

**Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting
Held on 18th November 2021 at 7.00pm
in Bawdsey Village Hall**

Attendees

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)
Cll Brian Johnson
Cllr. Robin Johnson
Cllr. Richard Tricker

Cllr. Andrew Rouse (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Robert Thurkettle
Cllr. Clare Walker

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Chris Mann

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

Councillors Tricker and Block declared an interest in Scottish Power Windfarm project, Cllr. Rouse for BCP; Cllr. Walker & Cllr. Block for CLT. Cllr. Thurkettle for Peninsula Practice.

3. Public Participation :

A number of parishioners expressed their views in response to the council's publicised intention to review speed limits within the village. There was significant support for a 20mph speed limit along the whole of East Lane. Reasons included the situation of Bawdsey Primary School and traffic associated with it, the single-width nature of the lane, the prevalence of heavy farm vehicles and the fact that it is used by many pedestrians and a few mobility scooters to access the sea. Beyond the school there is no pavement. A petition of over 100 signatures calling for this is to be sent to SCC Highways.

. A former SCC councillor advised that in order to advance this initiative, it was important to make it a single-issue project, avoid involving the police and to stress the importance of public safety.

A resident of Bawdsey Quay commended the efforts of the council to rationalise the parking on the quay and along the estuary. A suggestion was also made to provide more parking places in the amenity car park and to take measures to deter camper vans monopolising the approach road to the quay.

Reports from SCC and East Suffolk DC – complete reports are on the village website.

Andrew Reid (SCC) highlighted the fact that Suffolk had become a Covid infection enhanced response area and had received more funding from central government to combat the high levels both in schools and in the community. The current rate of infection has marginally fallen but the R rate is still 0.8-1. People are being encouraged to have their booster shots and to remain vigilant. AR also pointed to outstanding concerns with EDF's planning application for Sizewell C and with that of Scottish Power North's interconnector station inland.

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James Mallinder (ESC) stressed the importance of following up on Cop 26 and to promote pro-green policies and initiatives. He will be speaking at the Deben Association on the issue. Glass recycling is best done using the local bottle banks and tetrapacks which are made of 2-3 different materials can't be put in normal recycling bins. The Adeane estate has put parking machines on its land without planning permission. Campervans can't access the amenity car parking at Bawdsey Quay because of height barrier.

- 4. Approval of Minutes of September 18th 2021.** These were proposed by Cll Thurkettle and seconded by Cll R. Johnson
- 5. Planning Matters:** A meeting took place between the Community Land Trust and the developers of School Meadows estate. They expect to receive clearance from ESC before Christmas and will carry out test drills on the site. Road changes to School Lane have been approved.
- 6. Bawdsey Quay: To respond to David Chenery's (SCC) design for parking along Ferry Road approach to the Quay and discuss issues relating to implementation of park bench seating:**
The new parking design is being undertaken primarily as a safety issue to stop the chaos of congested parking along the mouth of the estuary. It is felt that this special area should be welcoming to all visitors but that camper vans are currently dominating the area in the summer. A permanent traffic order will be needed to put in signage limiting the length of stays with the preferred option being a sign stating a 4-hour maximum parking period. This area will have new lay-bys laid down, benches and planters. A licence will be needed to install benches and planters which can be sought immediately. Monies from ESC for this have been ringfenced. It was also felt there should be better signage to the amenity car park and more places made available. Councillors will walk the area in the next week and decide the position and size of the bays.
- 7. Highways Matters: Extending/Changing speed limits:** Following the views expressed by parishioners on the matter of making East Lane a 20mph zone, councillors agreed that this should be pursued as a matter of urgency. Furthermore, it was felt that the section of The Street where there is no pavement also posed danger to pedestrians because many children walk to school from Alderton and Manor Farm Gardens by this route. For reasons of public safety, it was suggested therefore that the current 30mph should be altered to 20mph from The Vicarage to School Lane. There was additional discussion about the lack of speed limits on Ferry Road until Bawdsey Quay.
- 8. Progress Reports:**
 - i. Clerk's report:** The Clerk mentioned the huge increase in emails received by the parish council including community health training which did not seem directly relevant and asked councillors to allow her discretion to decide which emails to forward. The council's finances are as follows:

i. Current Account	£14,014.82
ii. Amenity Account (7141)	£5,668.23
iii. Active Saver	£8,056.55

The council has received £7,500 legacy funding from the film company The Power and £573.40 from the Sustainable Development Fund for photo posts.

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- ii. **VHRGC:** Firework Night went off very well and £700 was made at the Pop-up Pub following the fireworks. There will be a Christmas Pop-Up Pub on 17th December. The Pavilion has new double doors at the back and the interior will be remodelled next year. Work at the Memorial Gardens has been completed and the recent Remembrance Day ceremony benefited from the more spacious surrounds. A workday will take place in January on the recreation ground. The surface of the playground is slippery and will need the moss removing. The Woodland Trust is offering 100 trees to villages either to the VHRGC or to the PC or jointly.
- iii. **Coastal Matters:** a/b) No news on the various coastal partnerships c) The coastguards have not been busy but report that fossil hunters have been seen at the base of the cliffs on Bawdsey Beach where erosion is occurring which is potentially dangerous d) The exhibition at the Deben Marine Centre has been very successful with many visitors entering the former bus shelter. More support is forthcoming from ESC and PGL has approved the use of the building for next year. An application has been made for a grant from Coastal Champions.
- iv. **Scottish Power:** SP are meant to be reinstating the hedge along Ferry Road, but it seems likely that this will only take place next autumn. Remedial work is taking place on the river side of the site where there is a heap of topsoil; apparently this relates to the depth of the trenches for the cables.
- v. **Speed Watch:** There are still instances of speeding through the village and the team are hoping to acquire their own speed gun from Norfolk Police instead of having to share with Rendlesham PC.
- vi. **Photo posts:** This successful scheme is being extended to Felixstowe. **Weather Station:** The weather station is being moved to the north end of the PGL site.
- vii. **Emergency Committee:** This committee will be meeting soon. It now has a FB presence and a website. A number of CPR dummies and a training DVD from the National Heart Foundation has been donated to the committee to enable them to hold training sessions from time to time.

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

i. Cllr R Tricker Expenses	£20.94
ii. East Suffolk Council: August Bulletin/colour leaflet	£50.07
iii. East Suffolk Council: September Bulletin	£17.39
iv. Ray Kay (sign for DMC)	£280.00

The council reiterated its decision to move to online banking and authorised a transfer of monies from the Savers Account at Barclays to the Council's main current account prior to transferring all its accounts from Barclays Bank to Unity Trust. Proposer: Cll B Johnson.

Seconder: Cll A Rouse

A decision on the level of the precept will be made at January's PC meeting but it was felt that a small increase in line with inflation was desirable.

10. To set out a Green Agenda for Bawdsey: Recycling tetrapacks: Cll R Tricker emphasised that the tetrapack bin collection at the VH has broadly been very successful but that it was very important for all packs to be thoroughly washed out and rinsed before putting them in the designated bin. The bags are stored before being brought to Foxhall Road Recycling Centre and some bags have had to be dumped because unwashed packs have attracted vermin. He and Cll Rouse will continue for another 6 months but the continuation of this initiative is dependent on people following these simple measures. The Chairman suggested that Clls

Tricker and Rouse be paid travel expenses for their journeys to Ipswich. Proposed by Chairman A Block and seconded by CLL R Johnson.

Tree Planting: Councillors supported a tree planting initiative. The Woodland Trust has trees to donate. It was decided to liaise with the VHRGC on this issue since there is potential space on the recreation ground for tree planting. The road up to Manor Farm Estate also lends itself to tree planting, subject to the landowner's permission and that of the residents on the estate. for protection of any trees.

Chairman A Block proposed the council progress this initiative and this was seconded by Cll Rouse.

Clerk will write to Woodbridge Town Council explaining its Green Strategy. A letter will be sent to ESC regarding their felling of a tree at the amenity car park.

11. Quiet Lanes: Cll Thurkettle explained that Bawdsey is in the second wave of councils implementing Green Lanes which have to be signed off as a group by Suffolk CC. It was not known when this will take place.

12. Village Logo: This has been deferred until next year.

13. Further items for information: The Chairman asked councillors to send him any thoughts about the filming of The Power in the village prior to a debriefing exercise with the film company in December. The Jubilee bench at the War Memorial is to be moved to the Pavilion. Cll Tricker reported the fact that the grips from the Old Vicarage to Middle Barn are clogged up. This has been reported to SCC Highways.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Thursday 20th January 2022.

Signed:

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Cllr. Andrew Block, Chair

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