

**Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting
Held on 20th January 2022 at 7.00pm
in Bawdsey Village Hall**

Attendees

Cll Brian Johnson

Cllr. Robert Thurkettle

Cllr. Robin Johnson
Cllr. Richard Tricker

Cllr. Clare Walker
Cllr. Chris Mann

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Andrew Block and Cllr. Andrew Rouse. Given the absence of both Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr. Brian Johnson was proposed as acting Chair by Cllr. Thurkettle and seconded by Cllr. R Johnson. This was carried.

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

Councillor Tricker declared an interest in Scottish Power and Windfarm project, Cllr. Walker for CLT. Cllr. Thurkettle for Peninsula Practice.

3. Public Participation:

Four parishioners attended the meeting and reiterated their support for a review of speed limits within the village. A willingness was expressed by one parishioner to be part of any sub-committee that may be set up to progress this initiative. A request to see the layout of the proposed new parking plan along the approach to the Quay was made.

Report from East Suffolk DC – complete reports are on the village website.

James Mallinder (ESC) firstly expressed his support for any initiative to review the speed limits in the village and a willingness to support the parish in any way he could. He stressed the importance of ESC's agenda to put Nature First with the rewilding of graveyards and verges to increase biodiversity. He told the meeting that 20% of blue bins were contaminated with non-recyclable items such as used nappies; he also said that the council was looking into household food waste collection. ESC is supplying every parish with an oak tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

- 4. Approval of Minutes of November 18th 2021** These were proposed by Cllr Tricker and seconded by Cllr Thurkettle and unanimously passed as an accurate record.
- 5. Planning Matters: DC/21/5670/VOC: Land below Manor Farm.** Councillors agreed to approve the revised orientation of the house to be built on Plot 3. Proposed by Cllr B Johnson and seconded by Cllr Thurkettle.
- 6. Bawdsey Quay: To receive an update on parking measures along the Ferry Road approach to the Quay and the implementation of park bench seating (licence)** Councillors heard that Cllr Rouse has redrawn the plan showing the position of lay-bys, benches and planters. This has been sent to East Suffolk Council as part of the council's application for a licence. Cllr Block has suggested a meeting via Zoom with Laura Hack of ESC and David Chenery of SCC Highways to progress the works. A request was made for the new plan to be put up on the village website.
- 7. Highway Matters:** Councillors agreed to set up a sub-committee made up of councillors and residents to set in train the process necessary to change some of the speed limits within the village. This was proposed by Cllr B Johnson and seconded by Cllr Walker. It was suggested that a notice be put in the Bulletin to ask for interested residents to join the committee. Support for the project by SCC councillor Andrew Reid will be sought. Easton PC has shared some helpful information on the subject. Cllr Tricker reported the poor state of the grips in the village which are getting blocked by mud. Norse which carries out work for Highways has contacted him to say Bawdsey has been put on a potential list. Clerk to follow up.
- 8. Progress Reports:**
- i. Clerk's report on Correspondence and Finance:** The resignation of Tiffany Pollock has been received. Acting Clerk, Jenny Webb will advertise the position in the Bulletin and Village Voices. Clerk has completed surveys from SALC and the Police and Crime Commission which is seeking to raise its share of the precept to improve 101 call-answering. A new black bin is needed at East Lane car park and the red dog bin needs a new post. Regarding council's finance, Clerk explained monies from the Savers account has been transferred to the current account prior to changing the council's bank account from Barclays. A Finance meeting will be necessary to carry out a budget for 2022-23 and to ringfence funds to specific projects. The council's finances are as follows:
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| i. Current Account | £20,909.43 |
| ii. Amenity Account (7141) | ££6,241.63 |
| iii. Active Saver | £0.73 |
- ii. VHRGC:** Firework Night might not take place this year as the cost of fireworks has tripled. The Pop-Up pub in December was not so well attended as earlier ones because of Covid fears before Christmas. The Pavilion has had new back doors installed and has been repainted inside. The date of the village fete has been changed from the May Bank Holiday Monday to Friday 3rd June from 2-4pm as part of the celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be a Hog Roast and pop-up pub on the recreation ground after the

fete and the new oak tree will be planted. A work party will carry out work on the recreation ground on 6th March at 10am. A Jumble Sale will take place on 12th March at 2pm. The VHRGC has applied for a grant from Play Safe to remark and clean the tennis courts. Advice is being sought on how best to resurface the slippery surface of the play area. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year after two years' absence due to Covid. The next Pop-up Pub is on Friday 1st April from 7-11pm.

- iii. **Coastal Matters:** a/b) No news on the various coastal partnerships c) Two coastguards in the team have celebrated over 20 years' service. It has been largely quiet on the water over the past few months. The coastguard truck is now kept on Bawdsey Manor site. d) The Deben Marine Centre at the former bus shelter hopes to reopen at Easter with funding from the Environment Agency. A water pressure gauge has been installed at the Quay which stores information within the unit. This data will be linked with that from the weather station. The DMC has use of a drone to monitor the Deben and stills and video footage will be shared at the centre during opening hours. The measuring team has been asked to record data to see if the sheet piling at the Manor front is bowing outwards in the direction of the sea. Plans have yet to be submitted by PGL for coastal protection measures around the mouth of the estuary.
- iv. **Scottish Power:** No update.
- v. **Speed Watch:** The team is hoping to acquire its own speed gun from Norfolk Police instead of having to share with Rendlesham PC. The Vicarage has volunteered to look after the SID. The other sites are too dangerous to be used.
- vi. **Photo posts:** This successful scheme is being extended to Felixstowe Ferry, Melton and Waldringfield, in addition to the 4 already established. The post at Shingle Street needs to be extended in height to obtain the best view to monitor the new shingle bars and lagoon which is forming.
- vii. **Emergency Committee:** This committee will be meeting very soon. It could welcome a few more members. The group has a new FB page and a website which gives updates about any flood warnings. It is hoped that a CPR course will be put on this year using the CPR dummies and a training DVD from the National Heart Foundation.

9. **Finance:** The following cheques were authorised. Proposed by Cll R Thurkettle and seconded by Cll RJohnson.

- i. Cllr R Tricker Expenses
£38.66
- ii. East Suffolk Council Bulletins
£52.77
- iii. K Millar (computer servicing)
£90.00
- iv. Clerk's Wages (Nov-Jan) and Expenses
£749.32

Precept level 2022-23: Since the precept has been frozen for three years, it was felt that this should rise this year due to the number of projects in which the council is engaged. Councillors voted to raise the precept from £7,650 to £7,950, a rise of just below 4%.

Proposed by Cllr Tricker and seconded by Cllr Thurkettle and carried unanimously. The Clerk will put this information in the Bulletin.

New bins for East Lane: The post holding up the red dog bin has rotted. A new one will cost £246.56. One of the black bins has been crushed and needs replacing. Norse has quoted £346.88 for a replacement. Councillors decided to order a new black bin but can replace the rotted post on the dog bin themselves. Proposed by Cllr Tricker and seconded by Cllr R Johnson.

10. To receive update on Green Agenda for Bawdsey: The oak tree to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee will arrive mid-February to be collected from Norse depot in Ufford. Councillors will liaise with the VHRGC to choose a suitable place to plant it. Following the suggestion that an avenue of trees leading up to Manor Farm Estate might be a suitable way of using the free trees offered by the Woodland Trust, Cllr B Johnson recommended a meeting with John Knight, director of MFE as a first step. The next tranche of free trees can be ordered in the spring for a November delivery. The council agreed to purchase a seat for the Green at East Fields to mark the Queen’s Jubilee with a plaque marking the event. Cllr Rouse was volunteered to pursue both initiatives. A resident has also suggested that gaps in hedges could do with replenishing.

11. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: The VHRGC has set out a programme of events as described at 8ii. They also hope to actively involve pupils from Bawdsey Primary School and possibly PGL, producing art works and sporting events. A suggestion was made to have live music during the course of the day which will be followed up. Also see suggestion for a commemorative bench at item 10.

12. The next meeting of the Parish Council is Thursday 24th March 2022. A Finance Committee meeting will be arranged for February.

Signed:

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Cllr. Andrew Block, Chair

Chair’s initials: