

## WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm.

Present (physically): Councillors Bassinette, Lewis (Chairman), Richardson, Sutherland-Rogers. Only Councillors physically present can speak (except during the public forum or if standing orders are temporarily suspended) and vote.

Also in attendance (remotely via Zoom) was one Councillor (Jon Winyard) and four other members of the public.

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Bassinette agreed to take minutes.

### **025/21-22 Chairman's welcome.**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting to the first physical meeting of the Council since the implementation of Covid restrictions in 2019. It was also the first meeting using the renovated Heritage Hut and allowed the Council to try out the new audio/visual equipment.

### **026/21-22 To consider and approve any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Sutton.

### **027/21-22 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation.**

None.

### **028/21-22 Open Forum**

One member of the public spoke about the proposed event covered by agenda item (6). In particular, she wished to object to the proposal's consideration of fireworks and emphasised the danger and distress that fireworks had on farm animals, pets and wildlife. The Chairman and another Councillor replied that they had received a number of other comments and emails from villagers who were similarly concerned about the potential use of fireworks. The Chairman said that this would be discussed further under the relevant agenda item.

### **029/21-22 Planning Application for Orchard Piece, Lodge Road (DC/21/2020/FUL)**

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Dated.....22/6/21

The Council supported the PAG report and agreed to recommend that the application should be refused. It was noted that a related application to extend the property, on what is already a cramped site, was rightly refused. The Council also made the point that although the application says it requires no removal of trees, in fact, the owner had gone ahead and removed large trees and hedges along the whole front of the property since the previous application, presumably to make way for this construction. This would lead to the proposed garage being very exposed as a large, prominent structure on an already cramped site and will be detrimental to the amenity of the rural setting of the houses in Lodge Road. Moreover, despite the pictures in the planning application showing a single car, the structure is, in fact, a large double garage and store and could end up as another way to extend the house which was rejected in the earlier application.

**030/21-22 To consider a request for a commemorative event to be held on Walberswick Beach**

The Council expressed its condolences to the family on their loss and explained that they understood the desire of family and friends to hold a memorial. However, the Council explained that they were not in position to approve or disapprove the proposal since the family was proposing to hold the event on property that did not belong to the Council but rather belonged to the WCLC and to a private individual. The Council did, however, offer some advice in relation to the proposal which they hoped would be useful. In particular, the Council emphasised that, as mentioned during the Open Forum, the use of fireworks would not be welcome because of its impact on animals and wildlife particularly during the summer months. They also said that the use of disposable BBQs last summer had caused fires in the beach grass plus a great deal of rubbish and were unfriendly to the environment. Overall, the Council suggested that the family might want to consider renting the Village Hall and/or its marquee or speaking to the local pubs about holding the event in their gardens.

**031/21-22 To consider a possible small grants application.**

The Council decided not to submit an application.

**032/21-22 Date of next meeting was corrected to be Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 7pm.**

It was noted that whilst the meeting would be held in the Heritage Hut, attendance numbers would have to be determined by the regulations on social distancing.

**The meeting closed at 7:27 pm.**

Signed..... *Ael* .....

Dated..... *22/6/21* .....