

# Bawdsey Parish Council

## Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm Via Zoom Video Conference

### Attendees

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman) after 7.18pm  
Cllr. Chris Mann  
Cllr. Robin Johnson  
Cllr. Richard Tricker

Cllr. Andrew Rouse (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr. Robert Thurkettle  
Cllr. Clare Walker  
Cllr. James Mallinder (East Suffolk)

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

1 Member of public in attendance.

### **1) To receive Apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Cllr. B. Johnson (Meeting commitments)

### **2) To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary)**

Cllr. Mann and Cllr. Tricker declared an interest in the Scottish Power Windfarm project, Cllr. Rouse for Bawdsey Coastal Partnership; Cllr. Walker for CLT.

### **3) Public Participation - To receive:**

*No public participation took place.*

### **4) To receive reports (if any) from SCC and East Suffolk DC**

Reports had been received from Cllr. James Mallinder and Cllr. Andrew Reid (COVID updates) and forwarded onto the Councillors. Copies of these can be found on the Bawdsey website.

Cllr. Mallinder discussed items from the report and emphasized that the current plans for Sizewell C have not been supported.

### **5) To agree and sign Minutes of meeting dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 as a true record.**

Minutes were agreed by the Councillors, proposed by Cllr. Tricker and seconded by Cllr. Walker.

*Cllr. Block entered the meeting.*

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## 5) Planning:

### a.) To receive updates on current applications:

The Councillors received notification of appeal for 17 Acres Barn and agreed that they will continue to support the application. The Councillors agreed that a letter in support of this appeal will be sent to the Planning Department at East Suffolk.

### b.) To consider any applications received after the publication of the agenda:

*There were no planning applications to discuss.*

## 6) Bawdsey Quay

### a.) Parking Issues:

The Councillors discussed the ongoing issues at Bawdsey Quay, due to the estimated costs received it was felt that more detailed costings would be required to determine where the funding could be acquired. Although due to the issues continuing to affect the Community the Councillors agreed that the works should begin in a staged approach.

It was suggested that the Council puts forward £500 to begin the installation of signs and line markings on Bawdsey Quay, Cllr. Mallinder agreed to also contribute £500 towards this.

Cllr. Block agreed to contact Suffolk Highways with the views from the Parish Council.

Cllr. Walker advised the Councillors that there had been an accident with a campervan and suggested whether 'Passing Place' signs could be installed.

### 8) To discuss recognition for Community help during the pandemic.

Cllr. Block suggested to say thank you and show appreciation to residents of Bawdsey for helping within the Community that a small object with writing on and a letter from the Council should be sent to those individuals.

Cllr. Thurkettle discussed whether it would be possible to ask residents to nominate others to ensure that all residents are included, all Councillors agreed, proposed by Cllr. Tricker, seconded by Cllr. R. Johnson.

### 9) To discuss proposals from Natural England regarding coast path from Bawdsey to Aldeburgh.

The coastal path is closed at the moment, the Councillors discussed re-submitting previous comments and highlighting the safety concerns of the paths. The land owner is happy to offer an alternative route, to avoid dangers of the current path and it was noted that the plans will have an effect on the wildlife. Clearing the verges to improve the safety when walking along the road to the Quay was also discussed.

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Cllr. Block agreed that he will send a letter to Natural England to voice the concerns from the Parish Council, Cllr. Thurkettle advised that a letter will also be sent from the Coastguard highlighting the dangers of the path.

## **10) To discuss and decide financing of photoposts.**

A beach measuring team, led by Cllr. Tricker, has been measuring the beach level at Bawdsey Manor for almost eight year and, since 2016, the mouth of the Deben. This data is sent to various people including Helene Burningham of UCL who is studying the Manor sea beach and the estuary. Helene has been instrumental in initiating the installation of PhotoPosts along the coastline. This additional information will help her in formulating even more detailed information about our coastal landscape. The weather station, which was recently purchased, also plays an important role in contributing additional data.

Cllr. Block proposed that the Parish Council will hold the funds ready for this project, seconded by Cllr. Thurkettle.

## **11) Progress Reports:**

### **i. Clerk's report, incl. current financial update:**

The Clerk reported the current financial figures as:

- Savers account £8043.37
- Community Account £7718.23
- Community Account £1816.65

The Clerk had previously sent an email to the Councillors with the concerns from residents regarding the ongoing safety concerns at Bawdsey Quay.

### **ii. Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee update (Cllr. R. Johnson)**

Cllr. R. Johnson advised the Councillors that the Garage sales went ahead following Government guidelines and relevant risk assessment.

The room at the back of the village hall has been painted and the Pop-up-pub was well attended. The Committee has agreed to allow dog walkers back onto the recreation ground but will keep this under review.

Designs to improve the memorial area will be in the next Bawdsey Bulletin. Recycling of tetrapaks has been a big success, with extra storage area needed. Thank you to both Cllr. Rouse and Cllr. Tricker for taking the tetrapaks for recycling

### **iii. Coastal Matters: Updates on**

#### **a) Deben Estuary Partnership – Photo Posts and Weather Station (Cllr. Block)**

Ongoing issue with flood cell 1, a meeting will be due in October to discuss funding. Many research projects underway on the Deben, Helene Burningham applied for a substantial grant to support one of the projects.

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## **b) Bawdsey Coastal Partnership (Cllr. Rouse)**

*Nothing to report.*

## **c) Coastguard report (Cllr. Thurkettle)**

Cllr. Thurkettle (Coastguard) advised the Councillors that there had been an incident near the cliff falls at Bawdsey Quay, although it has been quiet in comparison to other areas.

## **iv. Scottish Power (Cllr. Tricker)**

Cllr. Tricker reported that work has almost finished and that hedgerow will be planted towards the end of the year.

## **v. Speedwatch (Cllr. R. Johnson)**

The speed gun is currently being calibrated but as soon as this has been done speed watch will recommence.

Residents have been commenting on speeding tractors, Cllr. Mann will speak to the tractor drivers regarding speeding concerns.

Cllr. Mallinder advised the Councillors that the police have a mobile speeding van and may be due a visit to the peninsula. Butley also has ongoing problems with speeding and a collective parish letter will be sent to the Council soon.

## **vi. Emergency Committee (Cllr. R. Johnson):**

Cllr. R. Johnson reported that since Government lockdown conditions have been lifted the need for support from the Emergency Committee has decreased, however they will continue to offer support to residents when required.

## **10) Finance:**

a) To approve cheques:

- £17.00 to Mrs. J. Webb for extra keys for notice boards
- £15.00 wreath for war memorial (Royal British Legion)
- £18.00 for Bulletin printing
- £3050.00 return of grant money that was not used to Ray Kay (Superfast Broadband)

Direct Debit's:

- Emergency Telephone, Red Rocket £9.60

All Councillors approved payments, Proposed by Cllr. Rouse, seconded by Cllr. R. Johnson.

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**11. Highways Matters: To discuss any concerns about Highways**

*No issues were raised.*

**12. Any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council and to agree date of Next Meetings**

Cllr. Block has written a letter to the Peninsula Practice with the concerns from residents of travelling to an alternative practice for flu jabs.

The annual Bawdsey bonfire and fireworks have been postponed due to the current pandemic.

Cllr. Block thanked the Councillors for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Signed.....

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)

Date.....

*Tiffany Pollock*

Clerk to Bawdsey Parish Council

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