

## Clerk's Report to Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting of March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Clerk's actions:

1. Precept letter sent to SCDC asking for £6,600, a 4.76% rise.
2. Clerk submitted council's responses to SCDC on latest Local Plan).
3. Clerk submitted claim for VAT for £1,658.32.
4. Clerk verified status of TPO- the trees abutting site 303 will receive full protection.
5. Clerk sent off Claim docs to Melissa Williams for SECF on behalf of BCAA. £8,000 received and paid into BCAA fund account. Cheque for £300 sent to Suzanne Hawkes for writing Lottery application. £147 banked from local fundraising. Grant acceptance form for Community Revenue grant has been sent off.
6. Similar docs for VHRC Calor Gas system will be sent off shortly after last receipt has been received.
7. Key election dates have been put on notice board plus poster inviting interest for residents to become parish councillors.

### Email correspondence received:

8. A number of letters from charities have been received asking for donations including Radar Trust, Suffolk Age UK, Magpas, Headway Suffolk, DAS.
9. Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum has meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April-poster on notice board.
10. Suffolk Coastal Norse is promoting a Community Clear-up Day on March 21<sup>st</sup>-they can supply bags and pick up litter. It can be another date altogether.
11. Vic Lingley has left SC Norse. Any order for Fido bins should be made with his successors. A company called Scooper Dooper is asking whether BPC needs its services.
12. Hollesley PC have display boards which they are willing to hire out for meetings such as AGMs and APM.
13. Andrew Reid and Theresa Coffey's PA have asked for date of APM.
14. Wind Farm Surveys are being carried out- ecological, great-crested newt, archaeological/geophysical.
15. Suffolk Coastal Area Meeting is taking place this Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Stratford St Andrew. Matters include affordable housing and listing historic buildings.
16. Neighbourhood Planning event is taking place in Hacheston Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> March at a cost of £30 per head 10.30-12.30pm led by Heather Heelis of Rendlesham.
17. Clerk has been sent Stepping Out in Suffolk local walks. Poster on board, list of walks in village hall.
18. New register of electors has been published based on new warding pattern.

- 19. There has been a rise in the amount of money PCs can give to charity under Section 137 expenditure, to the tune of £7.36 per head Band D.**
- 20. Important new LAIS Transparency Code means that the external audit for smaller councils (less than £25,000) will be phased out but every cheque written for over £100 must be published. Parish Council Website has been reactivated to allow this information to be published quarterly and to allow minutes to be accessed within the required time frame.**
- 21. All parish council meetings can be filmed and recorded. This must be written on notice of parish meetings and either the Chair or the Clerk must declare this at the start of every meeting.**