parish Plan could be an asset to the village. It was decided by the Council to write and thank the group for the work carried out and ask them if they would be prepared to call another public meeting to put their findings to the residents of Walberswick.

10. ICY ROADS/LANES

Concerns had been raised about the icy conditions of Leveretts Lane during the recent cold spell. The Clerk had contacted the Highways Department to ask if the gritter lorry could possibly leave the village via Leveretts Lane. She had been informed that this was not possible because the lane was too narrow. The Highways Department had suggested that a salt bin could be purchased from SCC and if somebody would take responsibility for spreading the salt they would supply it.

The Council **unanimously agreed** that this was not a viable proposition. The Clerk would report back to the residents who had raised the issue.

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CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS

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