

**BAWDSEY PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 19/04/2016**  
**Emergency Planning Report**

The Emergency Planning Team was formed following the recommendations of the Civil Contingencies Act, in order to respond to local emergencies in cases where Emergency Services have difficulty in reaching our area or in order to assist the Emergency Services where appropriate. Possible emergencies include flooding, severe weather, long-term lack of electricity, offshore disasters, etc.

Bawdsey Parish Council has joined with Alderton Parish Council to form a joint group – as such, the Emergency Team covers quite a large area which is particularly prone to flooding.

During the year, the team has had some resignations but has also gained two new members: Rod Webb and Rob Johnson, both of Bawdsey. Having become chairman of the Parish Council, Brian Johnson resigned as team leader in November and Jason Horncastle took over this role. Brian Johnson continues to be a member of the team. Thanks to Brian Johnson to all he has done as team leader over the last few years.

The team met in February 2016 to approve the draft Emergency Plan. Following this meeting, the plan was sent to Keith Falkner-Simpson, Emergency Planning Officer for East Suffolk District Councils, for his comments. He replied with some suggestions for amendments which will be carried out in time for the Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> with a view to the Parish Council approving the plan for official submission to the relevant authorities. Since it is a joint plan, it should also be presented for approval to Alderton Parish Council.

The Bawdsey Village Hall is now equipped with a gas powered heating system and cooking facilities which can be used in an emergency involving a power cut. Emergency lighting is in the process of also being installed. Alderton Village Hall is also in the process of installing a similar gas powered heating system. Bawdsey Parish Council is examining the possibility of acquiring some sets of walkie-talkies so that the emergency team can communicate effectively if telephone communications should be cut.

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No questions were asked.