

# Bawdsey Parish Council

## Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm Via Zoom Video Conference

### Attendees

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)  
Cllr. Robert Thurkettle  
Cllr. Clare Walker

Cllr. Andrew Rouse (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr. Robin Johnson  
Cllr. Richard Tricker

Cllr. Chris Mann  
Cllr. Brian Johnson

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

1 Member of public in attendance.

### **1) To receive Apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Cllr. James Mallinder (East Suffolk Council), Cllr. Andrew Reid (Suffolk County Council)

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

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

### **3) Public Participation - To receive:**

*No public participation took place.*

### **4) To agree and sign Minutes of meetings dated 28th May and 4th June as a true record.**

Cllr. Block requested for the following amendments to be made to minutes dated 28<sup>th</sup> May

- Cllr. Rouse (Vice Chair) Chaired the meeting.
- A clear Thank you to Jenny Webb (previous clerk) for all her hard work and dedication to the role.

After these amendments both minutes were agreed, proposed by Cllr. R. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Rouse.

### **5) Planning:**

#### **a.) To receive updates on current applications:**

The Clerk advised that the Crane's development (DC/20/1404/FUL) is currently pending a decision from East Suffolk Council.

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

*There were no planning applications to discuss.*

**6) Bawdsey Quay**

**a.) Parking Issues:**

The Councillors discussed the numerous emails from residents at Bawdsey Quay with concerns of safety, parking and speeding. Cllr. Rouse briefly summarized a plan of action which was received from Laura Hack (East Suffolk Council) highlighting issues at the Quay and possible resolutions.

A meeting with Laura Hack has been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> August with the Councillors to discuss identified issues further and possible solutions as well as re-stating the previous plans.

It was agreed that any signage will need to be consistent with Bawdsey Quay, East Lane and Shingle Street, the Councillors discussed whether a new post could be installed near Bawdsey Quay for the SID. The Clerk will liaise with Highways as to whether this is possible.

**b.) Coastal Erosion and Signage:**

Cllr. Thurkettle advised the Councillors that Ashley (Manager at PGL) had installed signs highlighting the footpath was closed due to the dangers of the cliff falls, unfortunately the signs had been removed. Ashley has re-installed new signs and will monitor the situation.

Cllr. Thurkettle has highlighted the dangers of the cliff falls at Bawdsey via social media.

**7) To agree purchase of sign for disabled access at East Lane**

The Councillors agreed to purchase a sign for disabled access at East Lane from Signs Express, proposed by Cllr. Rouse seconded by Cllr. Walker.

**8) 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.

**9. Progress Reports:**

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

The Clerk reported the current financial figures as:

- Savers account £8043.37
- Community Account £7718.23
- Community Account £2767.36

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A Clerk's training course has been offered from SALC via Zoom, 90 minute modules for six weeks, at £25.00 + VAT per module, the Councillors agreed for the Clerk to undertake this training, proposed by Cllr. R. Johnson seconded by Cllr. Rouse.

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

Cllr. R. Johnson advised the Councillors that the village hall has now re-opened for hirers, risk assessments have been carried and the Committee have implemented new procedures such as, new terms and conditions for hirers, hand sanitizer, only allowing a maximum of eighteen inside the hall at any one time as well as a one way system.

New CCTV has also been installed at the front and back of the village hall.

The Committee are currently looking for a long-term solution for the moss on the surface of the play area.

## **iii. Coastal Matters: Updates on**

### **a) Deben Estuary Partnership – Photo Posts and Weather Station (Cllr. Block)**

Due to the ongoing problems with the volume of visitors to Bawdsey Quay and Shingle Street, the Councillors discussed whether photo posts would attract more tourists to the area than desired. Although Photo Posts are of importance to the area for study and measuring purposes, a review will take place for the posts and their locations.

Weather Station – Cllr. Rouse currently sends the data monthly, if there is a need to display the readings on the website there will be a charge for doing so.

### **b) Bawdsey Coastal Partnership (Cllr. Rouse)**

Cllr. Rouse reported that there has been little movement on this and will reassess in early Autumn.

### **c) Coastguard report (Cllr. Thurkettle)**

Cllr. Thurkettle (Coastguard) advised the Councillors that even though the coast has been incredibly busy, the coastguard has been relatively quiet with only 2 call outs.

### **iv. Scottish Power (Cllr. Tricker)**

Cllr. Tricker reported that sub soil is being moved from the haul road and should be completed by the end of September.

### **v. Speedwatch (Cllr. R. Johnson)**

There have been quite a few speeders recorded in the village and details have been passed to the Police. The Community Speed Gun will resume soon, the SID has been moved to the Vicarage, although posts have been put in inappropriate places.

Clerk – liaise with Cllr. R. Johnson and Highways for movement of posts.

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## vii. Emergency Committee (Cllr. R. Johnson) To discuss purchase of Face Mask filters:

Cllr. R. Johnson reported that since Government lockdown conditions have been lifted the support from the Emergency Committee has decreased, however they are still actively supporting one resident and will continue to offer support to residents when required.

The Council have been given the opportunity to bulk buy facemask filters. As the Parish Council provided facemasks to residents free of charge, the Councillors agreed to purchase thirty filters but would seek to charge residents for these. This will be communicated in the August Bawdsey Bulletin.

## 10) Finance:

a) To approve cheques:

- Woodbridge Golf Club, Printing Costs for Bulletin £7.80
- Microsoft Office Software for Clerks Laptop £59.99
- Cheryl Mellon-Kelly, Facemasks £70.00
- Woodbridge Golf Club, Printing Costs for Bulletin £11.28
- Emergency Planning expenses for Cllr. R. Johnson £49.50

Direct Debit's:

- Emergency Telephone, Red Rocket £9.60
- Information Commissioner's Office £35.00

## 11. Highways Matters: To discuss any concerns about Highways

Cllr. Rouse advised that a report was logged with Suffolk County Highways for flooding on The Street, near the Orwell Housing development.

*No further issues were raised.*

## 12. Any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council and to agree date of Next Meetings

Cllr. Block reported that he had discussed the issue of speeding with PC Rachel Partridge who has agreed to carry out more regular checks in the village.

Cllr. B. Johnson reported that he had been asked whether a notice could be erected at East Lane Car Park advising that Ground nesting Birds may be found along the sea wall and asking for dogs to be kept under control, as are displayed at Shingle Street. It was agreed this could be done next year. Cllr. B. Johnson to organise.

The Councillors agreed the following meeting dates:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm

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Cllr. Block thanked the Councillors for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)

Date.....

*Tiffany Pollock*

Clerk to Bawdsey Parish Council

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