

area would need cutting. Natural England would fund and excavate additional ponds on the old reed beds this year.

#### **5.FINANCE, INVESTMENT & BUDGETING.**

a) 2009 budget & notes were agreed (copy filed with minutes). In 2007 the breakdown of the shingle ridge between Walberswick & Dunwich resulted in serious flooding. . The Environment Agency and Natural England have refused to allow the shingle ridge to be reinstated and plans for alternative flood defences have proved to be prohibitively expensive. Therefore the Trustees decided not to carry out plans for capital works but to set aside funds for sea defences (behind the Shingle ridge). Mr. Darkins suggested and it was agreed, the Trustees should consider resurrecting the plans for the work to East Point Bay, repairs to the piling between the Ferry and the Slipway and the access path to the mooring stages. Mr D Webb agreed to draw up plans for East Point Bay so the Clerk could obtain quotes.

b) It was agreed to maintain a contingency sum of £50,000.00, to set aside £2000.00 towards the First Responders initiative and to allow £10,000.00 for other projects including fencing of the sand dunes, information notice boards and the Parish Plan. It was agreed not to seek additional requests for grants.

#### **6 DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME.**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

- A/c No.1 Village Hall hire £24.00  
Anchor Inn £300.00 Children's Christmas party  
E.C.Insurance £1059.36 (due March 25<sup>th</sup>)  
£270.00 pond clearance (reclaim from E.Stewardship)
- A/c No.2 Waylands Mini Bus Services £920.00 Nov, Dec & Jan trips  
Village Hall £1000.00 annex kitchen (as agreed June 2008)  
Sea Defence A/C Southwold Press £238.00 leaflets  
Village Hall hire £55.00

#### **7.ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- a) The construction of a new sluice adjacent to the current one and work to river banks could be started in September.
- b) Work would be carried out to increase height of river wall footpath to Bailey bridge.
- c) Mr D Webb would speak to the Environment Agency about the orange fencing at the top of the Went track.

#### **8.DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Councillor D Webb

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