

Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of Planning Meeting

Wednesday 22nd August 2018 at 11.00am

Bawdsey Village Hall

In Attendance – Clls Andrew Rouse, Brian Johnson, Richard Tricker, Rawdon Saunders, Liz Mark, Emma Aldous, Jenny Webb (Clerk)	
<i>Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Andrew Rouse at 11 am</i>	
1. Chairman’s Welcome:	
<p>2. Open Forum: Nine members of the public, residents of Bawdsey Manor Estate, attended the Open Forum and raised a number of objections to this application. Firstly there had not been any consultation with residents. Other objections were as follows: the increased noise factor inherent in the application and the attendant loss of amenity- it was felt PGL’s methodology of noise assessment was faulty, the noise around the lake will be higher than “nuisance level” and that sound management such as tree screening was inadequate; the change of use from agricultural land to amenity; the site is an extensive habitat for birds including owls and kestrels not mentioned in the ecological survey; the potential to exacerbate existing drainage problems; the risk to property values, already experienced. It was felt the lake could be re-sited and queried why the original proposed site in front of the Manor had been turned down by planners. There are also alternative sites for sailing on the Deben. Residents felt strongly that PGL had not respected their rights. A query was raised as to how this application fitted in with the 5 year Conservation Management Plan for the Manor.</p>	Action:
3. Apologies: Andrew Block, Chris Mann	
4. Declarations of Interest: None	
<p>5. Planning Matters: Applications: DC/15/4256/FUL Creation of a lake for recreational activities such as raft building and kayaking, including excavation and re-use of excavated materials onsite within the Bawdsey Manor Estate. The Vice-Chair thanked the residents for coming along to share their concerns which were noted down by the Clerk and would be carefully considered. Residents were recommended to write into SCDC Planning department individually to voice their concerns.</p> <p>Some councillors had not had the time to peruse all the paperwork to do with the application. AR therefore asked the Clerk to contact SCDC Planners and ask for a 2 week extension given the extent of the issues surrounding this application and the fact that the Chairman was away. (Granted)</p> <p>The Clerk was also asked to contact other agencies for their opinions. These included the Internal Drainage Board, the Suffolk Preservation Trust, the Suffolk Ornithological Group and the Deben Estuary Partnership. (It was noted that the AONB and Suffolk Wildlife Trust were statutory consultees)</p> <p>The meeting went through the initial response of the absent Chairman and discussed issues of the construction of the lake and material storage, flooding, water cleanliness, ecology and wildlife concerns, potential lighting spill, access to the proposed site (a mains water pipe now runs along Ferry Road), noise levels and boat/raft storage.</p> <p>The draft response would be worked on over the next three weeks and discussed at the next parish council meeting on 12th September when it will be open for further comments by councillors.</p>	Clerk
<i>Meeting ended 1.00pm</i>	

Signed: Date:

Andrew Rouse

Vice-Chair Chairman of Bawdsey Parish Council