

Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7.00pm

Bawdsey Village Hall

<p>In Attendance –Chairman Andrew Block (AB), Clls Richard Tricker (RT), A Rouse (AR), Chris Mann, (CM) Brian Johnson (BJ) Clare Walker (CW) SCC Councillor Andrew Reid, Jenny Webb (Clerk) Apologies from Clls Emma Aldous (EA), Rob Johnson (RJ) and Cll James Mallinder (East Suffolk Council)</p>	
<p><i>Meeting called to order by Chair AB at 7.00pm.</i></p>	
<p>1. Open Forum and Chairman’s welcome – Chairman apologised for the necessity of having to postpone the meeting from the previous week. No residents were present at Open Forum.</p>	
<p>2. Councillor’s Declaration of Interests: Clls AB, CM and RT declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project; Clls AB, BJ for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership; Cll AB and CW for CLT; Clls AB and BJ for Tin Chapel project.</p>	
<p>3. Signing of Minutes:</p> <p>i. Minutes of 21st November 2019 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Cll RT, seconded by CW.</p>	
<p>4. To receive report from SCC and ESC. SCC Cll Andrew Reid attended the meeting and highlighted a number of issues from his report which can be read in full on the village website. An additional 168 places for special educational needs (SEND) students have been provided in mainstream school units; the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has been rated Good; SCC is passing its £560 million pound budget in 3 weeks’ time. Three quarters of this is spent on adult and children social care. A new £3 million pound fund has been set aside for one-off projects in Suffolk which parish councils can apply for; Parking enforcement has been delegated to county and district councils by the Police, to be introduced in April; New signage around schools will be introduced for safety purposes; SCC is instituting a different way of managing roadworks with Highways not utilities determining the timetable for any works.</p> <p>Councillors asked questions relating to poor diversion signage, the criteria for applying to the special projects grant, the need to prioritise flood and drainage issues and the Northern Bypass. Cll Reid recommended using the online reporting tool for all Highways complaints. Landowners should take responsibility for clearing out their ditches and should work together with the enforcement agencies and the community on this issue. A report on the status of the Northern Bypass is due in a few weeks’ time.</p> <p>East Suffolk Councillor James Mallinder: Cll Mallinder submitted a written report which can be read on the village website.</p>	
<p>5. Progress Reports: i. Clerk’s report, incl. current finance report. The report of correspondence and actions can be read on the village website. In addition, there is a judicial review case pending against ESC with relation to the PGL Lake planning application. New planning procedures are to be unveiled at a presentation at ESC. Paper copies of plans will only be available on request. Councillors were strongly critical of this decision.</p> <p>There was a balance of £5,121.25 in the current account at the end of December. A bill for the General Election in December is forthcoming. £1,500 is ring-fenced for community projects</p>	

including purchase of a weather station. There is **£7,718.23** in the BQVC account and **£6,031.31** in the Savers Account.

ii. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update: - The committee formally thanked the parish council for the donation of £500 towards the works carried out on the pavilion.

Information from both James Mallinder and Richard Tricker re village hall grants for energy saving and building refurbishments has been noted. It has been agreed to purchase a new cabinet to be housed in the back room for items relating to the pop-up pub. Committee asked for the last items from the old parish council filing cabinet to be moved as Emergency planning items are to be moved and locked in this cabinet. The committee is looking into installing CCTV on the VH.

iii. Coastal Protection Updates: **a) DEP:** Initial meetings about the review of the DEP have taken place in the light of the revised Local Plan and will be endorsed by East Suffolk DC. A new area to be evaluated is the Deben's natural capital including its landscape and how that adds to tourism. Volunteers will be needed to engage in asset analysis. This might involve 6 evenings' work over 4-5 months. Clerk to put this in the Bulletin. There is a need to look again at the boundary at the mouth of the estuary as a result of continuing changes to the Knolls.

b) BCP update: The policy review of the Shoreline Management Plan is continuing. A further meeting with Jacobs, the consultancy firm which carried out research into the movement of shingle along the coast, will take place soon. The final wording of the revised plan should be ready by the end of the summer although it will be autumn before any policy decision is made. The Suffolk Coastal Forum will decide what changes will be made. **PGL is about to begin work at the northern end of the shore beyond Bawdsey Quay with the installation of sheet piling at a cost of £1.25 million pounds.** Discussions with Harwich Haven are taking place about the availability of shingle from dredging. However, it may not be suitable for shoring up the depleted shingle banks if it contains other material. A clay wall has been revealed at the north end of the East Lane after high winds and tidal flow has taken off the top shingle layer **c) AOEP:** This body has changed its name to the Alde and Ore Community Partnership. Its inaugural meeting is on 30 January at Orford. Its estuary plan has reached stage 2, the implementation phase. The Internal Drainage Board is in charge of the works. Bawdsey has been part of the AOEP but is now excluded from the area this new body covers. They will however continue to receive the minutes and papers in order to be kept in touch with its progress. The IDB is looking for government money to protect the upper part of the river walls, the area between Aldeburgh and Snape which will cost in the region of £10 million pounds over 4-5 years. Snape Maltings needs to be protected. Representatives on the new community partnership will include 11 parishes, SCC and ESC.

iv. Scottish Power: Tippers R Us vehicles are breaking up the hard core of the landfall site prior to dismantling the haul road. Work has been held up by adverse weather conditions.

v. Emergency Committee: Alderton now has a new representative from its parish council on the Emergency Planning Committee, Will Palmer. A meeting of the committee will take place in late February. The Emergency Plan is being updated and a copy will be sent to the parish council to be put on file. Rest Centre training will be arranged for a number of committee members.

vi. Speedwatch: The SID unit has been repaired and is now back in position. Another lock has been added to the bottom of the unit for extra security. The team was due to operate a camera Speedwatch over the last two weeks but because of the pavement works, that was not possible.

vii: Shingle Street Matters: The Shingle Street Settlement Company has opted to keep its telephone box for emergency use only and BT will maintain it as usual. The coastguards are in favour of this. A new book on Shingle Street has just been published entitled Shingle Street

<p>Reborn 1945-2000 by Tim Miller.</p>	
<p>6. Finance: a) To authorize payments as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. East Suffolk Council: Bawdsey Bulletins Nov-Jan: £64.30 ii. Clerk's Salary (net): £482.70 iii. Clerk's Expenses: £23.40 iv. Cll R Tricker (Travel Expenses) £29.70 v. VHRGC Annual rent: £300.00 vi. Elan City (SID repair) £260.10 <p>The above payments were approved by the council. Proposed by Cll C Mann and seconded by Cll R Tricker.</p>	
<p>7. To receive updates on Planning Issues: i. To review outstanding application: a) School Meadow Development: Planning permission for the revised application has been received and contractors for the build have been appointed so work should soon get underway. Two names for the new development are being considered by the CLT and the PC including Martello Close. It is hoped this development will benefit from the new mast on the Manor Estate b) Orwell Housing Development below Manor Farm Estate: The second phase of the development planning permission is still awaiting permission. The kerbing issue at the entrance to the site has been addressed with the bank behind it having been built up.</p>	
<p>8. Weather Station: Two quotations for a weather station and necessary add-ons have been received from Helen Burningham which BPC will be able to pay for from two grants already received. A new computer will have to be purchased in order to download the data from the station. Ten UK universities are currently doing research on the estuary. PGL is willing to supply a temporary post on which the unit could be installed whilst waiting for the connectivity mast to be passed by Planning. Clerk was tasked with ordering the weather station and computer. Proposed by Cll Walker and seconded by Brian Johnson.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. Bawdsey Quay: Update on financing plans for new parking scheme at Bawdsey Quay</p> <p>A meeting between councillors and East Suffolk officers confirmed that funds were still available to reconfigure parking spaces along Ferry Road and on Bawdsey Quay on the basis of road safety and a sound business case. It was agreed that resolving the parking problems on Ferry Road would address long running problems with erosion and overparking. Chairman will contact LH at ESC to ask her to progress a business case and safety budget and to ask PGL whether they would be willing to put yellow lines on the Quay. Alternative parking at the amenity site is seen as integral to the whole scheme which will entail a clearance of the site and the provision of additional parking places. Progress for this project is likely to be slow particularly if a consultation is deemed necessary.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p>10. Tin Chapel: To receive update on the Tin Chapel: A Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up between the ESBPT, the DEP on behalf of 8 universities doing research on the Deben and the Peninsula Village CLT with the parish council having an observer role. No further progress has been made since November. High winds have caused damage to the side of the chapel, but the internal scaffolding is standing firm. Cll B Johnson will liaise with the ESBPT on this matter. A further meeting has been proposed by the Cultural Engine/DEP to clarify further steps to progress this project.</p>	
<p>11. To discuss possible deterrent measures in wake of village burglaries: Councillors discussed the desirability of mounting a CCTV camera in the village. Research on various models has been</p>	

<p>undertaken but the council concluded that cameras would not necessarily be of use because any camera would have to be installed to be in line with approaching traffic. It would not detect perpetrators who entered premises via the back gardens. Suffolk police advised that thieves sometimes use stolen vehicles or false number plates. Their advice is for residents to secure their own properties and mark tools and valuables so as to be identifiable if found after a robbery. Clerk will attend the next meeting of the Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team to pick up relevant literature to share with residents.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12. To receive update on Highways matters: SCC Cll Reid recommended residents use the Report a Problem tool on the SCC website to report floods, potholes, mud on the road etc. Clerk asked to investigate mud on the road outside Stangrove Hall in case it was caused by compacted earth on the bank where drains from the Orwell development were dug and finished. Cll Rouse will attend a seminar to look into the maintenance of verges and best practice, including the planting of wildflowers and a limited grass cutting regime.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13. Green agenda: a) To receive recommendations for actions from the Bawdsey Green Group b) To consider purchasing a decorative bench for the "Green." Councillors were given a copy of the recommendations put forward by the Green Group which included purchasing a bin to recycle tetrapacks outside the VH and highlighting local outlets which take batteries, water filters and plastic paper. A resident can offer refills of liquid laundry products and other domestic products. Clerk to put a price list on the village hall noticeboard and send the BGG report into the Bulletin. Cll R Tricker proposed buying a bespoke bin for the tetrapacks. Seconded by Cll Mann. Clerk to see whether a grant can be accessed via ESC to help pay for the bin. b) Clerk to look into sourcing a decorative wooden bench for the Green.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>14. National Coastal Path: To receive any update about the route of the National Coastal Path: Natural England will communicate its intentions regarding the route of the coastal path up the Deben from Bawdsey Quay to Ramsholt after they have consulted with local landowners. BPC favours the use of foot ferries but since they are seasonal, it would be necessary to set up a CIC to offer winter ferry service. This is currently being explored. The parish council has already shared its reservations about the proposed route from the Quay to East Lane which entails walking along part of the cliff beyond the Landmark Path which has suffered serious erosion in the past few months. Four to six metres of land abutting the cliff has been lost over the course of 2019. Clerk asked to send photos of recent cliff falls to NE.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>15. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council: Clerk has advertised the post of clerk in Village Voices and in the Bulletin. Responses to be made to the Chairman by the end of February.</p>	
<p>16. To decide on dates for future meetings:</p> <p>Thursday March 19th at 7pm; Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 1st April, AGM Thursday 21st May</p>	
<p><i>Meeting ended 9.45pm</i></p>	

Signature:

Date:

Andrew Block- Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council