

**Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 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)

3 Members 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:**

*No public participation took place.*

**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. Unfortunately there are local Covid outbreaks within the County and Councillors were reminded to prepare to be vigilant for some time and to be realistic with regards to vaccinations.

EDF will be presenting their changes for the Sizewell C project and work is ongoing for a better deal, particularly within the rail network.

Cllr. Block briefly advised the latest updates with regards to the issues at Bawdsey Quay and asked if the £2000.00 from the localities budget from Cllr. Andrew Reid could be held until works are ready.

Cllr. Mallinder discussed items from his report: these were the latest Tier 2 Government guidelines, the Environmental planning guide which will be a referenced for planning applications to value and preserve

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nature/the environment. This will allow developers to have a better outcome if they follow the environmental plan; all departments and parties are fully onboard.

**5) To agree and sign Minutes of meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as a true record.**

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

**6) Planning:**

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

Cllr. Block has a hardcopy of the new local plan from East Suffolk, which will need to be quoted from for new planning applications.

The Councillors had been informed that the PGL judicial review was unsuccessful.

The Council are aware (from the East Anglian Daily Times) that the Cranes Garage application has been successful and passed planning.

The application for Seventeen Acres Barn is currently awaiting response from appeal; the planning inspector will be visiting the site.

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

*There were no planning applications to discuss.*

**7) Bawdsey Quay**

**a.) Parking Issues:**

Bawdsey Quay: the latest update from Suffolk County Council is that it is being decided which design team will take the project on; once monies have been received works will begin.

The Councillors discussed their concerns that the scheme is taking longer than anticipated and asked whether the options of investing in a by-law or arranging flower boxes or boats in the area would make a difference. The Clerk will check with East Suffolk as to whether this would be allowed.

**b.) Cliff Erosion:**

The Coastguard Cllr. Thurkettle reported that five weeks ago there had been approximately five to ten metres of cliff fall. PGL will need to remove any unsafe buildings at the top of the cliffs as they are a danger to marine shipping as well as beach users.

Further north near the windfarm due to the dangers the footpath is closed, although people still seem to be walking it.

The plans from Natural England for the Coastal Path begin a six-week consultation next week; the Councillors agreed that the dangers of the cliff falls should be highlighted to Natural England.

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## **8.) Quiet Lanes**

The Councillors agreed that Red House Lane, East Lane and School lane should be designated Quiet Lanes; if the application is successful there will be recognized signs at each lane. Proposed by Cllr. Thurkettle, seconded by Cllr. Rouse, this decision is supported by Cllr. Mallinder.

## **9) Peninsula Practice**

Cllr. Block had written to the practice in regards to flu jabs; the practice has advised that residents requiring flu jabs or consultations at home will be considered by the clinician, although the practice will use all means possible to allow patients to attend the practice.

The practice has been offered the use of Bawdsey Village Hall free of charge but there has been no uptake of this. Good reports have been received from residents for the new system for collecting prescriptions.

## **10) Progress Reports:**

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

The Clerk reported the current financial figures as:

- Savers account £8043.37
- Amenity Account £7718.23
- Community Account £5404.05

Due to problems with the bank regarding signatories no longer being recognized and paperwork being sent to the address of the previous Clerk, it was agreed that Cllr. Rouse would become a signatory.

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

Broadband has been installed in the Village Hall; after lockdown the Committee will look at installing a couple of PC's to allow residents the opportunity to access the internet.

The recreation ground is open for dog walkers and the playground surface has been sprayed but this will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. Works are due to begin on the memorial area in December, there will be an update in the next Bawdsey Bulletin.

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

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

Cllr. Block attended a meeting with other Council representatives; there will be a repair to the river wall of flood cell one.

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

Cllr Rouse attended Suffolk Coastal Forum online. Much discussion was around the subject of developing Innovative Resilience to the risks of coastal flooding. One new funding initiative was around support to relocate flood-prone properties that ultimately can't otherwise be protected or mitigated. Cllr Rouse will get further info on this for next Mtg.

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

Cllr. Thurkettle (Coastguard) advised the Councillors that Coastguard Peter Sproxton has been awarded Chief Executive's Individual of the year award, after 22 years' service. This is selected from all the personnel involved in the MCA across the country and will be presented in Felixstowe after lockdown regulations.

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

Cllr. Tricker reported that the point of contact at Scottish Power has changed to Joanna Young and that work should be completed at the landfall site by Spring 2021.

Cllr. Mann is aware that there are problems with the test holes and depths of pipe.

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

The Speed indicator device is located at The Old Vicarage; the speed gun has been calibrated and the team will look at starting Speedwatch in the village soon.

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

A new Facebook page has been set up for the Photo Posts; this will encourage members of the public to upload their photos onto the Facebook page to develop a photo gallery of the coastline.

Funding of £450.00 has been received from the AONB; the Councillors agreed that £200.00 will be held in reserves for the photo posts, with a further £250.00 promised from the Bawdsey Coastal Partnership.

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

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

The Committee is active and available when required to all residents in need

**11. Finance:****a.) Budget:**

The Councillors agreed that the budget and precept will be discussed at the next meeting after the Finance Committee on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**b.) Funding Request:**

All Councillors agreed to support the funding request of £70.00 for the Christmas Decorating competition with entry donations going to Bawdsey School. This was proposed by Cllr. Tricker, seconded by Cllr. Thurkettle.

**c.) To approve cheques:**

- Re-issued Cheque, return of grant money that was not used to Ray Kay (Superfast Broadband) £3050.00
- Mrs. T. Pollock, Clerks quarterly wage and expenses £863.52
- Mr. R. Tricker, Goods purchased for Photo post project £122.60
- Pro-Metal (Photo Posts) £210.00

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Direct Debit's:

- Emergency Telephone, Red Rocket £9.60

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

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

Cllr. Tricker has noticed that vehicles have driven over the verge around the land fall site which has now gone onto the road, Cllr. Tricker will contact Scottish Power.

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

A resident has expressed concerns that a pick-up truck has been seen in East Lane at around 3am, they are not sure whether this is legitimate. The resident has been advised to contact the Police with the details.

There was a request for a note to be put into the next Bawdsey Bulletin to remind residents to cut their hedges.

Thank you awards for residents will be decided in the new year.

**14.) To agree meeting dates for 2021:**

The next meeting dates agreed for 2021 are:

21<sup>st</sup> January

18<sup>th</sup> March

15<sup>th</sup> April (APM)

20<sup>th</sup> May (AGM)

22<sup>nd</sup> July

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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