

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.15pm in the village hall annex. Plans for DC/19/2108/FUL, DC/19/2532/FUL and DC/19/2557/DRC were available before the meeting.

Present: Councillors Lewis (in the chair), Sutherland-Rogers, Mackay, Sutton and Winyard. Also in attendance was Mr. Mark Knight (Locum Clerk), Cllr. Beavan (District Councillor) and ten (10) members of the public.

385/19-20 Chairman's welcome.

As the Chairman could not attend, Cllr. Lewis as Vice Chairman took the Chair, and welcomed those present to the meeting.

386/19-20 To consider and approve any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Bassinette and Richardson. These were accepted.

387/19-20 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation.

None were declared.

388/19-20 Open Forum

A member of the public thanked the Councillors for all of their hard work and made an enquiry about the status of the £200 budget provision pertaining to the Village Green. Cllr. Lewis explained that this was allocated for repair work/regressing of the Green, and had not, as yet, been used; it was anticipated that any work would take place in the autumn, to give the new grass the best possible chance.

A member of the public asked what the Council's position was regarding the planning application for the Heritage Hut. Cllr. Lewis explained that as the Parish Council has an involvement in the building by virtue of being the landlord then no official opinion on any planning application made by WCLC would be made as the Parish Council has an interest.

A member of the public voiced concerns about the condition of the footpath over East Hill towards the marshes. Cllr. Sutherland-Rogers reported that some of this area has already been reported to Suffolk Highways.

389/19-20 To receive a report from County Councillor Richard Smith

Cllr. Richard Smith was not in attendance and no written report was received.

390/19-20 To receive a report from East Suffolk District Councillor David Beavan

Cllr. David Beavan reported that sadly footpaths only get cut twice a year with a focus on nettles and brambles. It was also reported that the District Council has now met and the political groups now being formed. The planning is now split between north and south and the 'call-in' systems has also now been changed and contentions applications are now directed to a Referral Committee who decide which ones go to the main Planning

Committee.

The Joint Harbour Committee now has 6 Councillors directly from the Cabinet, with the Cabinet also appointing the remaining 5 seats. Plans are also now available on the East Suffolk District Council website and Cllr. Beavan encouraged members of the public to view and comment on them.

The Chair then suspended standing orders at 7.31pm to allow questioning from all those present.

Concerns were expressed over the small time frame for planning applications as it had been reduced to 21 days which would in certain cases would not allow the Parish Council and Planning Advisory Group to meet and comment on these applications and extensions would now not normally be available in such circumstances. Cllr. Bevan said that he would take up this issue at the District level.

Standing orders were then reinstated at 7.35pm.

391/19-20 To consider the Minutes of the Meetings of 10th June 2019 for accuracy and for the Chairman to sign as a true record.

It was **AGREED** by those members present to adopt the minutes presented. The Chair was given authority to sign these as a true record.

392/19-20 To receive the draft minutes from the Employment Committee held on 17th June 2019

The minutes of the meeting were **RECEIVED** and it was noted that they would be presented and signed at the next meeting of the Committee.

393/19-20 Finance Matters

393/19-20.1 Review Lloyds bank account receipts/budget & payments/budget as of 30th June 2019

It was noted that an extra line had been added to this report to allow for virements and other amendments as approved by Council to be captured throughout the year.

It was then **RESOLVED** to accept these figures as presented.

393/19-20.2 Approve Bank Reconciliation Lloyds Account to 30th June 2019

It was noted that a query had been made on £424 double payment, Lloyd's had confirmed their error and this is expected to be rectified very soon.

Signed.....

Dated.....9/9/2019

It was then **RESOLVED** to approve these figures and Cllr. Mackay signed the appropriate documents.

393/19-20.3 Confirmation of HSBS bank balance: £15,859.58 as at 30th June 2019

The existing balance was **CONFIRMED** with no changes.

393/19-20.4 Approve items on the Authorisation to Pay Sheet

The Chairman explained that the EDF Energy bill had been contested and an operative will be attending on the 19th July for a meter reading. Also that invoices concerning Opus Consulting had only just been received but would be available at the next meeting.

It was then **RESOLVED** to authorise all payments. Cllr. Lewis signed the appropriate documents.

393/19-20.5 Approve Change of Lloyds Bank account correspondence address and access details

It was **PROPOSED** that the correspondence address be changed to the home address of the Responsible Financial Officer by Cllr. Lewis, all were in favour and it was so **RESOLVED** to immediately implement this change.

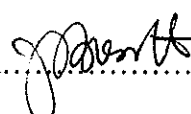
It was **PROPOSED** that the Mandate Variation request to remove the former Clerk and replace with the current Responsible Financial Officer by Cllr. Lewis, all were in favour and it was so **RESOLVED** to immediately implement this change. It was noted that this would just involve 'View Only' permissions and no authorities to spend.

394/19-20 Oral updates from Councillors on areas of responsibility if relevant

394/19-20.1 Footpaths and Highways

Cllr. Sutherland-Rogers reported that footpath 11 was very overgrown through the fields and had been reported to Suffolk Highways already, reference number 246942. Following the information received from a member of the public during the Open Forum, she would contact Suffolk Highways next day and report that the boardwalk was now impassable due to the summer reed cutback overdue there.

The Harbour Master has now confirmed that additional galvanised steel fencing will soon be installed by the estuary, to replace the wooden pickets running from the rear of the beach back across the dunes towards the steps.

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394/19-20.2 GDPR, SALC and Website

Cllr. Lewis gave a verbal report regarding a recent SALC board meeting. The PKF invoice and associated problems pertaining to this Council were raised and a motion will be taken at the next SALC board meeting to formally support the Council's decision not to pay the current invoice.

The Sizewell C Community Forum has recently announced a stage 4 of the consultation process to start on the 18th July and run until the 27th September 2019. A formal application will then be put into central government. The purpose of this new round of consultation is to focus on transport concerns.

It was **AGREED** that the Council would formally respond to the stage 4 consultation. It was also noted that there would be small series of exhibitions as part of the Stage 4 consultation and that the nearest location would be Yoxford.

It was reported that over 11,000 responses had been received to the Stage 3 consultation, with circa. 7,000 of these from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds alone. Members of the public were also encouraged to respond with their views as part of stage 4.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.59pm, in order to request any views on Sizewell from District Cllr. Beavan.

Cllr. Beavan reported that there had been funding issues regarding road schemes around Sizewell C, and that the impact on tourism would be substantial. A full report is available on the District Council's website.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.02pm.

394/19-20.3 Litter

No report was given.

394/19-20.4 Playing Fields and the Green Play Area

It was reported that the slide on the Village Green is out of order. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the authority to the safety committee to source a contractor and obtain a quote for approval by the Full Parish Council. ~~All were in favour.~~

It was also requested that the Parish Clerk contact Norse Suffolk to request a cut of the Playing Fields as recent weather has led to it being particularly unkempt.

Cllr. Lewis reported that the bollards on the green would be replaced after work on the Heritage Hut is complete and in the meantime the hazardous bollards would be removed before the village fete took place.

Signed.....

Dated.....9/9/2019

394/19-20.6 Village News

It was noted that a draft constitution is being worked on and will come to the Parish Council for review at the appropriate time.

395/19-20 Planning**395/19-20.1 The Knapp, Lodge Road****DC/19/2108/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.

395/19-20.2 Fen Cottage, The Lea**DC/19/2532/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.

395/19-20.3 The Hut, The Lea**DC/19/2557DRC**

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.

396/19-20 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 8.12pm.

Signed...  ...

Dated... 9/9/2019 ...

