

**Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.00pm
At Bawdsey Village Hall**

Attendees

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

Cllr. Andrew Rouse (via Zoom)
Cllr. Robert Thurkettle (via Zoom)
Cllr. Clare Walker

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

1 Members of the public in attendance.

1) To elect a Chair for 2021/22 and the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk asked Councillors present if there were any nominations for Chair. Cllr. Mann proposed Cllr. Block. This was seconded by Cllr. Walker and Cllr. Block indicated he was willing to stand. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Block was unanimously voted as Chair. Cllr. Block took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. Cllr. Block thanked the Councillors for their support.

2) To receive Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllr's. Rouse and Thurkettle as they were not able to attend in person.

3) 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.

4) Public Participation - To receive:

There were none.

5) To elect a Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

6) To appoint persons to the following offices:

- a) Responsible Finance Officer – Cllr. Block proposed the Clerk, seconded by Cllr. Walker.
- b) SALC Representative – *This item was deferred.*
- c) Internal Auditor – Cllr. Block proposed Trevor Brown, seconded by Cllr. Tricker.

7) To agree and sign Minutes of meetings dated 18th March 2021 as a true record.

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

Chair initials.....

8) To remind Councillor to review their Register of Member's Interests on the East Suffolk Council Web Site

The Clerk reminded Councillors of their responsibility to check their entry in the 'Register of Members Interests', held by ESC. The Clerk agreed to send the link to the current entries to all.

Action: Clerk

9) Planning:

a.) To receive updates on current applications and consider application DC/20/5045/FUL:

The Councillors discussed the planning application and unanimously voted to object and to highlight the original Parish Council response for this application sent to East Suffolk on 11th January 2021.

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

There were no planning applications to discuss.

10) Bawdsey Quay;

a.) Parking issues and latest update

The amenity site will need to be improved to provide more spaces for cars, there was a suggestion that a working group of volunteers could be established with an advertisement in the Bawdsey Bulletin.

It was noted that any big changes would go to a public consultation, giving residents a chance for their views to be heard.

b.) To discuss implementing park bench seating

All Councillors agreed that park bench seating at the quay would be favorable, proposed by Cllr. B. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. R. Johnson. Costs to be confirmed at the next meeting.

c.) To agree and approve purchase of litter posters

All Councillors agreed, Cllr. Tricker will begin looking into a design, the Clerk will look at available funding.

Action Cllr. Tricker & Clerk

11) Update of possible footpath through the village

Cllr. Rouse received a response from Cllr. Reid with concerns of costs, Cllr. Rouse will contact land owners.

Action: Cllr. Rouse

12) To discuss and approve purchase of village seat.

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

13) To discuss a Bawdsey Village logo (Cllr. Thurkettle)

Cllr. Thurkettle will discuss with the head teacher at Bawdsey Primary School the possibility of holding a competition for a village logo.

Action: Cllr. Thurkettle

Chair initials.....

14) To agree and approve purchase of road measuring wheel

It was agreed by all Councillors to purchase a road measuring wheel, proposed by Cllr. Block, seconded by Cllr. Tricker.

15) Progress Reports:**i. Clerk's report, incl. current financial update:**

The Clerk reported the current financial figures as:

To note Bank Balances as of 30th April 2021:

- Barclays Bank (Current Account 0571) £11,217.30
- Barclays Bank (Savers Account 8727) £8056.55
- Barclays Bank (Amenity Fund 7141) £4668.23

The Clerk requested an additional meeting for the purposes of the audit, the Councillors agreed, this will be held on Thursday 17th June, 7pm at Bawdsey Village Hall.

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

Works at the memorial area will be completed in the next two weeks, with a slight change of a resin finish; there will also be silhouettes of soldiers. A new fence will be installed at the front of the allotments.

There will be a work day at the recreation ground on Sunday 23rd May and the village fete is planned to go ahead on August bank holiday Monday.

iii. Coastal Matters: Updates on**a) Deben Estuary Partnership (Cllr. Block)**

Enquiries have been made for the use of the old bus shelter/ferry shelter at the quay, with information of the coast on display and opportunity as a visitors centre. Further updates will be given at the next meeting.

b) Bawdsey Coastal Partnership (Cllr. Rouse)

Nothing to report.

c) Coastguard report (Cllr. Thurkettle)

Cllr. Thurkettle (Coastguard) advised the Councillors that it has been a reasonably busy month, there will be more warnings on social media to highlight dangers. The Coastguards hope to go into schools to educate children prior to the summer holidays.

iv.) Scottish Power (Cllr. Tricker)

Nothing to report.

v.) Speedwatch (Cllr. R. Johnson)

The speedwatch team will be restarting soon although more volunteers are needed. There maybe a possibility of purchasing a speed gun from Norfolk Constabulary, further update at next meeting.

Chair initials.....

vi) Update for Photo posts and Weather Station

All photo posts are up and running and being used with pictures being uploaded to Facebook. AONB's new 'Redshank' project signs will be on each photopost.

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

Nothing to report.

14. Finance:

a.) To approve cheques:

- SALC, Annual Subscription £143.88
- Bawdsey Village Hall (hire for 2021) £300.00
- Hirst Signs £66.00
- Cllr. Tricker Travel and expenses £
- East Suffolk Council, Bawdsey Bulletin printing £16.61
- Mrs. T. Pollock, expenses £59.99

ii. Any new invoices coming forth

Direct Debit's:

- Emergency Telephone, Red Rocket £11.52

All Councillors approved payments, Proposed by Cllr. B. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. Walker.

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

It was discussed whether signs at the bends on Ferry Road could be installed, due to traffic speeding in the middle of the road. The Clerk will send a request to Suffolk County Highways.

Action: Clerk

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

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 17th June, 7pm at Bawdsey Village Hall for audit purposes.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd July, 7pm at Bawdsey Village Hall.

Cllr. Block thanked the Councillors for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.31pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)

Tiffany Pollock

Clerk to Bawdsey Parish Council

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