

Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 7.00pm

Bawdsey Village Hall

In Attendance –Chairman Andrew Block (AB), Clls Liz Mark (LM), Richard Tricker (RT), Andrew Rouse (AR), Chris Mann (CM), Sue Temple (ST) Sean Smyton , Jenny Webb (Clerk);	
<i>Meeting called to order by Chair AB at 7.00pm.</i>	
1. Open Forum- No parishioners raised any concerns	
2. Election of New Councillor to replace Mark Dovey: Mr Sean Smyton and Mrs Susan Temple presented themselves for interview. Mrs Temple was duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance form. Clerk to put her details on the SCDC website.	Clerk
3. Annual Report from SCC and SCDC –Andrew Reid was not able to attend but submitted a report which can be read on the village website under the documents for this meeting. Councillors asked the Clerk to share with him concerns relating to the closure of Woods Lane. They urged him to bring pressure to bear on Bloors Homes to work at night to minimise the length of time of the closure. They also shared anecdotal evidence of HGVs driving through Melton rather than taking the alternate route. Another concern is the pollution caused by car exhaust at the Thoroughfare traffic lights which is being monitored by the police. Lastly an ambulance was delayed by half an hour by the closure as it travelled to the neighbouring village of Hollesley. Report from SCDC Councillor Christine Block: This was relayed through Cll Andrew Block. A Community Land Trust (CLT) is being set up with representatives from 8-9 villages on the peninsula. Andrew Block and Claire Walker have agreed to be trustees for Bawdsey. Paid help to set up the CLT has been given by central government and is being made use of.	
4. Chairman’s welcome and Apologies: Apologies from Brian Johnson (BJ), SCDC Cllr Christine Block (CB) and SCC Andrew Reid.	
5. Councillor’s Declaration of Interests: Clls RT and AB declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project. Cll AR for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership.	
6. Signing of Minutes as a true record: The minutes of 19 th September were signed as a true record.	
7. Reports for information: i. Clerk’s report including correspondence and financial update. These were circulated to all councillors and can be found on the website. Council finances are in a healthy state with £4,848.77 in the current account; £9,580.23 in the BQVC account and £4,013.12 in the Savers Account. Payment has been made to Arb Care for carrying out tree surgery around the pond at the amenity site. It is likely the PC will have to return grants amounting to £4,000 to the Alfred Williams and the Lord Belstead Trusts given originally for the build of the Visitor Centre. ii. Village Hall and Recreation Committee report. None iii. Coastal Protection Updates: a) Deben Estuary Partnership: Plans for an Enabling Development to fund flood protection for Flood Cell 1 is progressing. b) Alde/Ore Estuary Partnership: A variety of different funding options are being looked into to protect the	

<p>coastline from Shingle Street to Aldeburgh c) Bawdsey Coastal Partnership: The report commissioned by the BCP to look into the causes of erosion at East Lane has not yet been published. Natural England favours a policy of Managed Retreat. BPC will contact the Environment Agency to ask for an update on their Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) and to clarify their attitude to coastal protection along our stretch of coast in the light of this imminent report.</p> <p>iv. Emergency Plan: Jason Horncastle Chair of the Emergency Committee sent in the minutes of their last meeting. One old set of walkie-talkies is being tested but it is likely that more sets will be needed to enable communication between Bawdsey, Alderton, Shingle Street and Bawdsey Manor. Monies have been set aside in last year's budget for this purpose. New emergency LED lights are likely to be needed. These will be budgeted for.</p> <p>v. Scottish Power: Works are likely to commence at the beginning of next year when the archaeological work has been completed. A report on the archaeology will be published in the Bulletin. Cll Tricker asked Clerk to remind SCC Cll Andrew Reid of the implications of large movements of vehicles carrying heavy drilling equipment having to use the route through Lower Ufford because of the closure of Woods Lane. 60% of the new haul road from Ramsholt to the river at Bawdsey has been completed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>8. To receive an update on issues relating to the Amenity Site: a) Pond refurbishment: Arb Care has thinned out the trees around the pond letting more light into the area. Logs from the tree surgery have been stacked up on the site and parishioners have been invited to help themselves. Norse will dredge the pond at no charge. Cll Tricker asked for the date of this phase of the project so he can monitor the trees around the pond. b) Sale of Disabled Toilet Block and Velux Windows: Clerk will advertise these items in the press since the manufacturers do not wish to buy them back and there has been no interest from local builders. c) Toilets: The installation of a new sewage system independent of the Manor is being undertaken by SCDC. d) Parking Charges Consultation: SCDC has included new parking charges at the amenity site in its latest consultation. The Parish Council is of the opinion that although these charges are relatively modest (free for the first hour), this issue should be seen in conjunction with the parking situation along the river frontage which has been causing concern. Clerk to write a letter in answer to the consultation highlighting these concerns.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. To review Highways Issues including consideration of measures to control speeding: Sixteen households have taken up the dustbin stickers asking drivers to Slow Down in Our Village. The PC will have to pay for new 30mph roundels to be painted on the road and it was suggested the village could benefit from one along the stretch of road running past the church.</p> <p>A proposal was made to buy a SID device for the village since it has been effective in Hollesley. This was not carried largely because of the expense. Councillors thought it would be more cost-effective to share a device with Alderton. Clerk to contact their clerk again to gauge interest. Councillors also thought that in the first instance cleaning the repeater 30mph signs and posts and continuing to monitor the situation would suffice. Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways to obtain a licence to enable villagers to do this work themselves and be insured. The cost of having white gates at the entrance to the village was considered but deemed too expensive. Clerk was also asked to contact Bawdsey Primary School, PGL and the Saxon Football Club to remind them of the speed limit through the village.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>10. To receive update about Tin Chapel on PGL land: The East Suffolk Building Preservation Trust is very keen to preserve the tin chapel built by Sir Cuthbert Quilter which is in very poor</p>	

<p>condition. The ESBPT is liaising with PGL and will be able to apply for grants to restore the chapel but would not keep it, preferring to hand it over to another body for a specific purpose. Clls A Block and R Tricker attended a meeting with the Trustees together with Laura Hack of SCDC at Riduna House to discuss the issue. Clls thought that a renovated chapel could well serve as an Information/Heritage Centre for the area but were of the opinion that a separate trust such as The Friends of the Tin Chapel would be a better body to run any Information /Heritage centre than the Parish Council. Councillors were happy for the ESBPT to explore all the possibilities and to receive regular updates about their progress.</p>	
<p>11. Planning Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.) To receive any updates on outstanding applications: Council raised no objections to DC/17/4582/FUL Retrospective application for summer house, Beech House, Bawdsey. ii.) To discuss setting up of Community Land Trust and its relevance to School Meadow: SCDC Cll Christine Block has written to John Whitelock of Saffron Housing to tell him that the CLT is in the process of being set up. iii.) To receive update about Orwell Housing in relation to the Local Plan: Orwell Housing asked for a meeting with BPC about developing a site along The Street on land owned by Robert Simper opposite Cranes Garage. It would be classed as an Exceptional Site. Clls AB and RS attended the meeting and heard about their plans to build 12 houses, 8 of them “affordable” of which two would be bungalows. Andrew Block showed councillors the plans for the site and the design for the houses. There was generally a positive reaction to the plans since there is no affordable housing in the village. However Clls were adamant that the section 106 conditions would have to be watertight keeping the 8 “affordable” houses in perpetuity available for rent for local people. Clls also would like to visit houses which Orwell has already built in the county or see photos of them. Clerk to write to Orwell Housing giving them the views of the council. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12. To receive update on new Public Space Protection Orders: These are now on hold. Following a meeting with Natural England, the council is waiting for up-to-date information from them about nesting birds in the area.</p>	
<p>13. To receive update on a new decorative sign and consider funding possibilities: Mark Dovey has shared scaled drawings of his design for a new village sign, based on a radar transmitter tower. Two quotes have been acquired for making the metal sign. The parish council will have to apply to SCC Highways for a licence to install any sign which is quite straightforward. Brenda Butterworth is happy for the sign to be installed on the Green outside her house. It was suggested a small Working Group be set up to manage the project. Fundraising plans were discussed including inviting parishioners to have their names carved on the sign in return for a donation. An article about the new sign will be put into February’s Bulletin.</p>	
<p>14. Finance: a) To consider precept for 2018-19: Clerk presented the council with a draft budget which was discussed at the Finance Committee, highlighting the new charges associated with the new General Data Protection Regulations and a new External Auditor. For this reason, the council accepted the need for a slight rise in the precept from £7,280 to £7,500, a rise of 3%.</p> <p>b) To authorize payments as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SCDC Bulletin (September) £20.21 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Clerk's wages: £432.14 iii. Clerk's expenses: £127.99 iv. HMRC (Clerk's tax) £107.80 v. Arb Care £912.00 vi. SALC (AGM buffet) £10.00 vii. Cll Mark (travel expenses) £32.85 	
<p>15. To consider applying for a grant to clean the war memorial: Clerk asked to apply for a grant to clean the War Memorial in time for the 1918 centenary of the end of WW1.</p> <p>16. To decide dates for Parish Council meetings in 2018: These are Wednesday January 17th, Thursday 15th March, APM Wednesday April 25th, AGM Wednesday 16th May</p>	Clerk
<p>17. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council: Cll Mark told the meeting that she will no longer be able to attend full day events at the Greenprint Forum and asked for another councillor to take her place. Cll Rouse volunteered. She would also no longer be able to attend the SALC AGMs which take place in November at Elmswell. Cll Rouse reported back from a day conference organized by the Suffolk Preservation Society and stressed the need for watertight section 106 conditions for new housing developments. At a meeting of the Disabled Forum the poor bus service in Suffolk was highlighted. This is an urgent issue for many people on the peninsula.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday January 17th 2018</p>	
<p><i>Meeting ended 9.15 pm</i></p>	

Signature:

Date:

Andrew Block - Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council