

Bawdsey Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.00pm

Bawdsey Village Hall

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| <p>In Attendance –Chairman Andrew Block (AB), Clls Richard Tricker (RT), Chris Mann, (CM) Brian Johnson (BJ) Emma Aldous (EM), Rob Johnson (RJ), Andrew Rouse (AR), Clare Walker (CW) East Suffolk Cll James Mallinder, SCC Cll Andrew Reid (JM) Jenny Webb (Clerk)</p> | |
| <p><i>Meeting called to order by Chair AB at 7.00pm.</i></p> | |
| <p>1. Open Forum and Chairman’s welcome - One parishioner attended to observe</p> | |
| <p>2. Councillor’s Declaration of Interests: Clls AB, CM and RT declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project; Clls AB, BJ, AR, CM for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership; Cll AB and CW for CLT; Clls AB and BJ for Tin Chapel project; CW for PGL Planning Application</p> | |
| <p>3. Signing of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Minutes of 9th May 2019 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Cll EA, seconded by RJ.ii. Minutes of APM on 4th April 2019 were approved as a true record. Proposed by AB and seconded by BJ | |
| <p>4. To receive report from SCC Cll Andrew Reid. He highlighted the cutting of subsidies to under-used bus services with £13 million of savings needing to be made; AR is talking to the MOD to see if the 71 bus can be exempt from the cuts, given the arrival of a second regiment to Rock Barracks; 75% of the SCC budget is spent on young people and adult care services; more foster carers are needed for Suffolk with 800 children in need of places; more electric vehicle charging points are to be installed; an assessment of the impact on the bridge en route to Shingle Street is taking place after the appearance of a sinkhole caused by badger activity; Lay-bys installed by SP may be taken on and maintained by Highways to alleviate impact of farm traffic and coaches; Cll Reid said he would progress the works regarding the resurfacing of the pavement on The Street; he asked the PC to consider whether curbing was appropriate for the whole length of School Lane after road widening to prepare for the School Meadow development or just for the drop-off area; he urged the PC to respond to Stage 4 of Sizewell C Consultation and to the council’s Green Access Strategy. The whole of Cll Reid’s report can be read on www.bawdsey.onesuffolk.net. Chairman AB stressed that the loss of any bus service is very regrettable and runs counter to the concept of rural sustainability. The CATS dial-a-ride service is not flexible enough and the loss of the ability to use a bus pass on this service is a blow. Cll Reid responded that there has to be greater usage of bus services to justify the subsidies of £77,000.</p> <p>East Suffolk Councillor James Mallinder: Cll Mallinder has been appointed cabinet member for the Environment. East Suffolk has declared a climate emergency. SCDC came top of recycling councils at 54%. The top priorities for the new council are to develop policies on a cross-party basis to work alongside business, transport, finance and planning. He highlighted a new website - East Suffolk Means Business which helps businesses with green issues and to network. Clerk to advertise in the Bulletin. The Greenprint Forum has an initiative called Plastic Champions and a half day’s training is available to councillors to share best practice with parishioners. Cll Mallinder</p> | <p>Clerk to request adoption of lay-bys and to send photos of pavement to Cll Reid</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clls to contact Clerk if interested</p> |

is to speak against the PGL Lake proposal at the planning committee on 22nd July on ecological grounds and loss of amenity. (noise) There is a consultation on the Northern by-pass proposals at several venues in the area and the consultation runs until September 13th. See <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/details-announced-for-the-ipswich-northern-route-consultation/> UK Power Network is giving away free emergency packs containing thermometers and medication pot etc. in the case of power outages. Councils can order up to 50 packs. Cll Mallinder will be holding a surgery in Bawdsey on Saturday 7th at the VH at 11am. His full report can be read on the village website.

- 5. Progress Reports: i. Clerk's report, incl. current finance report.** The report of correspondence and actions can be read on the village website. Clerk drew attention to the fact that the council received £500 from SCDC to help pay for a weather station and match funding from SCC has been sought. However the mast on which it is to be installed has been objected to by Historic England. Mitigation proposals as sought by HE are being negotiated. There is a balance of **£4,334.41** in the current account. **£7,718.23** in the BQVC account following the sale of the disabled toilet and **£6,031.31** in the Savers Account
- ii. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update:** Cll R Johnson reported that the village fete had made over £5,000 and he thanked the village for its support. There are a number of on-going projects; both the turret on the VH and the barge boards have been repainted. A quote has been received to take up some of the grass around the war memorial to provide better access for cars. The gate to the Rec is being repaired. An upgrade to the pavilion is being undertaken. This will enable it to be used for parties etc and generate an income. There will be separate male and female toilets and a disabled toilet. Lino flooring will be laid. A hot water heater will be installed for the kitchen and a cooker point put in. Cll Johnson shared copies of the plans to show internal alterations. A quote of £3,500 has been received. The VHRGC hopes to consult with villagers and set up a working party in August. The tennis courts and multi-sports court need to be promoted more. The cricket club sign will be taken down so as not to cause confusion.
- iii. Coastal Protection Updates:** a) **DEP:** A review of the plan is being undertaken. AB reported that the Chair of SCAR Graham Henderson died last night and paid tribute to his ceaseless work over the years on coastal protection. b) **BCP update:** A revised report on coastal processes by Jacobs which was commissioned by Coastal Partnership East has recently been published. The next stage is to produce a scope to go forward for stage 2 of the Shoreline Management Plan review.
- iv. Scottish Power:** The completion of works for EA1 is due to finish by October. However the existence of nesting hen harriers near the Deben is holding up SPR work and thus it is not likely that work will finish by October. Heavy plant will be taken away. Scottish Power will keep the landfall site until the completion of EA3 due to start in 2021. Clerk has asked Edward Rees about community benefit and about the retention of the lay-bys.
- v. Emergency Committee:** The next meeting is taking place on 26th July. Jason Horncastle is stepping down as Chair. Ashley Jones from PGL and Katie Hopkins of Bawdsey Primary School are attending. It is hoped more volunteers will attend training.
- vi. Speedwatch:** The Speedwatch will be in operation for the next two weeks. Statistics have shown that speeding has decreased. The worst offending occurs at night and early morning. Tunstall and Snape are no longer in this scheme so Bawdsey will have the equipment to use more frequently. Speed strips have been noted outside Cranes which indicate that the police have been monitoring speed. Clerk to seek clarification.

6. Finance: a) To authorize payments as listed below

- i. Bawdsey Bulletin (May): £27.65
- ii. Bawdsey Bulletin (June) £23.30
- iii. SALC (Councillor training) £55.20
- iv. Clerk's Salary (net): £482.40
- v. Bawdsey Bulletin (July) £35.75

The above payments were approved by the council. Proposed by Cll Tricker and seconded by Cll Block.

7. To receive updates on Planning Issues: i. To review outstanding application: a)

DC/19/2240/ARM School Meadow Development: The PC has approved the new plans for this development. Regarding the widening of School Lane and curbing, Clls thought curbing on one side of the lane only would be better in the light of the possible rerouting of the coastal path along the Lane. **b) DC/18/1311/FUL Orwell Housing Development below Manor Farm Estate:** Orwell Housing is considering a significant alteration to the plans. Clls advised bringing the new plans to the VH for local consultation. An Open Meeting will be set up in September. (NB **Now arranged for Wednesday 11th September from 3-6pm.**) Building will start in September beginning with the two bungalows which will be available for rent. Six properties at the front will be for shared ownership. Local people or those with a connection to the village will be given priority for these homes and should register with Gateway for Home Choice. Clls recommended the verge be widened for better access. The Chairman will contact Orwell to ascertain whether the Design and Build contract is complete and whether the 31 conditions have been met **c) DC/19/1381/FUL Cranes development.** This has been withdrawn **d) DC/18/2417/FUL Installation of a whip aerial on Bawdsey Manor grounds.** Historic England has opposed this mast to improve connectivity in the village. The PC had hoped to install a weather station on the mast to monitor wind, tides and coastal erosion in the light of a number of universities carrying out research in this area. Mitigation proposals proposed by Historic England are being negotiated.

8. To receive update on Bawdsey Quay and the Tin Chapel: The East Suffolk Building Preservation Trust and Cultural Engine, the body carrying out a feasibility study for possible uses for the chapel are confident that grants could be obtained to restore the chapel and use it as a Resource Centre for the many researchers working on the Deben Estuary. It would have to be linked to the Amenity Centre and the parking issues would have to be resolved. Cll Block met with David Chenery of Highways and put forward proposals for additional lay-bys. It is also proposed to put in some hard paving as access over the verge to the existing steps leading down to the beach. DC will prepare drawings for free. A permeable surface would be used instead of tarmac.

9. To receive update on route of the National Coastal Path: Jonathan Clarke of Natural England is meeting up with Clls A Block and C Mann on 31st July to consider an alternative route from East Lane to Bawdsey Quay without taking the eroded footpath along the cliff top.

10. To receive update on Highways matters: Work to paint 30mph roundels on The Street and to replace some 30mph repeater signs will be carried out in the autumn. A Leave Clear sign will

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be painted on the Quay at the entrance to Bawdsey Manor. If the village is to voluntarily clean signs and cut verges, a councilor will have to attend specific training in order for workers to be insured as part of a Self-Help Scheme. There was little enthusiasm for this measure. SCC Highways has said that no signs which topple over will be replaced - except for vital STOP signs- due to financial cuts.

11. To receive an update about cuts to bus services on the peninsula: The decision not to allow the use of bus passes on the CATS buses is unlikely to be reversed. The 71 bus which goes through Hollesley is under review and may lose its subsidy from SCC.

Clerk

12. To set up working group to consider a “Green agenda” including landscaping the “Green”: Clls were enthusiastic about this initiative especially in the light of the Climate Emergency declared by East Suffolk DC and asked the Clerk to advertise for volunteers to this Working Group in the Bulletin. Cll R Johnson reported that 4 wild cherry trees on the allotment need a new home.

Clerk

13. To consider a Beach Watch clean up in September 22nd (with Boyton and Hollesley). Clls thought this was a good idea and asked the Clerk to liaise with Boyton PC to decide on a beach area to clean. Shingle Street residents will organize a litter pick between the road and the sea. A notice for volunteers will be put in September’s Bulletin.

Clerk

14. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council including any further reports. There have been complaints about the abandoned car in the lay-by on Eastfields and excessive dog barking. Clerk to make further enquiries.

Date of next meeting: Thursday September 19th at 7pm

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Signature:

Date:

Andrew Block- Chair of Bawdsey Parish Council