

Clerk's Report to Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting of January 2016

Clerk's actions:

1. Picked up new Electoral Roll from SCDC
2. Change of address on Land Registry Doc completed
3. Furnished names of recipients for Lions Xmas parcels
4. Responded to Local Plan consultation: Preferred Options. All responses can now be seen on their website <http://suffolkcoastal.jdi-consult.net/localplan/>
5. Put Casual Vacancy notice on parish notice board and in Bulletin for Feb. Henceforth Clerk will furnish the bulletin with a monthly update of its activities
6. Put Bawdsey Flood Bank Emergency Repairs notice on notice board
7. Researched Housing Needs Surveys: one administered by CAS of 18 pages and a simpler 2 pager
8. Set up Highways meeting with Andrew Reid
9. Forwarded unanswered letters to Scottish Power to Joanna Young to progress
10. Liaising with Di Clouting over bird/bat box installation event in February

Correspondence received:

1. Requests received for donations from Disability Advice Forum
2. Suffolk Age UK has sent posters advertising February as a Make Your Will month and inviting residents to open their gardens for the charity this summer
3. Information letter from Sizewell C and one relating to the Four Villages Bypass
4. Sergeant Scott Cullum has returned to Woodbridge SNT. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 13th January 2016, 7pm at Wickham Market VH. This may be the last of its kind in its present format.
5. Local PC Andy Warne is retiring
6. Suffolk Constabulary Change Team is working towards bridging a funding gap of at least £20.5 million by April 2020. The Suffolk Local Policing Review is underway to identify how policing services can be redesigned to better respond to today's demands and to deliver required savings. See spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.
7. In addition on 18th December temporary chief constable Gareth Wilson sent a letter to all Parish and Town Councils in Suffolk regarding an opportunity for Match Funded Police Community Support Officers in the 2016/17 financial year. The meeting was set for 6th January. Clare PC wrote a letter of complaint about the limited time frame of this letter.
8. Information about Consultation to shape the future of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service: The 14 week consultation seeks the views of members of the public, fire and rescue service staff and all other interested parties regarding proposals for changing the way the Suffolk fire and rescue service is set-up. Consultation closes on Monday 22 February 2016. See www.suffolk.gov.uk/fireredesign
9. Update from the Nalc regarding the new body that is being set up to administer external audit arrangements for local councils. Councils will be opted-in to the new arrangements unless it opts out. Deadline for opting out is 31st March. The arrangement will be for 5 years.
10. New Dates for Salc area meetings received
11. Theresa Coffey's PA has asked for the date of our Annual Parish Meeting. She no longer has her constituency office in Felixstowe
12. Invitation to a AONB Neighbouring Planning workshop on 3rd March at Orwell Park (Clerk attending)
13. Hollesley Grapevine set up to communicate latest news/events. Clerk will receive updates
14. Referendums relating to Council Tax increases won't apply to Parish Councils in 2016/17
15. Clerk has all correspondence relating to the pilings issue of BQVC, available to councillors on request
16. Parish Councils are obliged to offer clerks a pension from Jan 2017

