

Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.00pm
Via Zoom Video Conference

Attendees

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)
Cllr. Chris Mann
Cllr. Robin Johnson
Cllr. Richard Tricker
Cllr. B. Johnson

Cllr. Andrew Rouse (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Robert Thurkettle
Cllr. Clare Walker
Cllr. James Mallinder (East Suffolk)
Cllr. Andrew. Reid (County Councillor)

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

1 Member of the public in attendance.

1) To receive Apologies for absence:

There were none.

2.) To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary)

Cllr. Mann, Cllr. Tricker and Cllr. Block declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project, Cllr. Rouse for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership; Cllr. Walker and Cllr. Block for CLT.

Cllr. Thurkettle for the Peninsula Practice.

3.) Public Participation - To receive:

Mrs. Webb (previous Clerk) advised the Councillors that there are only two face coverings left from the ones purchased by the Parish Council.

Mrs. Webb as Bawdsey Village Recorder has put together a twenty four page document about the village, which will be uploaded onto the Bawdsey Village website soon.

4.) To receive reports (if any) from SCC and East Suffolk DC

Reports had been received from Cllr. James Mallinder and Cllr. Andrew Reid and forwarded onto the Councillors. Copies of these can be found on the Bawdsey website.

Cllr. Reid discussed items from the report, the situation with the virus is still difficult and we must continue to be vigilant and continue to obey guidelines and restrictions. Cllr. Reid explained that the vaccine is to be used in any event, therefore some individuals may be called before other age groups.

Cllr. Reid confirmed that funding has been earmarked for design and works at Bawdsey Quay and advised the Councillors that a new temporary traffic regulation order will be needed, which will in time turn into a permanent order.

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Cllr. Mallinder discussed items from his report, front line workers are available at East Suffolk, although from today's date bulky waste collection has been suspended.

Cllr. Mallinder is aware that grants are available for those who require support and is available to offer confidential help and support to those in need and urges individuals to make contact. If there are any difficulties with transport to a vaccination or transport is needed individuals are encouraged to contact Cllr. Mallinder.

East Suffolk boxes are available for vulnerable residents to help overcome feelings of loneliness and isolation, so far fifty have been ordered for residents across the peninsula.

The Councillors discussed whether The Alderton Swan could be registered as a Community Asset again as the previous Community Asset had expired and there has been interest in the pub. Cllr. Mallinder is aware of this and East Suffolk understand how the virus has affected things.

Action: Clerk to contact Alderton Parish Council and East Suffolk to support a new Community Asset for the Alderton Swan.

5.) To agree and sign Minutes of meeting dated 26th November 2020 as a true record.

Minutes were agreed by the Councillors, proposed by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Thurkettle.

6.) Actions and Matters Arising:

There were none.

7.) Planning:

a.) To receive updates on current applications:

The Cranes site development has been passed. Parish Council and residents comments had been noted, and East Suffolk has set approximately thirty conditions for the consent.

The Parish Council have objected to the Simperts application and the PGL planning application for sea defences will be with the Parish Council soon.

Cllr. Mann advised the Council that the application for 17 Acres Barn was turned down at appeal on the grounds of being a major development and visually intrusive.

The Councillors noted that PGL plans to go ahead with the lake within the next six months, though the lake maybe smaller than originally planned.

b.) To consider any applications received after the publication of the agenda:

There were no planning applications to discuss.

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8.) Bawdsey Quay, Parking Issues:

Bawdsey Quay; the latest update that Suffolk County Council have provided is that funds are now in place and the design team will take on the approach road; a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order, due to be in place in April.

9.) To discuss and agree purchase of 'No Parking' Sign at East Lane.

Cllr. Mann (Landowner) is happy to accept the proposed wording of the sign. The purchase of the sign was proposed by Cllr. Tricker, Seconded by Cllr. Walker, all Councillors agreed.

Cllr. Rouse suggested whether a second sign could be installed advising campers where they could go locally, this was agreed by the Councillors although camping sites would need to help fund this.

Actions: Clerk to contact websites promoting Bawdsey for camping to request their advertisements to be removed. Cllr. Rouse will contact local camping sites in regard to funding a second sign.

10.) To discuss Natural England's proposed Coastal Footpath.

Cllr. Tricker has notified Scottish Power of recent cliff falls and will notify Natural England.

The Chairman has written again to Natural England about the Parish Council's serious concerns regarding the proposed Coastal path south from East Lane along the cliffs, and will also present an alternative suggestion for the Bawdsey Quay to Ramsholt section.

11.) Progress Reports:

i. Clerk's report, incl. current financial update:

The Clerk reported the current financial figures as:

- Savers account £8047.55
- Amenity Account (ending 17141) £4668.23
- Community Account (ending 60571) £4008.48

ii. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update (Cllr. R. Johnson)

The memorial works near the recreation ground should be completed by next week.

The Village Hall committee received a letter from a resident with a few concerns, these have been dealt with. Another resident has been in touch to request the use of the Village Hall free of charge for distributing free food packages to the local community.

Cllr. Mann was thanked for arranging the hedges being cut.

iii. Coastal Matters: Updates on

a) Deben Estuary Partnership (Cllr. Block)

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Currently in the process of reviewing the Estuary plan to work alongside the new local plan. There are discussions ongoing to extend the area that the plan covers, Deben Estuary Partnership will be opposing the coastal path.

b) Bawdsey Coastal Partnership (Cllr. Rouse)

Nothing to report.

c) Coastguard report (Cllr. Thurkettle)

There has been no call outs for the coastguard this year and Cllr. Thurkettle was pleased to report that there are currently ten people on the team.

Cllr. Thurkettle will begin his first shift as a first responder from Saturday providing much needed support during the pandemic to the NHS, he has requested to continue his role as a first responder once the pandemic is over.

iv.) Scottish Power (Cllr. Tricker)

Cllr. Tricker has been liaising with Joanna Young and work should be completed by Spring this year.

v.) Speedwatch (Cllr. R. Johnson)

The Speed indicator device is located at The Old Vicarage, due to safety issues there are limited locations where the sign is able to go.

vi) Update for Photo posts and Weather Station

Photo posts are ready to use, discussions are ongoing as to where photos will be uploaded, although there is a facebook page. More 'likes are needed to enable a shorter facebook address.

vii). Emergency Committee (Cllr. R. Johnson):

The Committee is active and available when required to all residents in need, the committee requires winter jackets and a push lock for the emergency cabinet. Cllr. Johnson will forward a list onto the Clerk.

12.) Finance:

a.) To discuss budget and agree 2020/2021

The Councillors reviewed and agreed the budget for 2020/2021, proposed by Cllr. R. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Rouse.

b.) To agree precept 2021

The Finance advisory group had reviewed the budget, and recommended that the Council should not increase the precept; the Councillors agreed that the precept of £7650.00 from 2020 should remain the same for 2021, proposed by Cllr. Tricker, seconded by Cllr. Thurkettle.

c.) To discuss moving Parish Council accounts to online banking

Councillors discussed and agreed that the accounts should be moved to online banking, proposed by Cllr. Tricker, seconded by Cllr. R. Johnson.

Cllr. Rouse was thanked for his research with regards to moving the accounts online with an alternative provider.

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From Cllr. Rouse's research Unity Trust seemed to be the best provider and is known to other Parish Council's as well as SALC. Cllr. Block, as Chairman will need to begin the process.

d.) To approve cheques:

- Alderton PO Stores for Bawdsey Extravaganza 1st and 2nd prizes £60.00
- Mrs. T. Pollock, Bawdsey Extravaganza 3rd prizes £10.99
- Hirst Signs, Disable Access Sign, East Lane £49.44
- Suffolk County Council, Bawdsey Quay line markings £500.00
- Cllr. Tricker, Materials for sign at East Lane £45.96

Direct Debit's:

- Emergency Telephone, Red Rocket £9.60

All Councillors approved payments, Proposed by Cllr. Tricker, seconded by Cllr. Walker.

13.) Highways Matters: To discuss any concerns about Highways

A parishioner had been in touch with the Council regarding traffic speed and possible traffic calming measures at the south end of the village. It was felt there were no measures which could significantly improve the situation.

Councillors discussed whether the trees surrounding the speed indicator device in this section of road could be cut, as they are privately owned and are protected by a preservation order. The landowner would need to undertake any work.

Cllr. B. Johnson requested whether the road from Hollesley to the south end of Shingle Street could become a quiet lane, the Clerk will request if this can be added.

The Parish Council has requested that Red House Farm Lane, East Lane, Long Lane and School Lane be included in the new allocation of Quiet Lanes, and the registration process is underway.

Cllr. Rouse suggested whether a footpath could be implemented right through the village, the Councillors agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

14.) Any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council and to agree date of Next Meetings

Cllr. Block suggested six residents as nominees for village awards, the Councillors felt that a framed certificate would be an appropriate award.

Cllr. Block has been made aware that the Bawdsey Welcome booklet will need to be reprinted, this would be approximately £40.00, to be agreed at the next meeting.

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Cllr. Block thanked the Councillors for their participation and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)

Tiffany Pollock

Clerk to Bawdsey Parish Council

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