

Bawdsey Parish Council
Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 20th November 2024 – 7.00pm
At Bawdsey Village Hall

Present: Cllr Andy Rouse (AnRo) (Chair); Cllr Clare Walker (ClWa); Cllr Tod Heyda (ToHe)
 Cllr Mike Locke (MiLo); Cllr Sam Mann (SaMa); Cllr Sue Tappenden (SuTa)

Tina Hughes (Parish Clerk)

1 Member of the public

1.	To receive Apologies for absence Cllr Rob Thurkettle (RoTh) & Cllr Jackie Ferguson (JaFe) Cllr Andrew Reid (Suffolk County Council) Cllr James Mallinder (East Suffolk Council)
2.	To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary) Cllr Mike Locke – School Governor and Trustee of CAS Cllr Clare Walker; Cllr Andy Rouse and Cllr Tod Heyda – DMC Cllr Clare Walker – Trustee CLT
3.	Public Participation (10 minutes) – an opportunity for parishioners to briefly raise matters of concern and hear from County and District Councillors Would like to bring to the attention to the council the speed indicator device has not been working for some time. Advised battery currently needs to be changed every 3 days, looking to purchase a 'Solar Panel' to avoid the need for changing constantly.
4.	To agree & sign Minutes of meetings dated 26th Sept 2024 as true record. Minutes agreed as a true copy, proposed by Cllr ClWa, seconded by Cllr MiLo, all in agreement
5.	To review actions from previous meeting Gov.UK – Still waiting for 5 councillors to change over to Gov.uk emails Grit Bin – Bin has been filled now, Cllr JaMa did mention about a photo opportunity, unsure if Cllr RoTh would be able to do, Cllr SaMa advised he would be able to stand in if needed. Trees – Have been contacted by resident, who would like trees by the radar museum, Cllr AnRo to order a pack from Suffolk Tree Warden Network and pass on, with the remainder being planted in areas yet to be decided. Have spoken with Chris Mann re joining up hedges at flood cell one, which he is in agreement with, will pass this over to National Landscape, who planted hedges last year along Manor Drive.

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Chairs Initials.....

	<p>Cliff Erosion at PGL – Have received news from PGL, plan on starting next year on coastal defence work from June – Sept, will not be stopping business, needs to be started by 9th Dec 2025. Will be contacting council with more details when plans finalised.</p> <p>East Lane Flooding – SALC have webinars coming up re flooding on highways, if any councillor has time, may be worth attending and reporting back.</p> <p>Christmas Tree Festival – Cllr RoTh to source and Cllr SuTh to help decorate with a sustainable theme, Clerk has pots available.</p>
6.	<p>Planning: To receive updates on current applications and consider applications received</p> <p>a. Consider the following application(s)</p> <p>b. To consider any applications received after the publication of the agenda.</p> <p>None Received</p>
7.	<p>Discuss ESC Consultation on Licenses for Commercial Operators of Jet Ski and/or Water Scooters within East Suffolk District</p> <p>Consultation letter from ESC forwarded to all councillor prior to meeting. Cllr AnRo contacted ESC to ascertain who had received a copy of the consultation, but due to data protection they were not able to advise, Cllr AnRo therefore forwarded to – River Deben Association; Waldringfield Sailing Club; Suffolk Wildlife Trust; Suffolk Bird Group; RSPB Woodbridge; Olde and Ore Association; Essex and Suffolk River Trust; Deben Rowing Club; Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club & Cllr JaMa. Responses from majority have the same concerns, could access the sea from Felixstowe and not make a disturbance on the river, feel would be dangerous and disruptive to all other river users, kayakers, paddle boarders, swimmers, dinghy users and sailing school for example, plus river is an Internationally Renowned SSSI estuary, prized for wildlife and birdlife, which is throughout the year, wintering ground for wildlife and breeding ground in summer. Jet skiing is high octane, adrenaline sport, noisy, intrusive, causing major disturbance to wildlife, not passive transport to watch wildlife. If agreed could be open to other rivers, with precious wildlife. Could also open up the river to private jet skiers, who may not obey the rules laid down to the commercial companies, would also need to have someone to enforce the restrictions, currently an 8-knot speed restriction in place on the river. All councillors could not see any benefit to the community in having this business on the river. Cllr AnRo to put a response together to be circulated and for councillors to consider, deadline 26th Nov 24.</p>
8.	<p>CIL – Review Plan</p> <p>Cllr MiLo forwarded a summary of the plan to all councillors prior to the meeting, Clerk asked CIL team at ESC if CIL money could be used for hedge cutting, advised only if part of an infrastructure plan, needs to be costed, Clerk did enquire re changing the current SID to solar and the cost would be £987.37. Need to start with hedges and ask all residents if can cut back hedges and make the road safe for all. Need to decide on procurement, Cllr SaMa advised Keebles cut the hedges for the council and would recommend using, should be able to get a day rate, which would enable a chance to tidy up village and other people's hedges. Clerk to organise a quote for day rate and a chipper as an option. List of everything needed needs to be costed and all SCC highways issues reported on the portal. Verges have gradually encroached on road, unsure if SCC have equipment to remove this and take road back to original width to enable more room for all users, plus grips need to be cleared. Universal letter to all villagers to be organised and distributed.</p>

9.	<p>Policies – Review and adopt: -</p> <p>Retention of Documents</p> <p>Retention of Documents agreed and adopted, proposed SaMa, seconded by CIWa, all in agreement.</p>
10.	<p>Winter Litter Pick – Discuss and decide a date</p> <p>Agreed a litter pick should be arranged, too late for the Dec/Jan Bulletin, note to go in February for litter pick on Saturday 1st March 25</p>
11.	<p>Christmas Tree Festival – Finalise Plans</p> <p>Discussed under agenda item 5</p>
12.	<p>Progress Reports</p> <p>a. Clerks Correspondence update</p> <p>Email received from Lewis Weller on behalf of Jenny Riddler-Carpenter, asking if Jenny could write messages in the local Bulletin, one due to go in for Christmas.</p> <p>Hollesley announced will be a Men’s Shed in the area starting up soon, Men’s sheds are places people can come together to make, repair and repurpose, supporting projects in their local communities and improve wellbeing, reducing loneliness and combatting social isolation.</p> <p>Joint Peninsula meeting is on 28th November in Sutton, Cllr AnRo agreed to attend with the clerk.</p> <p>Bulbs – Cllr AnRo collected two sacks of bulbs from ESC, 250 and 450 each, need to go in before Christmas by the bench, need to liaise with resident to advise. May be too many for this area, agreed some could be given to plant along in front of the church wall.</p> <p>PGL – DMC have chased for the signed license from PGL’s solicitor, waiting to hear back</p> <p>b. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update (Cllr. Tod Heyda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Village Hall Christmas tree will be going up on 6th Dec 5.30pm, everyone invited to attend, will be free mince pies and mulled wine, followed by a low key get together after in the village hall ○ Fence and Railings has now started around the children’s play area, grant funding sourced for this. ○ Looking at quotes for heating in village hall, three providers have been approached, to make it more homely and efficient. ○ Also looking for funding to upgrade the village hall toilets, especially the ladies. <p>c. Coastal Matters: Updates on</p> <p>i. Coastguard report (Cllr. R. Thurkettle)</p> <p>Cllr RoTh – no update received</p>

	<p>ii. Deben Marine Centre (Cllr. Heyda)</p> <p>All quiet at the moment, attendance was slightly down from last year, could be due to a couple of factors, how numbers were recorded and also the weather, also finished earlier this year.</p> <p>Open meeting in the Village on Saturday 22nd November at 2pm regarding two projects happening, Salt Marsh at Hemley and also flood cell one, money has been obtained from Environmental Agency.</p>
	<p>d. Speedwatch</p> <p>Results received from ANPR covering week 2/9/24 to 9/9/24, results: -</p> <p>Total photos taken – 243, of which 31 vehicles were travelling over 35 mph; 8 were travelling over 40 mph and 1 was travelling 51 mph.</p>
	<p>e. Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnership (Cllr C Walker)</p> <p>Mainly a funding provider now, Just 42, youth club covering Alderton, Hollesley and Sutton, with circa 90 children, received £2500.00 for running costs, Blaxall Council are raising money by producing a calendar to raise funds, grant was awarded to Dora Brown, a charity of volunteers who transform homes, free-of-charge, for families living in crisis. Making over homes with clearance, deep cleaning, organising and providing furniture, carpets, curtains, bedding, hygiene products, plus whatever necessities are needed. The partnership has £5000 remaining for grants. CAB now opens on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Woodbridge. There are a number of groups in area providing warm spaces. There is a 'Fore' Get Me Not golf held at Seckford Golf club on first Wednesday of every month, carers spend time in club house and golfers with dementia have an opportunity to play some supervised golf.</p>
	<p>f. Update from School (Cllr M Locke)</p> <p>Now have permission from Department of Education to join a Multi-Academy Trust, Tilian, delayed due to election. No date been given yet.</p>
	<p>g. Emergency Committee (Cllr. R Thurstle) (Note: Cllr. R Thurstle is misspelled in the original document)</p> <p>Nothing to update.</p>
	<p>h. h. Green Agenda – Trees and Hedges</p> <p>i. Tree Packs</p> <p>ii. Bulb Planting</p> <p>Discussed email received from resident in answer to suggestions for planting trees, unfortunately fruit trees are not provided for free from Suffolk Tree Warden Network, also would be an issue with the maintenance and upkeep of fruit trees. Trees along the highways would need SCC highways permission, Cllr AnRo to look through list and reply to resident.</p>
	<p>i. Highway Matters</p> <p>Discussed under CIL, agenda item 8</p>

13.	<p>Finance</p> <p>1. To note Bank Balances as of <u>-30th October -2024:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Current Account - £11740.03 b) Reserve Savings Account - £5310.27 c) CIL Funds Savings Account - £27999.55 d) Projects Savings Account - £7212.59 <p>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"> £10.50 – Clerk Stationery and Christmas Festival £18.00 – Poppy Wreath £37.18 – Bulletin (July & Aug) £22.80 – SALC Payroll service £60.00 – CAS – Website Host £234.00 – CAS – Gov.uk £18.59 – Bulletin (Sept) £12.50 – Domino Design £12.50 – Domino Design <p>Payments authorised, proposed by Cllr AnRo, seconded by Cllr CIWa, all in agreement</p> <p>a. Any new invoices since publication of agenda:</p> <p>b. Any new payments received since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £50.23 – Interest Project Account £39.39 – Interest Reserve Account £192.74 – Interest on CIL Account <p>Noted</p> <p>3. Review and discuss National Pay Increase for Clerk</p> <p>Increase agreed, proposed by Cllr AnRo, seconded by Cllr CIWa, all in agreement</p>
14.	<p>Any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council and to agree date for next meetings.</p> <p>Next meeting 23rd January 2025</p>

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