

## Bawdsey Parish Council

### Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00pm

Bawdsey Village Hall

<p><b>In Attendance</b> –Chairman Andrew Block (AB), Clls Liz Mark (LM), Brian Johnson (BJ), Richard Tricker (RT), Andrew Rouse (AR), Chris Mann (CM), SCDC Cllr Christine Block (CB), Jenny Webb (Clerk); Five members of the public.</p>	
<p><i>Meeting called to order by Chair AB at 7.00pm.</i></p>	
<p><b>1. Open Forum</b>–Concerns were raised from the public about speeding through the village. It was suggested that cars park strategically along The Street to slow down heavy traffic as happens in Alderton. This would be legal if no parking restrictions were contravened. The need to highlight the winter ferry across the Deben was also urged with targeted advertising throughout the peninsula. (This is in hand). Three parishioners shared their concerns about the latest Public Space Protection Order consultation (PSPO) which seeks to prohibit dogs off leads from a stretch of beach from Shingle Street to East Lane. It was felt dog walkers would be criminalised needlessly particularly as the nesting birds are located on scrapes on the lagoons. Chair AB gave the background to this latest PSPO consultation. Concerns had been shared with SCDC about the destruction of avocet chicks last year and possible measures had been advocated to ensure this wouldn't recur. SCDC were just reviewing their PSPO at the time and BPC concerns were swept up in this initiative whose main focus is to prevent dog fouling on beaches. This issue was discussed further at item 10 where a response to the consultation was formulated.</p>	
<p><b>2. Annual Report from SCC and SCDC</b> –Andrew Reid was not able to attend this meeting but submitted a report which can be read on the village website under the documents for this meeting. <b>Report from SCDC Councillor Christine Block: All year round Ferry:</b> A trial to extend the ferry link across the Deben will take place this autumn and winter to boost tourism all the year round on a dial-a-ride basis. The Deben Estuary Partnership is overseeing the fundraising needed to fund a trial including paying for extra insurance. (Bawdsey PC has agreed to donate £250.) The dial-a-ride scheme has been publicised in the local media, the AONB website and with notices in local outlets. The phone number will be the same <b>07709 411511. Enabling grants:</b> Cll Block has agreed to give a grant to Jenny Webb towards the printing costs of her children's book about radar and to Emma Aldous for developing her goat business. These grants will be distributed through the Parish Council account.</p>	
<p><b>3. Chairman's welcome and Apologies:</b> Apologies from Clls Rawdon Saunders and SCC Andrew Reid. The resignation of Mark Dovey has been accepted and AB thanked him for his service over the past two years.</p>	
<p><b>4. Councillor's Declaration of Interests:</b> Clls RT and AB declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project. Cll AR for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership.</p>	
<p><b>5. Signing of Minutes as a true record:</b> The minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July and those of the Extraordinary Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> August were signed as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>6. Reports for information:</b></p> <p>i. <b>Clerk's report including correspondence and financial update.</b> These were circulated to all</p>	

<p>councillors and can be found on the website. Clerk asked councillors to let her know which conferences they would like to attend following a number of invitations to various launches and meetings.</p> <p>Council finances are in a healthy state with £2,555.29 in the current account; £22,577.95 in the BQVC account and £4,013.12 in the Savers Account. SCDC released monies to the council to pay for the mains water works at Bawdsey Quay amenity site. The VAT collected from this work is currently in the BQVC account and will be repaid to SCDC this month as shown in Finance report. The next tranche of the precept will be paid into the current account at the end of September.</p> <p>ii. <b>Village Hall and Recreation Ground Report:</b> Full report on website. Repairs have been made to play equipment and fencing and renovations undertaken in the pavilion.</p> <p>iii. <b>Coastal Protection Update:</b> a) <b>Deben Estuary Partnership:</b> The DEP is supporting the trial of the winter ferry across the Deben. b) <b>Alde/Ore Estuary Partnership:</b> Presentations for Enabling Developments have been shown to four neighbouring parish councils which have not been met with universal approval. No applications for enabling developments have yet been made. The next step is to set up meetings to discuss the issue in a non-adversarial way. A Frequently Asked Questions page will be set up on the Alde/Ore website. The launch of the <b>Save our Suffolk Estuary campaign</b> is taking place in October with three meetings at which a film explaining the problem will be shown, narrated by Nick Robinson. It is hoped this will begin the fund-raising process. Enabling Development is only one source of funding and donations and legacies will be accepted and. c) <b>Bawdsey Coastal Partnership:</b> Gaps in the data needed to make a decision as to how best to protect the coast have been identified and more information has been sought from the Environment Agency and SCDC. Funding sources are being looked into. The cost of managed realignment of the coast is likely to cost more than putting in groynes although the latter would entail on-going costs. Natural England favours a policy of Managed Retreat. <i>(Cll Rouse left the meeting at this point)</i></p> <p>iv. <b>Scottish Power:</b> No notice has been given of when works are to commence. More archaeological work is being undertaken.</p> <p>v. <b>Emergency Planning Committee:</b> Cll Mark hopes there will a meeting scheduled soon because three storms have been forecast before Christmas.</p>	<p><b>Clls</b></p>
<p>7. <b>BQVC Update:</b> a) <b>Pond refurbishment:</b> Four quotations for tree surgery have been received. Councillors decided to accept that of ARB Care which was the lowest at £684.00(incl. VAT). Clerk to contact ARB Care and other firms which tendered to let them know the outcome. She will also give SCDC the name of the successful tendering firm. A second meeting with Pete r Ross of SCDC Norse took place at the site. A timetable of works has been agreed with work to clear out the pond and surrounds taking place in October followed by the tree surgery early November. Cll Tricker asked for the turkey oak at the site to be taken out as it attracts the gall wasp. BPC will ask Norse to log the wood which will be stacked on site. The use of an AONB working party will not be necessary at present. b) <b>Sale of Disabled Toilet Block and Velux Windows:</b> Vitral, the manufacturers of the windows have said they will try and re-sell them for BPC. Clerk has contacted local builders to see if they could use the disabled toilet block. Interest shown by Houchells of Woodbridge.</p> <p><b>Other issues:</b> Connection to the Mains by AW finally took place at the beginning of August and the toilets are therefore independent of the Manor as far as water is concerned. The installation of a new sewage system is now in the hands of SCDC. Clerk asked Laura Hack of SCDC whether they are considering putting beach huts on the amenity site and received an</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

answer in the negative.	
<p><b>8. To review Highways Issues including consideration of measures to control speeding:</b> The Clerk asked Sutton PC whether they would be willing to share their SID with BPC following the collapse of a trial of Hollesley's equipment because of insurance issues. Clls discussed the viability of staggered parking along The Street but felt it would be too haphazard and difficult to organize. It was noted that many villagers already park their cars along The Street. The Clerk shared a brochure from a firm which manufactures white gates at the start of villages to deter speeding. She has also trialled Slow Down in Our Village stickers on dustbins. Council decided to buy a quantity of these to sell to villagers at half price as an interim measure. Clerk to put this information in the Bulletin. Further investigation will take place about replacing hidden and faded 30mph signs and new 30mph roundels painted on the road.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>9. Planning Issues:</b></p> <p>i.) <b>To receive any updates on outstanding applications:</b> All three planning applications received this year have been permitted including the new Farmhouse design at Manor Farm Estate, the latter with conditions.</p> <p>ii.) <b>To discuss setting up of Community Land Trust and its relevance to School Meadow:</b> Saffron Housing has paid an option fee on the School Meadow site which will last for a year. Discussion of section 106 relating to the degree of social housing has stalled. SCDC will share its own figures of local housing needs with BPC to supplement Bawdsey's own HNS results.</p> <p>Volunteers from Alderton and Hollesley have come on to the CLT board. A co-ordinator from the Greenprint Forum has also been appointed.</p>	
<p><b>10. To consider response to consultation on new Public Space Protection Orders:</b> In the light of numerous letters and emails opposing the proposed PSPO, banning dogs off lead from the beach from Shingle Street to East Lane, it was felt a blanket ban was unacceptable particularly as there are no issues relating to dog fouling or dogs running amok. Therefore BPC will write to the SCDC cabinet member responsible for this area and ask for an extension of the consultation to permit discussion of how else to protect nesting birds and their habitats in the area. BPC will explore other options with bodies such as the RSPB and Natural England to seek a way forward to a more satisfactory outcome.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>11. To consider Local Plan Issues and Options including potential new sites in Bawdsey:</b> This consultation ends at the end of October and is designed to plan development in the SCDC area up to 2036. Three sites were identified for development in Bawdsey, one of which was an old submission which had been deemed non-viable at the time. One was on high land on the Manor Farm Estate and the other on a site adjacent to The Street below the Manor Farm Estate. This latter is the most viable, being in a dip in the road. The Parish Council has to endorse sites considering local housing needs, planning considerations such as the fact Bawdsey is in an AONB and the reality of existing new housing at Cavell Close and future development of School Meadow. It was noted that development at Cranes Garage was not included in the consultation. It was felt that affordable units would be most helpful in meeting local housing need, ideally run by a Community Land Trust to keep the housing in local ownership. Chairman AB will take up an invitation to meet with planners later this month with another councillor and will organise a drop in session in the village hall where a copy of the plan will be available for viewing and where parishioners can come and share their views before a formal written response is sent in to SCDC. The Clerk was asked to share details of the</p>	Clerk

<p>consultation again in the Bulletin and on the website and to pick up summaries of the Local Plan from SCDC offices.</p>	
<p><b>12. To consider issues regarding bins at Bawdsey Quay and Shingle Street:</b> New tops for the damaged bins at East lane have been put in place. There is not enough capacity for bins at Shingle Street. Bigger bins can't be emptied by Norse so an additional small one will be needed or an under-used one by the fence could be moved to a more prominent place by the telephone box. At present there are four large green bins at Bawdsey Quay bolted to stand at the river wall. SCDC Cll Christine Block asked them to be relocated. SCDC Norse employee David Hind has reorganized them so only one should stand in its current position, one at the head of the jetty and the two others to be relocated appropriately. Regarding the regularity of collection, CB hopes the problem will be resolved. The public bins are emptied every Monday with an additional collection on Thursdays in high season.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>13. To receive updates on a new Decorative Sign:</b> Mark Dovey shared scaled drawings of his design for a new village sign, based on a radar transmitter tower. He is getting quotes for making the metal sign. The structure will be about 5m high. Clerk to find out informally whether planning permission is needed. She will also check the ownership of the green space at the corner of Red Farm House Lane where it is hoped the structure will stand.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>14. Finance: To authorize payments as listed below and any new invoices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Clerk's wages: £ 416.00</li> <li>ii. Clerk's expenses: £28.12</li> <li>iii. Graham Henderson DEP £250 (to pay for trial of all-year-round ferry service)</li> <li>iv. HMRC (Clerk's tax) £200.00</li> <li>v. Suffolk Preservation Society membership £30.00</li> <li>vi. Cll Mark expenses £17.10</li> <li>vii. Poppy Wreath £15.00</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council:</b> Cll Mark asked how long the ramp at Hollesley/Shingle Street will be in situ. She also shared news from her SALC meeting. (See website). An exhibition by the Disability Forum can be seen at Woodbridge Library highlighting the difficulties for disabled people accessing The Thoroughfare. She also attended the Poppy Project launch in Hollesley.</p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Thursday November 23rd</p>	
<p><i>Meeting ended 9.45 pm</i></p>	

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*Andrew Block - Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council*