

Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7.00pm

Bawdsey Village Hall

In Attendance –Chairman Andrew Block (AB), Clls Liz Mark (LM), Rawdon Saunders (RS), Andrew Rouse, (AR) Emma Aldous (EA), Richard Tricker (RT), SCDC Cll Christine Block, (CB) Jenny Webb (Clerk)	
<i>Meeting called to order by Chair AB at 7.00pm.</i>	
1. Open Forum- No parishioners present	
2. Chairman's welcome and Apologies: Chairman AB welcomed councillors to the meeting. Apologies received from Cll Chris Mann, Brian Johnson, SCC Cll Andrew Reid	
3. Councillor's Declaration of Interests: Cll AB, CB and RT declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project; Clls AB, AR for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership; Cll AB for CLT	
4. Signing of Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Minutes of 17th November 2018 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Cll AB, seconded by RT. ii. Minutes of Planning Meeting 17th December 2018 were signed as a true record. Proposed by LM and seconded by RT 	
<p>5. To receive report from SCDC Councillor Christine Block: The issue of noise levels at PGL has been taken up by planning officer, Michaelle Coupe. The Community Land Trust has ensured that four of the houses on the School Meadow site will be affordable, available for rent and held in perpetuity, managed by Orwell Housing. They will consist of two units of semi-detached houses; two are one-bed and two are two-beds. The original designs for both these and the private homes have been changed with smaller dimensions and higher specifications to reflect local need. The builders, Crocus Homes, will have to go back to SCDC for approval. The affordable houses will be managed by Orwell Housing Association. A public drop-in meeting has been arranged for Thursday 28th February from 3-7pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>There have been difficulties with the jetty at Bawdsey Quay with shingle undermining the boards of the jetty which is owned by PGL and will need some work. The Ferry is currently out of the water, being refitted. A wireless mast is to go up in the next few months on PGL land to improve local connectivity. There is support for a weather station to be erected to monitor wind and weather which will cost in the region of £1400-1600.</p> <p>Regarding the coastal path, The Deben Estuary Partnership, which is now a stakeholder, has been in touch with the Landowners Association which is unhappy with Natural England and its approach to the routing of the path in our area which appears to be in conflict with Defra's approach which approves the use of foot ferries in the season. The DEP could accept an alternative route using existing rights of way. The current route following Ferry Road up to East Lane is unsafe for walkers with a number of narrow bends and blind corners.</p>	<p>Clerk to put in Bulletin</p> <p>Clerk to send new letter to Natural England and cc other stakeholders</p>
6. Progress Reports: i. Clerk's report, incl. current finance report. The report of correspondence and actions can be read on the village website. Clerk drew attention to the fact that the council has received £750 from SCC to help pay for the SID. There is a balance of £3,920.14 in the current account; £7,268.23 in the BQVC account and £6,031.31 in the Savers Account after annual	

<p>interest of £10.52.</p> <p>ii. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update: Cll Saunders reported that the upstairs room of the VH is being renovated at a cost of £1,400. Unfortunately the play area in the recreation ground is closed due to moss on the matting which is very slippery and cannot be pressure washed. It will need to be sprayed and quotes for this are being sought. The tower on the VH is to be painted with monies raised by donations at the funeral of Doreen Ball. The grass area in the Memorial Gardens is to be reduced. £300 still remains from funds earmarked to clean up the memorial. The bent gate needs to be repaired. The annual Jumble Sale will take place on Saturday 23rd February. Cll Saunders thought the cost of hiring the hall would have to be raised next year from £250 to £300 due to high energy costs.</p> <p>iii. Coastal Protection Updates: a) DEP: The DEP is reviewing its Estuary Plan in the light of the new Local Plan. There is a need to liaise with PGL over the frontage of the shore under Bawdsey Manor. PGL is carrying out work to strengthen the Pulhamite cliffs and reinforce piling. No news yet from Sharon Blees about the Shoreline Management Plan review following the walk along the coast from East Lane with appointed consultants. A workshop on Salt Marsh and its importance will take place in March. b) BCP update: The date of the AGM is Saturday 23rd February in Alderton VH at 10.00am.</p> <p>iv. Emergency Committee: Nothing to report</p> <p>v. Scottish Power: Cll Tricker said that reported erosion along the top of the cliff had not been caused by SP but by the elements. He has complained about the state of the muddy roads which are meant to be swept three times a week but which haven't been. (SP community officer has said they were waiting until road has been gritted.) There have been a number of incidents concerning dumper trucks speeding which he and the Clerk will monitor. He will also voice concern about the dumper trucks travelling in convoys and causing hold ups at the traffic lights on Ford Hill. The lights were stuck on red last week which happens when the batteries are flat. Cll Tricker reported that letters from SP had been received relating to compulsory purchase of land near the foreshore and will find out the purpose of this.</p> <p>vi. Speedwatch: Rob Johnson has written a report giving statistics for the SID which is having a positive effect on speeding in the village. Out of the 10,000 vehicle movements which have taken place in 5 weeks 99% of these have been travelling under 40 mph. The device has been moved to a spot outside the Old Vicarage and the Speedwatch team would like a paving slab to be put beneath each SID post. Clerk to ask owners of the Old Vicarage for permission to do this. The team would like the post at the entrance to the village to be moved or else permission sought to use the post by the lay-by on the border of Alderton/Bawdsey. The team would also like to buy its own Speedgun to be able to monitor speeding more frequently. Clerk said a decision has to be approved by the council and would be put on March's agenda.</p> <p>7. To receive a) an update on issues relating to the Amenity Site including Tin Chapel: At the time of the meeting, councilors heard that a grant application via the Coastal Revival Team to carry out feasibility studies to renovate the tin chapel had failed. Subsequently a grant of £30,000 has been awarded in the second round. The East Suffolk Building Preservation Trust is spearheading this project with permission of PGL b) To approve advertisement in EADT for sale of disabled toilet: Councillors approved the Clerk putting in an advert in the EADT. Proposed by AB and seconded by RT</p>	<p>Cll Tricker</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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<p>8. To a) receive update on Highways issues including parking at Bawdsey Quay Clerk reported she had written to David Chenery of Highways about the urgency of an appraisal to manage parking in this area. Chairman AB reported that there may be monies for this work from SCDC but that an assessment and a costing had to be undertaken to avail of the funds before the end of March. A further email will be sent to Highways. The Chairman asked for proposals from councilors for other projects which the money could be spent on. b) To approve spending on additional 30mph roundels, replacement of 30mph repeater signs and a Keep Clear sign at the entrance to Bawdsey Manor: Clerk reported that an estimate for these works had been received - £653 for the former two items and £560 for the latter- and that approval by the council should be given. Money has been budgeted for these works. Cll Tricker proposed the spending and AB seconded.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. Planning Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To receive any updates on outstanding applications: Orwell Housing development below Manor Farm Estate has now been approved. The appeal concerning the colour of the bricks at foundation level of the new build farmhouse on Bawdsey Farm Estate has been approved but instead of using grey bricks, the Planning Officer asked that flints should be used instead. DC/18/4867/FUL Additional rear extension to create utility room. Erection of summer house in the rear garden: Westwinds 12, The Street has been approved. DC/18/4409/FUL Demolition of small storage sheds and replacement with single building all coloured dark/black on plain single storey pitched roof: Martello Tower, Shingle Street has been suspended temporarily pending receipt of a Heritage Statement i.) To consider any planning applications received after the publication of the agenda: None ii.) To receive update on Final Draft of the Local Plan: Clerk has received copy of the final draft of the plan. The only response available is to ascertain whether due diligence was followed in drawing up the plan. 	
<p>10. New Village Sign: To plan a design for a new village sign: Cll AR shared design ideas for a village sign along traditional lines. The ideas for images will be shared at the APM on April 4th and a consensus reached. Clerk to put an item into April's Bulletin. AR to look into other local firms which manufacture signs.</p>	<p>Cll Rouse Clerk</p>
<p>11. Finance: a) To approve precept for 2019-20 Councillors approved the new precept of £ 7,650, a rise of 2%. Proposed by RS and seconded by RT. b) The following cheques were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Clerk's wages: £511.50 ii. Clerk's expenses: £119.95 iii. LCPAS- byelaw workshop: £40.00 iv. Bawdsey Village Hall £250.00 	
<p>12. To consider measures to prevent camping/overnight staying at Shingle Street: Cll RT proposed that two councillors meet up with the Chair of Shingle Street Settlement Company to be shown areas of concern and discuss a way forward whether it be by means of a byelaw or suitable signage which can be grant-aided.</p>	

<p>13. To decide on whether to participate in Suffolk Litter Pick day 1st March-31st May: Councillors thought the village itself was largely litter free but that a beach clean-up might be timely. Clerk to ask interested parties.</p> <p>14. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council including any further reports: Cll Mark shared a thank you card from SALC she had received on stepping down from her role as council representative. Cll Aldous is willing to take on this role for BPC. A replacement rep for the Greenprint Forum is still needed. Debbie Wargate has left the Chair of Greenprint Forum to be replaced by her husband. Guy Acres who carried out the Hedgerow Survey died before Christmas. Suffolk Day takes place on 21st June and parishioners are invited to suggest ways of celebrating. To be put in Bulletin. A new Management Plan has been put in place by Suffolk Coasts and Heaths with a launch at Minsmere which Clls AR and RT attended. A response by them concerning the Sizewell C Consultation and its potential effects on the AONB will be sent.</p> <p>15. To review key dates for 2019 including a new date for the APM and local council elections: The next PC Meeting is Thursday 21st March; the date for the Annual Parish Meeting will be Thursday 4th April; the next joint meeting of the Peninsular Parish Councils will be on Thursday 31st January at Shottisham Trust Hall. The date of the Local Parish and District Council Elections is Thursday May 2nd.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 21 March at 7pm</p>
<p><i>Meeting ended 10.00pm</i></p>

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Andrew Block - Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council