Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7.00pm; Bawdsey Village Hall

In Attendance - Chairman Brian Johnson (BJ), Clls David Baker (DB), Rawdon Saunders (RS) Liz Mark (LM) Chris Mann (CM), Tony Osmanski (TO), Richard Tricker (RT), Mark Dovey (MD), SCDC Cllr Christine Block (CB), Jenny Webb (Clerk) Members of the public: None Meeting called to order by Chairman BJ at 7.00pm. Action: 1. Open Forum: -2. i. Current activities at SCC – report enclosed: Councillors mentioned the state of road signs in the area, many of which are hidden by vegetation. Some 30mph roundels on the road are very faded and need to be repainted. Highways to be alerted. Clerk ii. Current activities at SCDC: • The Deben Estuary Plan was successfully launched and will be used as a material consideration in any relevant planning application. • The Suffolk leg of the Coastal Path is to be developed in the near future. Nature England is looking at the Lowestoft-Aldeburgh route and a consultation will be taking place soon. The DEP will oppose any route via Flood cell 1-Bawdsey Marsh- because of the dangers to wildlife and from footfall. • The extension of wireless broadband should help areas such as Ramsholt with poor broadband speeds Charges for brown bins could be on the cards. This is a county decision not a district Suffolk is part of a government pilot scheme for greater devolution of powers. A new Suffolk Public Executive would oversee SCC and SCDC, and communities will have to take on more responsibilities, including parish councils. In return central government will expect the new authority to deliver more housing (70,000 new homes in 15 years within Suffolk), better educational outcomes and greater economic growth. It could include police, fire, health services and local development. There will be no new money to deliver these outcomes. CB recommended smaller parishes get together to ΑII develop a Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard their own interests and gain some councillors autonomy. The relevant committee papers should be able to be viewed as part of the Cabinet papers at SCDC, in particular the Appendix. Forthcoming World of Planning event: it would be useful to send a representative. Changes in the planning regime mean that parish councils only have 21 days to consider applications with no "wriggle room" allowed. Therefore there has to be a brisk response to potentially contentious applications with CB notified if BPC wish any applications to go to committee. 3. WSNT update: Report enclosed. LM told the meeting that she had heard that cuts in police

funding may mean the monthly visit by the police mobile unit could be axed. The council

	would resist this. At this time of year there are thefts of heating oil. A warning will be put in	Clerk		
	October's Bulletin.			
4.	Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for absence. None			
5. Councillors' Declaration of Interests: Clls RT and SCDC Cll CB declared an interest in the				
6.	To consider Planning Application DC/15/3260/FUL Deben Barn, The Manor House Estate,			
	Conversion of loft space and alterations to roof to introduce 4 No rooflights. Councillors			
	expressed unanimous support for revision D as more appropriate than the original design C.	Clerk		
	BJ has looked at the original conditions for development of the site and explained that			
	aesthetic considerations were then deemed paramount. Clerk should refer to the relevant			
	clauses in her response.			
7.	Signing of Minutes as a true record:			
	i. Parish Council Meeting held 22 nd July2015			
	ii. Planning Meeting held on 3 rd August 2015			
	iii. Planning Meeting held on 10 th August 2015			
CII RS	disputed the paragraph in the July Draft Minutes relating to the VHRGC accounts. The relevant			
paragi	raph was changed to "BJ requested a copy of the VHRG end of year accounts after they have			
been p	presented at the VHRGC AGM."			
Chairn	man BJ then signed these and the two planning meeting minutes. In answer to a query about			
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priorities were a) bringing water to the site b) further investigation into foundation loadings for the visitor centre/café. The WG is seeking authority to spend the necessary money to investigate these loadings and c) the Business Plan. SCDC has made six recommendations which should be included in the Business Plan. The plan is being updated on a daily basis including input from SCC. BJ emphasised the overall importance of the Business Plan which supports three of the six recommendations made by SCDC as conditions of the site transfer.

- The WG has made an application for £50,000.00 to the Coastal Revival Fund for funding along with the Bawdsey Radar Trust which has applied for £25,000. A decision will be made in November but it would need to be spent before the end of the financial year. This could be spent partly on the foundation work if SCDC gives permission. (The site is not yet owned by BPC)
- BCAA has asked Anglian Water for the specifications for the water pipes and the route it will take. The next stage will be to seek tenders for the work which will be funded by SCDC.
 Sewage infrastructure could be undertaken once the water supply work is commissioned will follow.
- Regarding the foundations for the Visitors' Centre building, there are several options, two of which need further investigation. This will cost in the region of £7,000. The WG advises that a decision can only be made after the result of these investigations is known. WG asked the council to allow councillors on the WG to authorise these investigations in principle once the funding is in hand. It was agreed that the Chairman would authorise this expenditure subject to confirmation of funding.
- All the bat and bird boxes have been purchased and Peter Wain suggests a public event is organised to herald the installation of the first ones It was suggested that this could be combined with Wassail. RS to speak with Beatrice S-H about this
- PW is giving a talk on the ancient port of Gosford to raise funds for BCAA at the end of October. VHRC will provide teas.
- iv. Coastal Protection Issues: No report received from Tim Green of BCP
- v. Emergency Plan: The village hall has been passed as an Emergency centre subject to completion of emergency lighting. A list of items needed in case of an emergency should be made. There is a snow warning this winter. BJ to arrange further Emergency Planning meeting.
- vi. Website Update: The website group has met twice and new details have been put on the Parish Council page including councillor biographies and protocols. Former Chair Graham Turner is willing to assist Cll R Tricker, Clerk JW and Rod Webb to develop the website more fully.
- vii. Report on Waste Bins: A resident reported that the waste bins at Bawdsey

RS

Clerk BJ

	Quay were overflowing. Norse comes twice a week in the summer to empty	
	them and once a week from October. Visitors should be encouraged to take	
	litter home. A notice to this effect is up. This information will be passed on.	
	Shingle Street Settlement has requested two extra small black bins. Clerk to	Clerk
	obtain two quotes, from Norse and from a private firm.	
	viii. Tree surgery on Ferry Road: All the overgrown hedges and trees have been	
	cut back by Bawdsey Hall and visibility is greatly improved.	
9.	Finance Sub Committee Recommendations: a) The council accepted the recommendations	
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	Savers Account for Reserves, raising the rental of the Village Hall from £125 to £250 a year,	
	accepting the revised end of year accounts and changes to the budget to reflect actual	
	spending. The council decided not to insure the new parish notice board. It was agreed to	
	authorise a payment to the Poppy Appeal to purchase a wreath on an annual basis.	
	b) The following cheques were authorised:	
	Clerk's wages: £467.95	
	Clerk's expenses: £147.06	
	Councillor Expenses: Liz Mark for £18.35	
	August/September Bulletin: £40.90	
	Council noted receipt of £228 from Garage Sale and donation to be paid into the Amenity Fund	Clerk
	Decision on whether to have monthly meetings: After a short discussion on the pros and	BJ
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	safety, digging up Ferry Road rather than tunnelin	ng under it and keeping open the Coastal	
	Path during construction. Cll RT asked for this iter	n to be put on the agenda as a standard	
	monthly item and thought that a letter to Scottisl	n Power should be written articulating all of	
	the council's concerns on this matter and the lack	of any useful response to previous letters.	RT/BJ/Clerk
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