

# WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the extra Planning meeting of the Parish Council held in the annex of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

## PRESENT

Councillors Mr A E Hunt (Chairman), Mr D C B Webb (Vice Chairman), Mr K G Webb, Mr B Tibbles, Mrs M V Dabbs, Mrs A Aldridge, and, Miss M Verneti (Clerk).

### 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Mr R G Buncombe

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared

### 3. PLANNING

#### Planning Applications Received

- a. Saltings, Seven Acres Lane, (C09/1605) Erection of a new two storey dwelling (Existing dwelling to be demolished).
  - The councillors present agreed that the whole design was totally unsuitable for the village and would neither preserve or enhance the surrounding Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
  - The new dwelling was a high and imposing building, approximately 1/3 larger than the present house overlooking the Suffolk Coastal Path and it was felt that the new box like structure would dominate the skyline
  - It stands next to one of the oldest most traditional houses in the village and it was felt that it would look totally out of place.
  - What was the need for a “living wall” in an AONB
  - The plans do not show the purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
  - There were several inconsistencies within the Design and Access statement that Cllr D Webb agreed to go through and pick out, some of which were again to do with SCDC’s overall planning process, including the same Planning Officer being able to be consulted by the developer being the one that ultimately makes the planning decision.
  
- b. Westwood, Lodge Road (C09/1638) Revised scheme for erection of sculpture studio, bicycle and garden store and boundary wall.
  - The Councillors present agreed that the height of the proposed boundary wall was unacceptably high. There was no actual height on the plans, but judging it from the height of the studio it was going to hide it would be at least 7’ 6” which it was felt was too high for a normal garden wall.
  - There was no mention in the actual Planning application of the new garage, the plans of which show a substantial building.
  - Once more the design and access statement shows the same case officer being consulted by the developer and then being allowed to make the final recommendation.
  - It was agreed to copy the objection letters to both the Head of Planning and the Chief Executive of the North Area Planning sub committee.

**4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2009

The Meeting was closed at 8.15 pm

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