

# Bawdsey Annual Parish Meeting

## 3rd April 2025 7pm

## Bawdsey Village Hall

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

CLlr Andy Rouse welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. Signing of the minutes from the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Minutes signed as a true copy

Questions and Discussion to follow each item.

#### 3. Reports from: -

##### a) East Suffolk District Councillor James Mallinder

Responsible for 9 parishes on peninsula, which all have common concerns, highways, flooding, environment, affordable housing, cost of living crises, mental health, connect ability, and one of the biggest issues is preserving what we have and how we live.

ESC Bin changes – Mandated by central government, homogenising across the country the way waste is collected. Will be paper, plastics, glass bottles, food waste and green waste, new bins provided for this.

Council Tax Bill – disappointed has gone up, feel ESC should be focusing on the core responsibilities, rather than vanity projects, for example, money to a project for ladies who are pregnant to listen to music, plus resources from ESC used for people to sit round and discuss mental anxiety, both are important, but do not feel ESC should be spending funds on these projects, particularly when have things being left, for example pavements.

Bawdsey Quay – keeping an eye on parking in this area, do have people sleeping overnight, try and resolve issue, maybe mental health problems, try to limit police presence.

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Shottisham – working with council to try and get a 20mph speed limit in place, if successful will look at how can implement across other parishes.

Eyke Housing – 65 new houses, implications for additional traffic, especially at Wilford Bridge, village are positive, hoping it will support school and encourage pub to re-open.

Hollesley – Concerns about 2 major road collisions, one which upturned a tractor, have their APM tonight and Police Commissioner will be in attendance, hoping will pick up issues that affect us all, speeding and small amount of crime that happens in area.

MP Visit – Showed map of area and issues around peninsula, then visited parishes, was interested in what was being said, speeding and coastal erosion, pushed hard to say, rural villages need just as much support as urban areas. Hope issues will be more understood and have built a connection.

Devolution – ESC and SCC will not exist in 3 years, both going and in replace, one new council, in 1 year mayor covering Norfolk and Suffolk, following year will be a shadow cabinet for new council, then 2027 will be an election. Lot of talk in press saying will lose local connection, do not feel this is right, if have councillors and parish councils working together, should not be a problem.

Questions –

Can you clarify how many bins will we have?

Possibly 5 bins, paper and card, plastics, bottles, this may be a box, food caddy, would like an option to opt out of this, people do compost, which will be once a week, then garden waste and black bin which will be collected every 3 weeks.

Tetra packs recycling – what will be happening with these going forward?

Understanding that they will be recycled and collected from kerb when new system comes in, do not have all the details yet. Feel it is important to understand that not all recycling is a good thing, tetra packs and coffee cups for example, have a membrane, which uses a lot of energy to split this apart.

Thank you from church for the bulbs supplied.

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b) Suffolk County Councillor Andrew Reid

Councillor Andrew Reid sent his apologies, was unable to attend in person, a report was forwarded and is on the website.

c) Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council

Reminder all minutes are displayed on noticeboard and website.

Overview of last 12 months was given –

Neighbourhood plans – presentation was given to council from Judi Hallet from Ufford council, who are in the process of forming their plan, this was after council had become aware that a number of villages were in the process of compiling their own. Main idea is to state what is of interest to your village, how would like to preserve in the face of increasing planning pressures, especially bearing in mind that central government are trying to cut through bureaucracy, disregarding smaller authorities' thoughts and local knowledge. Judi Hallet reminded council that the plan is a lot of work, expense and not something to go into lightly, some villages are doing joint plans and Alderton did express an interest in doing this with Bawdsey, but after consideration it was decided to put a pin in this for now.

Crime – Usually very quiet in Bawdsey but were a couple of incidences in the village over last 12 months in School Lane, which led to police attending, this has subsequently been dealt with, with support from PVCLT and the people involved agreed to a house swap and since then things have returned to normality. Only other incident recently, a car was broken into at East Lane Car Park and a phone stolen, just to remind people to keep all belongings out of sight when parking car to avoid opportunist.

Trees – Received 50 mixed species from Woodland Trust this year, half were planted by the RADAR museum and half were planted at flood cell one, to join up woodland areas. Main mission is to support wildlife, so may not be visible to all villagers, should have a similar opportunity this autumn, so if anyone has any suggestions or would like to support with the planting, then please do get in touch with the clerk, there is not much publicly owned land, so are not able to plant in many areas, would also need to consider utilities underground and maintenance.

Jet Ski Business – Operator of jet ski business applied to ESC for a commercial licence to run jet ski safaris along the river Deben, plus any river along coast, main issue for this is that all the rivers are of high environmental value, international status and SSSI. Consultation received a big response, and it was rejected.

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Highways – Last spring East Lane Car Park was repaired, potholes were filled, at little cost to village, needs to be checked again, as does get a lot of use. CIL, received pot of money, have looked at road safety in village for all users, and have decided, three main threads from discussions, SIDS at both ends of the village, restore and put in additional signage, plus hedge cutting, over years people have maybe forgotten their hedges and these have grown out into the highway area, so will be writing to everyone and specifically to houses where there is significant issues. There is also an issue with the footpath between Alderton and Bawdsey, have written to ESC and SCC, included District and County councillors, asking them to support this, so far no luck, but will keep trying to get this done.

d) Short presentation from Coastal Accessible Transport Services Ltd

Door to Door/Dial a Ride - Wheelchair accessible minibuses, to enable people who may need a little more assistance with their journey to remain independent, journeys can be for a wide variety of reasons, such as shopping, attending luncheon clubs or healthcare appointments, visiting friends and family, or going on organised daytrips to local attractions, can also be used within town/villages. Bus service runs Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Monday and Wednesday were cut, as found people were not using and funding was cut.

Good neighbour scheme (community car scheme), volunteer driver will pick up maybe 1 or 2 people in their car. Drivers will usually wait for up to 1 hour for shopping or appointments and 2 hours for Hospital appointments, membership is £20 per year, which covers administration, plus 45p per mile from volunteers home, an example of someone using this service, was when a lady in Alderton, who had broken her leg and needed to get to Addenbrookes, car service was able to pick her up and drop off at train station, could have taken all the way, but she was happy to take the train.

Demand Responsive Bus Services enables people to get to work, study, shopping, appointments, sightseeing, social reasons or connect to regular bus service or train service. South Service operates the triangle from Woodbridge down to Orford and Bawdsey.

Important to note can cater for everyone, do not have to need accessible transport

e) Representative from Bawdsey School

Katie Butler head of Bawdsey School read report, which can be found on website.

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f) Representative from PGL

Evangeline Hare-Wells General Manager read report, which can be found on website.

Questions:

Just want to confirm there will be no facility at the Boathouse this summer? - No, have spoken with clerk re putting in toilets and a water fountain, ESC Deben Estuary Planning have funding available, waiting for head office to see if possible, will advise clerk when know more.

Will the DMC be able to access water for dogs, do get asked, wondered if tap downstairs would be available? Are looking at a water fountain but will come back to clerk.

Will works cause a lot more construction traffic? - Do not believe they will but will double check with head office and come back to the clerk.

Middle part of sea wall only, what are the chances of the rest of the work being done in the future? - This is phase one, advising rest of work will have to be addressed as part of the lease.

g) Representative from Shingle Street

Tim Green Chair Shingle Street Settlement spoke, advised that have had a spate of burglaries in the area, last one police did attend, and fingerprints were taken, and a person has been arrested.

Did have a problem with the road into Shingle Street with flooding, cutting off community, dug out ditches into field last year and again this year, which has worked.

Did have some problems with road surface splitting, SCC said would not do anything as did not qualify, then 3 weeks ago, completely re-surfaced the patches.

Working with clerk to adopt the phone box to put a de-fib in, only 19 calls from the box last year, feel this is a risk mitigation rather than having a phone box, as mobiles much better signals.

Community last year got together and bought one of the fields and have been wilding, have managed to get some grants from DEFRA and others.

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### Questions:

Did read that if phone box is used 52 times in a year and is last box in area, cannot be removed

Last time it was reviewed, about 5 years ago, were asked if wanted to keep, and said yes, but feel things have changed in community, more people familiar with mobile phones, will go for consultation via ESC for 60 days.

If lose mobile phone signal, could this be an issue?

Have other options - fibre cables, can make call through Wi-Fi, also have dish on Hollesley church, which gives good signal.

h) Representative from Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Rawdon Saunders chair of VHRGC read report, which can be found on website. Rawdon also added will be putting a note in Bawdsey Bulletin, asking for people to offer lifts to others who would not be able to get down to the manor.

### Questions:

Regarding Fete being at PGL, how is everything being transported from recreation field to the Manor?

PGL have a lot of equipment, just need to transport tents and things for stalls and PGL will have transportation that can be used to move these, plus other people in village have trailers, cannot see an issue with this. Parking is available for people with limited mobility, plus cars for helpers.

Will you have the same number of volunteers available to support with everything?

Feel there will be more volunteers available from PGL to help, unfortunately if do not have at the manor, do not think will be able to hold this year.

Have started a Whatsapp group for VHRGC, just need to advertise this.

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i) Representative from Church Council

Susan Foster read report, which can be found on the website.

Plus:- although small team have a lot of people to thank for supporting, which includes flower arrangers, who do flowers for the church and help at the flower festival, missing Richard leading the churchyard maintenance, reminder that churchyard and church belongs to everyone, so if see something that needs trimming, please do. Lot of people using church for walks, perimeter wall still good with new buttresses. Busy designing and extending flowerbed for people who visit and do not have flowers, can pick and put on graves, also for school children to pick and decorate font, if anyone has any spare in garden, then please do plant them in bed. School children also use the church for Forest School, weekly. Thank you for Parish council for support and funding.

j) Representative from Deben Marine Centre

Scheduled to restart on 20<sup>th</sup> April, Prof Helene Burningham, who collects all the data, for example, beach monitoring will be coming down to give a talk and review presentation. Again, volunteers needed. Did have very good feedback from presentation given to school children, very enthusiastic and engaged.

k) Representative from the Coastguard

Apologies received, unable to make, no report available.

l) Representative from Peninsula Villages Community Land Trust (PVCLT)

PVCLT set up in 2017, group of 6 villages, Suffolk Coastal DC were given 1.4 million by central government for affordable homes, due to the number of second homeowners pushing house prices up. Managed to buy 4 properties on school lane, had 2 trustees from each of the villages originally, Hollesley, Boyton, Sutton, Shottisham, Alderton and Bawdsey, lost number of trustees, so if anyone has spare moment, involves meeting once every 2 months, currently looking at site in Hollesley, where possibly could have 6 houses, just waiting on ESC to make a decision, hoping will be bungalows.

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