Minutes Thursday 17th August 2023 – 7.00pm at Bawdsey Village Hall (Closed CIL Meeting)

Present: Cllr Andrew Rouse (AnRo)(Chair); Cllr Rob Thurkettle (RoTh)(Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Walker (ClWa); Cllr Mike Locke (MiLo); Cllr Sue Tappenden (SuTa)

Tina Hughes Parish Clerk

1. To receive Apologies for absence

Clir Jackie Ferguson; Clir Matt Roche and Clir Tod Heyda

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary)

None declared.

3. Discuss ideas received for CIL money: -

a. Footpaths

Comment - Rural village, do we have to have to have footpaths, if can get traffic to slow down and motorists to be considerate to walkers and cyclists.

Definition of Footpath - could be defined as a one and half meter wide pavement with a kerb, which unlikely to get in village due to lack of space or could think about compulsory purchase of land, this would be costly and CIL money would not cover, so need to be innovative, think other schemes and ideas, look outside County and even Country. Lines would be good, need to think about maintenance and be confident the roads would be swept on regular basis, may help to slow traffic.

Cllr AnRo advised has divided pathways into four sections, which he will share with other councillors, sections: -

- a) From Alderton, Pitcairns to Manor Farm Estate
- b) Manor Farm Estate to Paddocks, opposite Fern Terrace
- c) Paddocks to East Lane
- d) East Lane to School Lane

Councillors also feel from 30 meters East Lane onto The Street is an area of concern, can be dangerous due to cars coming into Lane.

School Lane to Quay – would be good to see a footpath to Quay, cost would be too high for this.

East Lane to car park – Lane is too narrow and as this is now a Quiet Lane, should slow traffic, part may also become 20mph.

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Half gates/fence on entry to village, like Eykes, states beginning of village, people are around at either end

Hatch lanes or Chicanes could be an idea.

Note ESC cycling and walking strategy, adopted in October 2022, details route between Wilford Bridge to Bawdsey Quay, note against section, states: -

Biodiversity: This is a sensitive area, and creation of the path would require some removal of mature hedgerow which would take a while to re-establish from replacement plantings.

Clerk to send link to strategy for councillors to consider.

Cllr AnRo to contact SCC community engineer to discuss possibilities.

b. Hedges

Council cannot arrange for people's hedges to be cut, if people are unable to cut them, then they will need to hire someone to do this for them, council do have a process in place, will write to landowner twice requesting for hedge to be cut back, if this is not done, then will be reported on Suffolk County Council's highway portal, who will give the owner, 21 days to cut or they will undertake and then charge the owner, this falls under Section 154 of the Highways act.

Clerk has requested a detailed map of area, highlighting the adopted hedges and verges, which will aid in identifying who needs to take action.

c. Highway Maintenance

Highway maintenance needs to be reported to Suffolk County Council, clerk to walk village, take pictures of signs and road markings to report on portal.

Encourage off road parking – feel this slows traffic, if no cars were on road, then vehicles may be tempted to go faster.

d. Bawdsey Quay

Some of the continued parking issues on the banks should be addressed with the snagging issues, part of the problem is the land near the DMC belongs to PGL, have been trying to have communication with PGL to raise the sandbank higher to prevent people parking in this area, still waiting for them to come back, PGL have a new general manager, so will liaise with them to see if this can be addressed.

Path from amenities car park along the quay would be problematic, due to width of the road, cars do slow down, and people can walk along the sea wall, could have a gate entrance, with sign stating no footway.

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e. Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Number of ideas received for the VHRGC, as a separate charity these are to be forwarded to the committee for their thoughts, plus advise on separate grants available to support some of these.

f. Safety

Defibrillator at the Quay, clerk reports that she has been in conversation with PGL and asked if the de-fib, currently on the gatehouse, could be moved to this side of the gates, have agreed, just need the electrician to complete, which hopefully will be done by 10th September 2023.

g. Viewing Platform

Feel this would be too expensive, the memorial bench by the gun emplacement, could be a compromise, would need landowners' permission, people could sit and look around information noticeboard in car park will need updating too.

Conclusion: -

Pathways will be main priority for CIL money, looking at co-usage, Cllr AnRo to contact community engineer to seek advice and ideas, will advise and publicise date for people to join, Councillors, if see any good examples to forward on to Clerk and fellow councillors.

Clerk to investigate entrance gates to try and announce village and Quay area, to hopefully slow traffic, Cllr RoTh to forward contact details for the clerk at Easton as they have already completed gates for their village.

Update noticeboard for East Lane Car Park

4. Any other matters to be considered?

No other matters raised

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