

Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7.00pm

Bawdsey Village Hall

<p>In Attendance –Chairman Andrew Block (AB), Clls Richard Tricker (RT), Chris Mann, (CM) Brian Johnson (BJ) Emma Aldous (EM), Rob Johnson (RJ), Clare Walker (CW) Jenny Webb (Clerk Apologies from Cll A Rouse</p>	
<p><i>Meeting called to order by Chair AB at 7.00pm.</i></p>	
<p>1. Open Forum and Chairman’s welcome – One parishioner asked about planning conditions regarding the PGL Lake planning application. It has yet to be formally granted planning permission, and ES Council is awaiting a couple of reports. The PC was told that disabled access to the Boathouse Cafe will take place later this year/early next year.</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: i. Minutes of 18th July 2019 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Cll RT, seconded by CW.</p>	
<p>4. To receive report from SCC Cll Andrew Reid sent his apologies. East Suffolk Councillor James Mallinder: Cll Mallinder was unable to attend and sent his apologies. His full report can be read on the village website. A question was asked by BJ relating to the extent of Fram Broadband provision mentioned in JM’s report and asking who else would benefit.</p>	<p>Clerk to enquire</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. Clerk drew attention to the concerns received about the slippery jetties at Bawdsey Quay and Felixstowe Ferry. She was asked to write to PGL and Felixstowe boatyard recommending the use of anti-slip aluminium mesh as a safety measure. There is a balance of £3,686.81 in the current account. £7,718.23 in the BQVC account following the sale of the disabled toilet and £6,031.31 in the Savers Account. The next tranche of the precept will be received at the end of September. The bill for the local and European elections has not yet been received. ii. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update: An upgrade to the pavilion has been completed with a new kitchen with hot running water enabling food to be served there; separate ladies’ and gents’ toilets including a disabled toilet, electric lights in every room, and lino on the floors. Two children’s parties have been booked. The last Pop up Pub went very well. The upgrade went over budget and the VHRGC may ask the PC for a grant. The gates to the recreation ground have been repaired. The VH barge boards and turret have been painted. A problem with a wasp nest is being seen to. The children’s playground has been cleaned and the shrubs near the tennis courts cut. There will be the usual bonfire party on November 5th at the East Lane site. The chairman thanked the VHRGC for all their hard work and asked for a formal letter from them requesting a grant by the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

iii. Coastal Protection Updates: a) **DEP:** A review of the plan is being undertaken in the light of the revised Local Plan. The Deben estuary needs to be seen as a whole system and its natural capital evaluated including its landscape and how that adds to tourism. A new trustee has been recruited and a workshop on the review is to take place shortly. b) **BCP update:** A revised report on coastal processes by Jacobs which was commissioned by Coastal Partnership East has recently been published. It can be read on the BCP website. Funding for stage 2 is being sought. Coastal processes are still not fully understood so a “wait and see” approach is recommended rather than going down one route for coastal protection. Current concerns relate to the extent of erosion south of Martello W and down towards the Manor which has led to the beach becoming steep in places and damage to the cliffs.

iv. Scottish Power: The haul road is being taken up at present, contributing to heavier traffic through the village. It will be reinstated when EA3 is built in 2021. Scottish Power will keep the landfall site until the completion of EA3. Passing places are to be retained though not the signs indicating their presence. Councillors expressed the hope that the hedges will be reinstated along with the verge since the hedgerows provide a corridor for wildlife.

v. Emergency Committee: Four members of the committee are to go on Rest Centre training following a meeting in July. Forty Emergency Packs have been received from Network Power for vulnerable residents. These include an emergency plug-in torch, tablet dispenser and a glow torch. Network Power maintains a list of vulnerable residents who can sign up with them to ensure they will have priority in reinstalling power. The next meeting of the EC is taking place soon to prepare for winter challenges.

vi. Speedwatch: Following the vandalising of the SID, a new door and hinge will be necessary since the back casing was cracked when it was pulled off the bracket. Clerk asked to confirm these can be sourced from the company Elan City. Generally speeding has greatly improved although there have been spikes of 58mph.

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6. Finance: a) To authorize payments as listed below

- i. Bawdsey Bulletin August: £27.29
- ii. Bawdsey Bulletin (September) £19.19
- iii. Suffolk Preservation Society £30.00
- iv. Clerk’s Salary (net): £420.40
- v. Clerk’s Expenses: £15.23
- vi. HMRC (Clerk’s PAYE) £148.40
- vii. Royal British Legion (Poppy wreath) £15.00

The above payments were approved by the council. Proposed by Cll Block and seconded by Cll Johnson. All cheques were signed except the RBL one pending confirmation that the cost for a poppy wreath has remained the same. The new signatory of Cll RJ has not yet been confirmed by Barclays. Clerk to investigate.

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b) To approve new NALC Financial Regulations: Three minor amendments were approved by the council and adopted. Proposed by Cll AB and seconded by CLL EA.

7. To receive updates on Planning Issues: i. To review outstanding application: a)

DC/19/2240/ARM School Meadow Development: A staff car park for the school has been offered by Crocus Homes as community benefit and will be included on this site, to be owned by the local authority. The CLT has signed up for the government grant for coastal villages

experiencing housing shortages for local people and has received £458,000 to go towards acquiring homes for rent to be kept in ownership of the CLT for perpetuity. **b) DC/18/1311/FUL Orwell Housing Development below Manor Farm Estate:** Orwell Housing presented new plans for the second phase of this development to the village in a consultative event on 11th September. The second phase of the development will need planning permission to reflect the changes.

Building for phase 1 will start at the end of September beginning with the two bungalows which will be available for rent. 31 conditions for this development have been met. Houses on the site will be connected via a foul water pumping main to the mains sewage at Alderton in November and will take 4 weeks. Councillors voiced concerns about a number of issues: closing half of the road during the pipe works might not be able to contain wide farm vehicles and PGL coaches; the total dependence of the homes on electricity (false chimneys) and the potentially high rents of the properties; lack of solar panels, swift bricks and insulation.

- 8. To receive update on Beach Clean arrangements:** A beach clean will take place on Sunday 22nd September at East Lane at 10-12pm. Shingle Street has a similar event on Saturday 21st.
- 9. To consider supporting Alderton PC in acquisition of The Swan:** The Swan has registered the pub as a community asset in an attempt to prevent it being sold and changed into a private home. The parish council wishes Alderton PC the best of luck in their plans to retain the building as a traditional pub.
- 10. To consider approaches to anti-social behavior in the village:** The council has received a number of concerns from residents in the past month including noise from dogs, speeding, bonfires, shooting near footpaths and gardens and fly-tipping. These are very regrettable. Clerk was asked to put information from the East Suffolk website in October's Bulletin to enable residents to report any incidents to the proper authorities.
- 11. To consider sharing a cleaning signs team with other peninsular councils:** Hollesley PC invited other councils on the peninsula to share the services of a company to clean signs and carry out related works. The council concluded they could carry out this work themselves since the village is very small.
- 12. To receive update on Bawdsey Quay and the Tin Chapel:** Cultural Engine, the body carrying out a feasibility study for the East Suffolk Building Preservation Trust regarding potential uses for the chapel, is in favour of a Field Studies Centre. Eight universities are carrying out research on the Deben Estuary and its salt marshes. Both ESBPT and PGL are enthusiastic in championing the project. Regarding parking at Bawdsey Quay, Cll Block in early summer met with David Chenery of Highways who said he would prepare drawings for this for free but they have not yet materialized. Concerns were expressed about overnight parking at the Quay reflecting similar concerns at Shingle Street. Clerk asked to look into grants for signs from the AONB.
- 13. To receive update on route of the National Coastal Path:** Jonathan Clarke of Natural England met up with Clls A Block and C Mann in July to consider an alternative route from East Lane to Bawdsey Quay without taking the eroded footpath along the cliff top. NE concluded they could

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retain this route by moving the footpath away from the cliff edge. NE is also thinking of restricting coastal access rights to areas of saltmarsh and mudflat on the Deben.

14. To receive update on Highways matters: Work to paint 30mph roundels on The Street and to replace some 30mph repeater signs will be carried out in the autumn. A *Leave Clear* sign will be painted on the Quay at the entrance to Bawdsey Manor. The council has been told that work to renew the pavement in Bawdsey will be taking place before March 2010.

15. To review policy of a working group to consider a “Green agenda” including landscaping the “Green:” Cll Tricker will attend a workshop run by East Suffolk and other agencies on “Plastic Champions” and will communicate its findings to councilors and to villagers. Clerk to look at availability of grants for solar panels. It may be that a village sign on the green will not be feasible due to underground cables connected to the BT Open Reach Box. Council will look into a village seat on the green and feasibility of a small tree. Cll Mann shared information about current farming methods including the use of organic manure and fertilizer as needed.

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16. To consider measures to deter camper vans staying overnight at Shingle Street: Clerk to look into AONB grants for signage saying No Overnight Parking.

17. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council including any further reports. Cll C Walker shared a report of her attendance of the Stour and Orwell Forum which highlighted the value of estuaries which capture more carbon capture than rain forests; the value of maritime trees at Harkstead and Woolverstone; bio-security at Felixstowe Port and bird surveys by Galloper wind farms.

Date of next meeting: Thursday November 21st at 7pm; Joint meeting of peninsular councils Thursday 24th October at Alderton VH at 7pm.

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Signature:

Date:

Andrew Block- Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council