

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 25 July 2019 at 7.15pm in the village hall annex. Plans for DC/19/2721/FUL, DC/19/2775/FUL and DC/19/2791/FUL were available before the meeting.

Present: Councillors Bassinette (in the chair), Lewis, and Sutton. Also in attendance were two (2) members of the public. Councillor Lewis volunteered to take notes in the absence of the Locum Clerk who was unable to attend the meeting.

397/19-20 Chairman's welcome. The Chairman explained that the meeting was necessary because of the rule imposed by East Suffolk Planning Officers to generally refuse requests by Councils for extensions beyond the 21day period for planning application responses. It was noted that Councillor Bevan was taking up this issue with East Suffolk since such a rule put a huge burden of extra meetings on all Parish Councils.

398/19-20 To consider and approve any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. MacKay, Richardson, Sutherland-Rogers and Winyard. These were accepted.

399/19-20 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation.

None were declared.

400/19-20 Finance Matters. Approve items on the Authorisation to Pay Sheet

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the payments. Cllr. Bassinette signed the appropriate documents.

401/19-20 Safety

Councillor Lewis gave an oral update on the corrosion on the slide on the green. It had now been independently assessed and declared that replacement rather than repair should be considered. This would be discussed and the upcoming Safety Committee meeting and a further update provided at the next WPC meeting

402/19-20 Use of Playing Fields

It was **RESOLVED** approve the request for the use of the Playing Fields for the Annual Cricket Match on 25th August 2019

403/19-20 Planning

403/19-20.1 DC/19/2721/FUL:

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Advisory Group report in this matter, that the application can be **APPROVED** subject to the provisos detailed in the report. In addition, the Council wished to emphasize to the Planning Officers that this property

has a long history of multiple and serial planning applications some approved and some rejected. This piecemeal approach should be discouraged as it makes it difficult to understand the longer-term nature of all the changes in this important location. It also increases the risk that the overall impact will be to allow through unwarranted development including multiple dwellings or alternative uses of existing buildings which would run contrary to what each of the individual applications imply.

403/19-20.2 DC/19/2775/FUL:


It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Advisory Group report in this matter, that the application should be **REFUSED** subject to the provisos detailed in the report. In addition, as with the comment for DC/19/2721, the Council draws the attention of the Planning Officers to the piecemeal approach being taken to planning applications of this property and suggests that the Planning Office look at the applications as a whole so as to gain a true understanding of the development proposals on the site. The entire report should be part of the planning record.

403/19-20.3 DC/19/2791/FUL:

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Advisory Group report in this matter, that the application can be **APPROVED** subject to the provisos detailed in the report. In particular, approval should be subject to specific comments in Section 3 of the Report submitted. This is particularly of importance to ensuring that the building is ancillary to the host and not to be used independently.

404/(19-20 Date and Time of next meeting was confirmed as Monday, 9th September 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Annex of the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....9/9/2019