

## WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm.

Present (physically): Councillors Lewis (Chair), Bassinette, Dadswell, Richardson, Watson and Whiting. Also in attendance was two (2) members of the public. Only Councillors physically present can speak (except during the public forum or if standing orders are temporarily suspended) and vote.

Also in attendance (via Zoom) was Mark Knight the Parish Clerk.

### **183/25-26 Welcome by the Chair.**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **184/25-26 To consider and approve any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Sutton.

### **185/25-26 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation.**

None.

### **186/25-26 Open Forum**

None.

### **187/25-26 To consider the minutes of the meetings of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were **APPROVED** with the Chair to sign the minutes and to retain them until they can be handed to the Clerk in person.

### **188/25-26 To receive a report from Suffolk County Councillor Richard Smith**

C Cllr. Smith reported XX (to be filled in by JB)

### **189/25-26 To receive a report from East Suffolk District Councillor David Beavan**

D Cllr. Beavan reported XX (to be filled in by JB)

### **190/25-26 Planning**

#### **190/25-26.1 Applications made under delegated authority**

##### **190/25-26.1.1 2 Church Lane, Walberswick DC/25/0059/FUL**

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application and request an amendment to be made owing to design quality, all in favour.

Signed.....

Dated.....

**190/25-26.1.2 Greyroof, Millfield Road****DC/26/0742/VOC**

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application, all in favour.

**190/25-26.2 Applications to consider****190/25-26.2.1 Herons, Church Road****DC/25/0742/REFUSE**

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application, due to concerns over the misrepresentation of the character and sensitivity of the site, the downplaying of the scale and visual impact of the proposal, misplaced reliance on the plot size and orientation, light pollution, the insufficiency of the ecological assessment, local housing need and failure to accept and represent local character and materials, all in favour.

Applications **AP/26/0017/REFUSE** and **AP/26/0019/REFUSE** were also **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** due to the details above and mischaracterisation of the sensitivity of the site, the scale, massing and intensification of built form, residential amenity and overlooking, light pollution and the mitigating strategy ecological impacts and local policy conflicts, all in favour.

**190/25-26.3 To consider application for the Camp Site**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Lewis should talk to a representative from the Planning Advisory Group in the first instance for clarification.

C Cllr. Smith and D Cllr. Beavan left the meeting at 7.16pm.

**191/25-26 Finance Matters 2026/7****191/25-26.1 Approve items on the Authorisation to Pay Sheet**

It was **AGREED** to pay all items on the sheet. Cllrs. Bassinette and Lewis were authorised to carry out the electronic payments.

**192/25-26 To consider the East Suffolk Council Call for Sites**

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to site 113 appearing on the proposed map designated for housing, all in favour.

**193/25-26 To consider a change in policy for appointments of Trustees to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity**

It was **AGREED** to **ADOPT** the policy, all in favour. It was noted that the WCLC has also agreed to the changes and reasons behind them.

**194/25-26 Oral updates from Councillors on areas of responsibility if relevant:**

Signed.....

Dated.....

### **194/25-26.1 Village News**

It was **AGREED** to place items concerning the Annual Parish Meeting which will now be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 6pm.

### **194/25-26.2 NSIPS**

It was **NOTED** that the Lion Link meeting originally planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 now fell on the day for the local elections.

Cllr. Bassinette reported that the sixth deadline for Sea Link was now approaching.

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council strongly supported the submission of Suffolk County Council at deadline 5 (10 March 2026) for the alternative route to the Saxmundham Converter Station site. The Parish Council also **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** the written representation of SEAS regarding deadline 5 that clearly rebuts NGET's argument for the Benhall Railway Bridge/Fromus bridge proposal. It was hoped that the alternatives in these proposals would lead to less impact of residents and access to their homes, and also take into account other NSIPS which are progressing across the area and the existing national transport infrastructure.

It was also **AGREED** to align the Parish Council with the statements made by Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and numerous other statutory bodies and interested parties about the cumulative impact of Sea Link and other projects and the inferiority of the analysis undertaken by NGET.

### **195/25-26 Oral Committee Reports if relevant**

No reports were given.

### **196/25-26 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk invited questions on their monthly report, but none were forthcoming.

Cllr. Dadswell raised an issue concerning support for housing for a local resident. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council should remain neutral on such matters and that any response should be consistent and fair. The Parish Clerk to compile a letter if approached.

An approach from a member of the public was also discussed concerning disabled access to the beach, specifically mobility scooters, it was reported that this had been explored in the past and was cost prohibitive to address.

### **197/25-26 Matters Arising.**

Nothing for meeting.

Signed.....

Dated.....

**198/25-26 Date and Time of next meeting was confirmed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm.**

The time and date of the meeting was confirmed as above.

**The meeting closed at 8.02pm.**

Signed.....

Dated.....