

Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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 (from 7.30pm)  
Cllr. Clare Walker  
Cllr. James Mallinder (East Suffolk)  
Cllr. Andrew. Reid (County Councillor)

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

1 Members of the public in attendance.

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

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Thurkettle as he will be attending the meeting late.

**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:**

A member of the public advised the Councillors that Mr. R. Webb is happy to continue to check the defibrillator weekly. The Councillors were reminded that the cost of the defibrillator is shared with the Village Hall and any payments for this would be taken in turns between the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee.

**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 and highlighted that a programme of construction would be beginning soon for schools specializing in special educational needs.

Projects for works at bridges in both Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth would be starting soon. There will also be a focus on targeting speeding through the county with automatic plate recognition cameras, these cameras will also be implemented at recycling centres to improve services.

Cllr. Mallinder discussed items from his report and thanked the Parish for their understanding of changes to the bin collections. 'Nature First' was launched last week, which includes 'Pardon the weeds, we are feeding the bees'.

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The planning application for a camping site near Ramsholt was refused, although temporary camping at the site will be allowed. If there are any concerns Cllr. Mallinder is happy to take these onboard.

**5) To agree and sign Minutes of meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as a true record.**

Minutes were agreed by the Councillors, proposed by Cllr. Rouse and seconded by Cllr. R. Johnson.

**6.) Actions and Matters Arising:**

*There were none.*

**7.) Planning:**

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

Cllr. Block and Cllr. Rouse attended an online meeting with PGL on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb with regard to their plans to install sea defences in front of the Manor, and notes of this meeting have been circulated to Councillors. PGL invited initial comments and questions. Once a formal planning application is received, Bawdsey Council will be notified.

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

*There were no planning applications to discuss.*

**8.) Bawdsey Quay, Parking Issues and latest update:**

Plans from Suffolk County Council for Bawdsey Quay had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The Councillors were advised that the earliest date of 5<sup>th</sup> April would be when the barriers could be installed.

The Council's preferred option for the approach road to the Quay would be three bays – retention of the large one and the addition of two smaller bays with car spaces.

The Councillors discussed that It would be ideal for the amenity site to be cleared in preparation for the holiday season, Cllr. Mallinder agreed to contact Norse to arrange the site to be cleared.

Cllr. Block thanked Cllr's Mallinder and Reid for their assistance and will contact Suffolk County Council to confirm dates for works to be carried out, the preferred layout of the verge and to confirm how the barriers will withstand high tide.

**9.) To discuss and agree printing of Bawdsey Welcome Booklet:**

With more newcomers in Bawdsey the Councillors agreed that a revamp and update of the welcome booklet should be printed. It was suggested whether an insert could be included for the Peninsula Practice as well a link for the details of the Emergency Committee.

The cost would be approximately £40.00 for printing and was proposed by Cllr. Rouse, seconded by Cllr. Walker.

A proof of the booklet would be sent to the Councillors before printing, Cllr. Mallinder agreed that this could be funded by the Community Enabling Fund.

**10.) To discuss the possibility of implementing a footpath through the village:**

Cllr. Rouse had circulated a summary of the footpath to the Councillors prior to the meeting, Councillors felt that a footpath connecting Alderton and Bawdsey is an incredibly good idea. Proposed by Cllr. Mann, seconded by Cllr. Tricker.

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It was understood by all Councillors that there would need to be strong evidence for this proposal to gain the necessary funding.

**Action: Clerk to make enquiries for availability of funds.**

**11) Quiet Lanes, latest update:**

Cllr. Block applied for quiet lanes in Bawdsey, the software has been completed with where the signs could go which will need to be applied to a costing spreadsheet.

Once the necessary public consultation about the implementation of Bawdsey's Quiet Lanes has been completed successfully, with support from the Parish Council, the next stage of consultation can be done.

**Action: Clerk to transfer information onto the costing spreadsheet.**

**12) Coastal Path, to agree a response to Natural England:**

The Parish Council is anxious that members of the public continue to submit photos and comments about the erosion of Bawdsey's Cliffs. Cllr Block will ensure final comments from the Council about this issue on the Aldeburgh to Bawdsey stretch will be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**13.) Progress Reports:**

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

The Clerk reported the current financial figures as:

- Savers account £8047.55
- Amenity Account £4668.23
- Community Account £3484.22

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

CCTV installed at the Village Hall has been registered with ICO, a data protection officer has also been appointed.

Unfortunately there has been a problem with the concrete at the war memorial area, this will be rectified and completed soon. There may be a Village Fete towards June, depending upon Government restrictions.

**iii. Coastal Matters: Updates on**

**a) Deben Estuary Partnership (Cllr. Block)**

Cllr. Block reported that there are ongoing issues to resolve, report attached to minutes.

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

BCP had a meeting on 10.03.21 where future directions of the partnership were discussed. A future meeting to include landowners is intended after lockdown.

Cllr. Rouse attended Suffolk Coastal Forum on 09.03.21 where many presentations were around the need for resilience and a refocus in the nature of future support offered to coastal communities under threat.

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

Cllr. Thurkettle (Coastguard) advised the Councillors that so far there had been one call out this year. Once Government restrictions allow the Coastguard team will be looking at returning into schools to educate safety of the coast.

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

Cllr. Tricker reported that the hedge should be re-instated soon and will request the latest update.

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

The speedwatch team will be restarting soon although more volunteers are needed. It has been noticed that school traffic seems to be speeding through the Village, the Councillors suggested whether this could be highlighted to the school.

**vi) Update for Photo posts and Weather Station**

All four photo posts are in position, signs will be erected soon, each post has its own Facebook page allowing members of the public to upload their photographs.

The new AONB 'Redshank' project will also be using the photo posts.

The weather station is in Cllr. Rouse's garden, the data collected is sent to Helen Burningham at the UCL monthly, if we would like the data to be available publicly we would need to purchase an account.

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

*Nothing to report.*

**14. Finance:****a.) To approve cheques:**

- East Suffolk Council, Bawdsey Bulletin printing £25.79
- Mrs. T. Pollock, Clerk quarterly wages and expenses £863.52
- Suffolk County Council, Bawdsey Quay line markings £500.00 (Cllr. Mallinder's Grant)
- Cllr. Tricker, Photopost expenses £42.30
- Cllr. Rouse, Photopost expenses £21.60
- SALC, Councillor Training £25.00
- SALC, Clerks Payroll £9.50
- SALC, Clerks Payroll £19.00

*ii. Any new invoices coming forth*

Direct Debit's:

- Emergency Telephone, Red Rocket £9.60

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

**15.) Highways Matters: To discuss any concerns about Highways**

The has been reports made to the Council in regards to near miss accidents due to a van parked opposite the Village Hall, residents are advised to report any highway issues directly to Suffolk County Highways.

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**16.) Documentation to review and accept the following;**

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Assessment (Financial)
- Risk Assessment (Non-Financial)
- Internal Controls
- Suffolk Code of Conduct
- Asset Register

All Councillors agreed that the above documents should be adopted, proposed by Cllr. Block, seconded by Cllr. Thurkettle.

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

A request for a new dog bin to be installed near Orwell housing was discussed.

The Councillors were advised that there has been a fundraising page set up for The Alderton Swan.

The next Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at Bawdsey Village Hall (Government guidelines will apply)

Cllr. Block thanked the Councillors for their participation and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

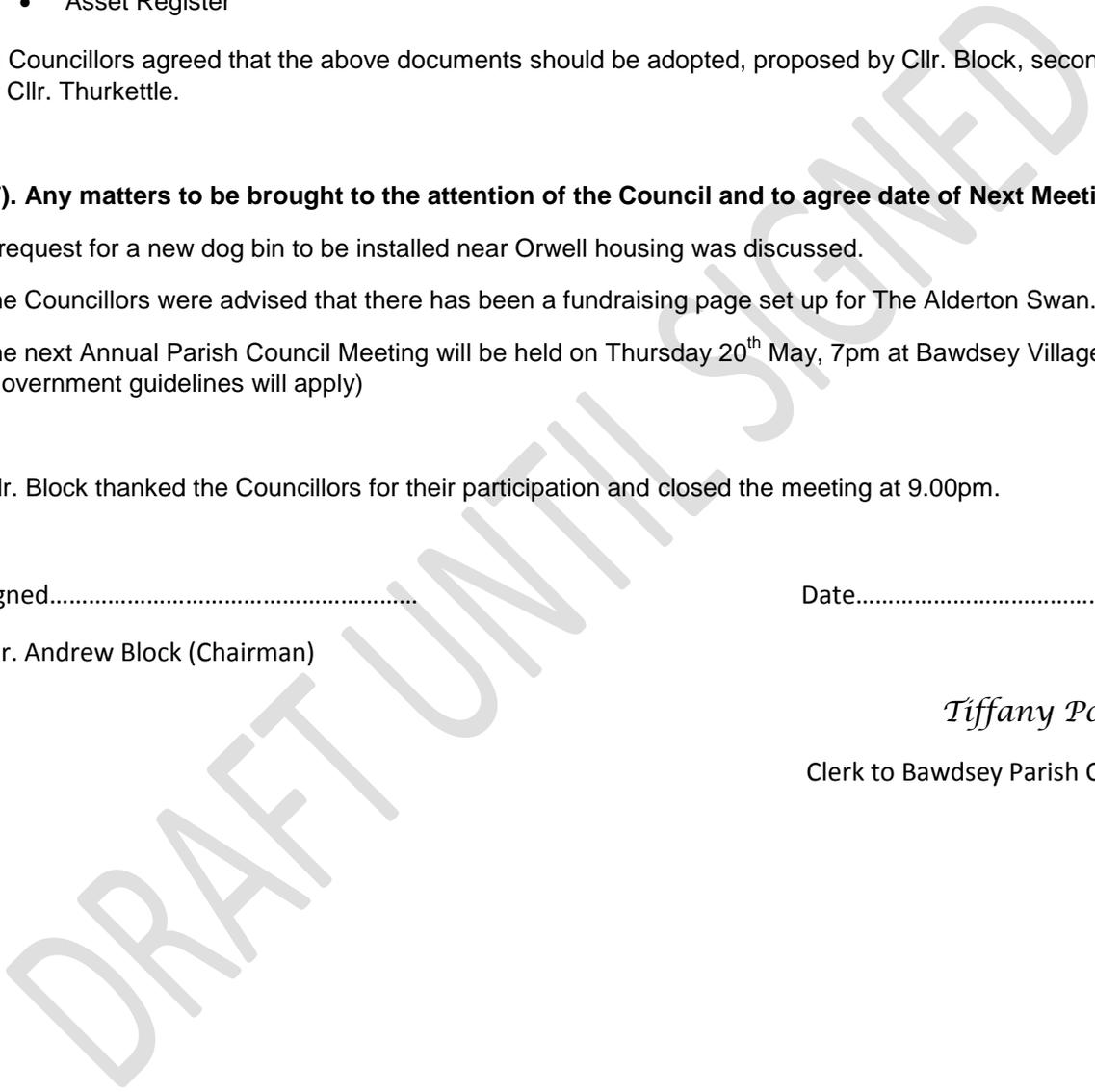
Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)

*Tiffany Pollock*

Clerk to Bawdsey Parish Council



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