

WALBERSWICK PARISH PLAN VILLAGE MEETING  
held at 10.30am on Saturday, 14th May in the Walberswick Village Hall

Chairman of the Parish Council, David Webb, in the chair.

Present: Ben Cardwell, Peter Byrne, Frank Duffy, Alvin Hunt, John Nichols, Chrissie Reeves, Bill Ungless, Kay Ungless plus 87 parishioners including Councillors Rae Leighton (SCC) and Michael Gower (SCDC)

1. Introduction by Chairman of the Parish Council
2. The chair was passed to Bill Ungless, Chairman of the Walberswick Parish Plan Steering Committee who introduced the Committee.
3. He outlined the history behind the decision to form a Walberswick Parish Plan, how the Questionnaires were devised and the Report produced, together with a summary of the work involved. All the above data is on line so that the whole process is transparent, see [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/walberswickpc/parishplan](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/walberswickpc/parishplan)
4. He explained that this meeting is to promote the next Stage in the Parish Plan which is to produce an Action Plan and to set up Focus Groups to facilitate this.
5. This Action Plan will be led by the Steering Committee. As Kay and Bill Ungless are retiring, two new members are needed for the Steering Committee. Anybody interested to give their name to Alvin Hunt afterwards.
6. The Focus Groups should ideally be not more than 6 people for workability and will cover various issues found in the Survey Report. The Groups will propose Actions on their given issue which they feel are warranted, bearing strictly in mind that these actions must be based on the data contained within the Survey Report because that is a record of what the Village thinks about the various issues. The Groups need to send their proposals to the Steering Committee in the form of a concise statement within two months. The Committee will then collate these and produce the Parish Plan Stage II Action Plan which will then be launched on another and, we hope, festive occasion.
7. Explanation that an Action Plan is vital in order to (a) give an opportunity for all parishioners to become involved with the Parish Plan (b) to sift and sort the large amount of data in the Survey Report (c) to identify items which are important to the future of Walberswick (d) to consider if any action needs be taken to protect their continuance or to help in their coming about (e) to enable the various parties responsible for decisions affecting the village to know what the Villagers expect of them. These parties might be the Environment Agency, English Nature, the SCC, the SCDC, the Parish Council, the Police, the Village Hall Management Committee, etc.
8. Topics were suggested and volunteers offered to form focus groups (and/or sub-groups if appropriate):
  - a. FLOOD DEFENCES - David Webb, Richard Steward, John Nichols, Keith Webb
  - b. PLANNING (including environmental issues, the beach and dogs) - Brian Morton, David Webb, Frank Duffy, Alvin Hunt, Aubrey Pearson, John Anderson
  - c. TRAFFIC (including parking, footpaths) - Robin Buncombe, Andrew Hill, Nick Crocker, Ben Cardwell
  - d. HOUSING (including social issues) - Barbara Priestman, Brian Morton, (and Kevin Murphy and Kim Mellor in absentia)
  - e. YOUTH - Erica Donnellan, Patsy Murray, Marie Ruth
  - f. BUSINESS (including broadband) - Nick Crocker (plus 3 previous volunteers)
  - g. BULK PURCHASING - Peter Byrne, Pat Lancaster
  - h. HEALTH - Peter Byrne First Responders
  - i. VILLAGE HALL - Jen Cardwell, Julia Sowerbutts, Pru Ford-Crush
  - j. VILLAGE SHOP AND PO (In abeyance at the moment) - Margaret Adkinson
  - k. VILLAGE NEWS - Neil Murray, Ann Paton
  - l. CHURCH PUBLIC EVENTS - Patsy Murray

It was noted that 2 or 3 volunteers came forward after the meeting to offer themselves as First Responders. It is hoped that a few more parishioners may be interested to help with items h, k and l.
13. The meeting was opened for questions.
  - a. The items k and l above were suggested.
  - b. An apology was given for omitting Church Lane from the map on page 7
14. There being no other questions the meeting was closed
15. The chairman of the Parish Council led an appreciation of the work done by the Steering Committee.