

Clerk's Report to Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting of January 14th 2015

1. A letter was sent to Rock Barracks to thank them for attending the Poppy Day service.
2. Maggi Mowbee sent thanks for card and gift token.
3. A letter was received regarding the setting of a local budget and precept which needs to be returned by 23rd January-item put on the agenda.
4. The Clerk attended a useful book keeping course at the beginning of December and will be attending a New Clerk's Course and an Elections course later this month.
5. New wage scales for clerks have been set by NALC beginning January 2015. Item to be put on next agenda.
6. BJ is liaising with SCDC re new dog bins for Shingle Street
7. Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Working Group. CB has been co-opted on this committee; no rep from our immediate area except Rendlesham. BJ has hard copy of the SAASP sent to Clerk by Desi Reed for circulation. Docs are also available online. Comments on document to be given by 27th February. Fliers to be put on notice board. Possible inclusion in Feb's bulletin.
8. Clarification re VAT for grant purposes: BPC is not registered for VAT but can claim back VAT from purchases it has made.
9. SCDC Town and Parish Budget: LM and JM attended the meeting. A round up has been received from SCDC enclosing its achievements.
10. A new cork board is needed for the notice board outside the village hall. Clerk would like permission to get a new one.
11. Responses to DEP from LM and BJ were sent to CB at SCDC.
12. Letter from SCDC re Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27th.
13. Newsletter from Alde and Ore Association has been received (sent to Lou Lennard). To be circulated.
14. Requests for grants received from Headway, Disability Advisory Service and Suffolk Age UK.
15. Email received from Suffolk Family Carers, a local charity supporting people throughout Suffolk who are caring for a family member, friend or neighbour. To be put in bulletin.
16. Police Connect: emails received regularly. Individuals can sign up to receive updates. LL will flag this up in the next bulletin. The mobile unit will be visiting Bawdsey on Thursday mornings from 8.45-10.15 starting on 16th Feb. Clerk has the full set of dates.
17. Lord Marlesford asked a question in the House of Lords wanting clarification regarding the situation where District Councils don't have to let local councils know of planning applications in their village unless specifically asked. Response enclosed.
18. A weekly list of new planning applications is sent to BPC every week. The status of all planning applications can be viewed at www.planningpublicaccess.waveney.gov.uk

19. WDSNT asked for priorities to be sent in prior to their meeting this evening at Alderton.
20. A recommendation has been sent to SCDC Community Awards regarding an achievement award for CB.
21. An e petition has been launched for continuing funding for community action in rural areas. Defra wants to withdraw funding which will have adverse effects on village halls as well as other rural services. Clerk asks for BPC's reaction.
22. BPC wasn't formally told about the closure of the Sutton Heath Road during the month of January. The Clerk emailed SCC to ask to be put on to the email list.
23. Rural Services Network gave information about their annual seminar on Lottery and Local Authorities on 27th January in London. Clerk forwarded it to BCAA WG.
24. Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB sent an email seeking projects for their practical working parties. Clerk forwarded it to the BCAA WG.
25. BPC is receiving emails from LCPAS (Local Council Public Advisory Service) which seems to be duplicating SALC. I have been advised by SALC to disregard them. SALC has sent a letter offering to provide any training tailored to our needs.
26. SALC circulated a letter regarding a threat to the Ipswich-Peterborough line. People can respond online www.gov.uk/government/consultation/east-anglia-rail-passenger-franchise There is a campaign for an hourly service. Salc asks to be cced into any response.
27. NALC email regarding Provisional Local Govt Finance Settlement 2015/16. Danger that central govt will impose a centrally set concept of what is an 'excessive' precept to local councils and could apply an automatic precept referendum. Forwarded to councillors. Related to this is receipt of LAIS 1371 on Parish Polls: Consultation by 30th January.
28. SALC Transparency Code: Seems to suggest that councils with low expenditure may not need an external audit. Clerk has sent it on to Ray Keane for guidance.
29. SALC has been allocated three invitations for **one Mayor or Chairman of Suffolk's Town and Parish Councils and one accompanying guest only for a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Thurs 28th May**. If you wish to nominate your Mayor or Chairman please provide the information below and indicate to us who is making the nomination by Thurs 5th Feb.
30. £100 from Ann Toettcher put into account towards VHRG cooker.