

**Bawdsey Parish Council
Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 23rd January 2025 – 7.00pm
At Bawdsey Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Andy Rouse (AnRo) (Chair); Cllr Rob Thurkettle (RoTh) Cllr Tod Heyda (ToHe) Cllr Mike Locke (MiLo); Cllr Sue Tappenden (SuTa)

Cllr Andrew Reid (Suffolk County Council)

Cllr James Mallinder (East Suffolk Council)

Tina Hughes (Parish Clerk)

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1.	<p>To receive Apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr Clare Walker (CIWa); Cllr Jackie Ferguson (JaFe) and Cllr Sam Mann (SaMa)</p>
2.	<p>To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary)</p> <p>Cllr Mike Locke – School Governor and Trustee of CAS Cllr Andy Rouse and Cllr Tod Heyda – DMC</p>
3.	<p>Public Participation (10 minutes) – an opportunity for parishioners to briefly raise matters of concern and hear from County and District Councillors</p> <p>One member of the public sent in a message via a counsellor – Wanted to thank councillors for the tree planting, above and beyond. Question about general parish updates on website, can see some pages are out of date, who do groups and organisations advise to make sure updated? Clerk advised does check on regular basis and reaches out to organisations to check everything is correct, but if anyone notices something amiss or needs information changed or added, do let the clerk know and she will ensure updated.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Reid – Newsletter received ahead of meeting, shared with councillors and added to website, Cllr AnRe spoke about newsletter, does try to concentrate on local area, but wanted to highlight the following: -</p> <p>County wide: the archives for the Suffolk Regiment have now been housed in the Suffolk Museum in Bury St Edmunds, making them more accessible, should be proud of their 270-year history</p> <p>Loss of Nationwide grant for rural communities, for all shire counties, was introduced in 2016 to help councils support in sparsely populated areas, such as The Peninsula, money has been re-allocated to more urban areas with high areas of deprivation.</p>

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Suffolk Economic Strategy - devised by Suffolk Business Board with local businesses, taking a 20-year view, looking at things that can be done to increase the economy in Suffolk, more jobs and significant increase in average wages, Suffolk currently has a low average wage compared to the rest of the UK.

A new book, Lordship and Landscape in East Anglia AD 400–800, released this week, written with grant money, from The Leverhulme Trust, following the significant Anglo-Saxon find in Rendlesham, with links to Suffolk Hoo. Newsletters and updates can be found online for works that are happening across Suffolk.

Trading Standards Suffolk, hosts National Intelligence team and imports team at Felixstowe, feel achieve higher than national average of finds, see a lot of dangerous and sub-standard goods coming through.

Devolution – Government has invited Suffolk and Norfolk to become a combined authority, made up of unity authorities, government will be doing this nationwide, will mean amalgamating two of governments three tiers, abolishing county, district and borough councils, making one council, parish and town remaining same. Doing because feel by simplifying structure will make savings. What does it mean for Suffolk? Have been invited to go forward for devolution priority programme, which will mean will be able to create unitary authority and elect a mayor, who will oversee large strategic works e.g. highways, buses. Debated at County Council two weeks ago and have put council forward, believe will have more say at this stage than further down the line. Government have said if in priority programme they may consider postponing the elections in May this year, which will save the cost of having two elections. Question: are they looking to cut the number of councillors? Currently there are 75 councillors at county and 55 district councillors, if unitary, may be 130-140 councillors, may mean less people and possibly less representation. Question: What kind of area is a unitary authority? Government will consider in priority programme populations 500K to a million, Suffolk has roughly 775K people, however Ipswich borough council is too small to be on their own, but would prefer, so may consider part of East Suffolk to join, problem is if you fragment it, the less effective the savings will be. Question: How will it impact the ICB, as it currently stands? Not sure yet, they are already set up, may continue arrangements as they are, does not have to be along county boundaries. Cllr noted that already some police forces have integrated, Suffolk and Norfolk, Devon and Cornwall for instance. If do get on programme and cancel elections, then will be hearing more about via SALC, who have a dedicated page on their website and through councillors. Question: Will parish councillors be consulted? No, nor will county and district councillors, government have stated no consultation, but engagement will happen.

Cllr James Mallinder – Newsletter received ahead of meeting, shared with councillors and added to website, Cllr JaMa highlighted -

Parking patrols at the Quay are making an impact, will continue to monitor, feel people are noticing if they overstay or park in the wrong place will receive a fine.

ESC voted against the license for Jet Skis on the Deben. People can use Jet ski's personally but not set up a business. Cllr AnRe advised he attended the meeting and reported ESC had 377 responses, the biggest number ever received for a public consultation, 77% of which outrightly rejected the application.

Disappointed ESC is increasing the cost of Green Bins, disposal of Large Items, Car Parking (mainly seaside towns), and at the same time increasing councillor's allowances, costing the council £66,000. ESC is also going ahead with the changes to the bin

	<p>collection, which will mean more household sorting of waste and kerb side collections, e.g. bottles.</p> <p>Will be looking to have a unitary council in Suffolk, meaning in about 18 months will probably be no East Suffolk council, Cllr Andrew Reid will not be standing at the elections in May, if they go ahead, Cllr James Mallinder will be standing instead as a county council candidate. Will be a different way of working and may not see councillors as much, due to bigger area covering.</p> <p>Enabling Community Grant budget available from Cllt JaMa, can be used for example, bins, defib or for community events, complete application and send through to Cllr JaMa. Cllr SuTa suggested a new bin for dogs, near by the school, East Lane, Clerk to look into.</p>
4.	<p>To agree & sign Minutes of meetings dated 20th Nov 2024 as true record.</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true copy, proposed by Cllr RoTh, seconded by Cllr MiLo, all in agreement</p>
5.	<p>To review actions from previous meeting</p> <p>Gov.UK – Still waiting for three counsellors to sign up for the email</p> <p>Grit Bin – Asked Cllr JaMa if he wanted a photo opportunity, he advised will come back to us with a weekend in Jan, not heard from him yet.</p> <p>Deben Estuary Questionnaire – Still waiting for finalised copy.</p> <p>Generator Plug for Village Hall – Cllr RoTh to speak with Chair of Emergency Committee.</p> <p>Trees – All trees have been planted, 30 at the RADAR museum and 20 on Chris Mann's land, flood cell one area, also identified areas for hedges in this area, which has been passed over to national landscape for them source and plant, hopefully this season if not in the autumn.</p> <p>Key for the School – Will update before next meeting</p> <p>Gradient at the path at Manor Farm – Cllr AnRo to write to Orwell Housing, very slippery when icy, path is not adopted.</p> <p>Cliff Erosion at PGL – Due to start work this year, only doing work on North End.</p> <p>East Lane Flooding – Cllr AnRo to write to Cllr AnRe to ask what plans they have for when work goes ahead.</p> <p>Speedwatch – Putting a solar panel on existing SID has now been disregarded, due to cost and will look to purchase two new SID's with the CIL funds. Cllr AnRo has managed to obtain two estimates from companies, Elan City £3100.00, not sure what is included, quote only landed in inbox before meeting, 2 year warranty, need to go back to them, quote from Westcote, £4600, 6 year warranty, Cllr RoTh to telephone organisations to</p>

	<p>speak direct with them and establish exactly what they are offering and the cost, will bring back to next meeting. Clerk to email Hollesley clerk and ask about their new SID, who supplied and cost.</p>
6.	<p>Planning: To receive updates on current applications and consider applications received</p> <p>a. Consider the following application(s)</p> <p>DC/24/4228/FUL - Martello Tower Y, Beach Lane, Bawdsey, IP12 3FB Proposal: Installation of air source heat pump behind existing steel steps, and a duct through existing (blocked) hole into building and through a new hole between cellars</p> <p>DC/24/4229/LBC - Martello Tower Y, Beach Lane, Bawdsey, IP12 3FB Proposal: Listed building Consent - Installation of Air source heat pump behind existing steel steps, and a duct through existing (blocked) hole into building and through a new hole between cellars</p> <p>DC/24/4417/VOC – School Lane, Bawdsey, Suffolk. Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 9 of DC/21/0318/VOC (Variation of condition 20 of outline application DC/15/4157/OUT - Use of land for the erection of 13 new residential units, with associated vehicular access, relating to new parking and drop-off area for Bawdsey Primary School and the related Reserved Matters consent DC/19/2240/ARM) - Landscaping Scheme and Landscape Management Plan</p> <p>No objection to planning applications, proposed by Cllr RoTh and seconded by Cllr AnRo, all in agreement.</p> <p>b. To consider any applications received after the publication of the agenda.</p> <p>None</p>
7.	<p>CIL – Review Plan</p> <p>Thank you to Cllr MiLo for pulling the plan together.</p> <p>Plan was discussed, following actions were agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr SuTa to amend letter for parishioners, including wording that states ‘We are only targeting hedges directly bounding the Highway (i.e. roads & footpaths) and will be undertaking this work as a “One off” occasion, without prejudice to residents ongoing responsibilities to maintain their own hedges in future. - Another letter needs to be drafted for people who need significant work on hedges by Cllr AnRo - SID costings to be obtained by Cllr RoTh - Contractors’ quotes to be obtained for hedging work and edges of road clearance by Cllr RoTh - Clerk to send draft plan to ESC CIL for them to review and comment - Draft plan to be added to website by clerk

	<p>Another walk around to be done when clocks go forward and location of hedges put on plan, along with signs and road markings and Suffolk Highways contractor to be contacted, to confirm highways boundaries.</p>
8.	<p>Discuss financial support for De-fib at Shingle Street</p> <p>Shingle Street are looking to install a Defib in the phone box, Clerk has forwarded grant details for British Heart Foundation who are looking to supply defibs for free, will need to purchase a battery every 5 years and pads every 3 years, would like council to support with this funding in the future, cost approx. £250 for batteries and £100 for pads, making it annual commitment of £84.00, based on the current prices</p> <p>Future funding agreed, proposed by Cllr RoTh, seconded by Cllr AnRo, all in agreement</p>
9.	<p>Winter Litter Pick – Discuss and decide date</p> <p>ESC have now stopped doing, did last year and not much around, some people collect as they are on their walks, look to do every other year, note to be put in Bulletin, if people wish to do, then can collect picks from inside DMC, when open, at other times of the year picker sticks are stored in the village hall.</p>
10.	Progress Reports
11.	<p>a. Clerks Correspondence update</p> <p>Cllr AnRo and Clerk attended the Joint Peninsula meeting recently, a lot of the meeting was about the roads, paths and signage that needs reporting, decision was made for there to be a joint effort, so all parishes to report on Suffolk Highways Portal and complete a spread sheet that Sutton Clerk has created, this will then be forwarded to Cllr AnRe for him to, hopefully, support.</p> <p>b. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update (Cllr. Tod Heyda)</p> <p>No additional information, lot of work being undertaken by the committee at the moment.</p> <p>c. Coastal Matters: Updates on</p> <p>i. Coastguard Report (Cllr. R Thurkettle)</p> <p>Not lot to report, team of 11, looking to be team of 12, have new recruits, have been a few missing people searches, but has been fairly quiet</p> <p>ii. Deben Marine Centre (Cllr. T Heyda)</p> <p>Need to review plan for the year ahead, waiting for Helene Burningham to visit and let team know plans. Weather station, currently on PGL land will be moved to the DMC on 1st Feb 25.</p>

	<p>d. Speedwatch</p> <p>Batteries only lasting a couple of days, so do need to get new SID's as soon as possible, see agenda item 7</p>
	<p>e. Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnership (Cllr C Walker)</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
	<p>f. Update from School (Cllr M Locke)</p> <p>School is moving towards joining to Multi-Academy Trust, have local authority approval, discussion ongoing re tupe of staff, should be either on 1st April or 1st May 2025.</p>
	<p>g. Emergency Committee (Cllr. R Thurkettle)</p> <p>Cllr ToHe, Cllr RoTh and clerk went through the equipment that was stored in the village hall, majority has been thrown away, as out of date, need to get together for a meeting to discuss survey, clerk to chase and get things going. Cllr SuTa and Clerk offered to support with this.</p>
	<p>h. Green Agenda – Trees and Hedges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree Packs - Bulb Planting update <p>Trees and bulbs have all been planted</p>
	<p>h. Highway Matters</p> <p>Nothing to reported</p>
12.	<p>Finance</p> <p>1. To note Bank Balances as of 31st December 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Current Account - £11326.96 b) Reserve Savings Account - £5345.96 c) CIL Funds Savings Account - £ 28187.07 d) Projects Savings Account - £7260.89 <p style="text-align: right;">All Noted</p> <p>2. To authorise the following Invoices for Payment:</p> <p>a. New payments since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £6.00 Bank Charge Dec 24 £254.59 De-Fib Battery £18.59 ESC Bulletin Nov 24 £450.00 Village Hall Rent

	<p>£228.40 HMRC £913.52 Clerks Salary Q3 £18.59 ESC Bulletin Oct 24 £12.50 Domino Emergency Phone Nov 24 £6.00 Bank Charge Oct 24 £6.00 Bank Charge Nov 24 £12.50 Domino Emergency phone Dec 24 £32.72 – Cllr Andy Rouse Expenses – Hose Parts £18.59 – ESC Bulletin Dec 24/Jan 25</p> <p>Payments agreed, proposed by Cllr RoTh, seconded Cllr MiLo, all in agreement.</p> <p>b. Any new invoices since publication of agenda:</p> <p>None Received</p> <p>c. Any new payments received since last meeting:</p> <p>£48.30 Interest Projects £187.52 Interest CIL £35.69 Interest Reserve Funds</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All Noted</p> <p>3. To receive minutes from finance meeting held on 11th Dec2024 and accept recommendations for budget and precept of £8480.00</p> <p>Minutes of Finance meeting circulated ahead of meeting, budget and precept of £8480.00 put forward, proposed by Cllr ToHe and seconded by Cllr RoTh, all in agreement.</p>
13.	<p>Any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council and to agree date for next meetings.</p> <p>Next Council Meeting – Thursday 20th March 2025</p> <p>Next Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 3rd April 2025</p>

Chair Signature..... Date.....

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