

**Minutes of Bawdsey Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 6.00pm
at Bawdsey Village Hall**

Attendees

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)
Cllr. Chris Mann
Cllr. Robin Johnson
Cllr. Richard Tricker
Cllr. Brian. Johnson

Cllr. Andrew Rouse (Vice-Chairman, via Zoom)
Cllr. Robert Thurkettle (via Zoom)
Cllr. Clare Walker
Cllr. James Mallinder (East Suffolk)
Cllr. Andrew. Reid (County Councillor)

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

2 Members of the public in attendance.

1) Welcome and to receive Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Block opened the meeting and welcomed all for their attendance.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's. Rouse and Thurkettle as they were not able to attend in person.

2) Reports from;

(i) Cllr. A Reid (Suffolk County Council)

Cllr. Reid advised the Councillors that a report will be submitted following the meeting, a copy of this will be available on the Bawdsey website.

The following items from the report were highlighted and briefly discussed;

Drive through testing is still available at Copdock and the 'Home but not alone' service will be remaining in place. As restrictions eased household waste recycling centres reopened with an online booking service.

In February the full Council met and the annual budget for 2021/2022 was agreed. A Council tax rise of 3.99% was kept, with more being allocated to adult social care.

With reduced traffic on the roads during lockdown Suffolk County Council Highways were able to achieve more repairs to the County's roads as well as implementing more space for walking and cycling.

A new adoption agency, Adopt East was created in October 2020, the County Council will also be developing Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) units attached to mainstream schools.

Better broadband for Suffolk is on target to reach 98% of premises by the end of this year.

With the backing of Government work was able to begin in March this year on the bridge crossing in Lowestoft which will provide a boost to the economy.

Funds set aside last year for the Community have seen the installation of fast charging points in rural areas of the county.

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The submitted plans for substations at Friston are not supported and Cllr. Reid believes that Friston would be the wrong location but overall supports wind power.

Cllr. Reid gave thanks for being re-elected and the opportunity of representing the county.

Cllr. Block raised concerns with regards to roads locally in need of repair and proper maintenance. Cllr. Reid explained that overall resources at Suffolk County Highways are spread due to funding being cut by £8m, although funding for highways has been doubled from last year to £4 million.

(ii) Cllr. J. Mallinder (East Suffolk Council)

Cllr. Mallinder stated his passion about the community and environment, with Bawdsey already receiving funds from the Community Enabling Budget.

Cllr. Mallinder was actively involved in the distribution of EAST bags during lockdown and gave thanks to Cllr. Tricker for assistance in distributing these to residents in Bawdsey.

There will be a review of car parks across the ward and a continuing focus on bio diversity and being nature positive. In June the Council will be looking at ways to improve air quality, this will include cars, bonfires and spraying.

Cllr. Mallinder gave thanks for being able to represent Bawdsey.

Councillors requested for the Amenity area at Bawdsey Quay to be tidied up, Cllr. Mallinder has made enquiries into this and has been told work will commence once nesting season is over. Parking space before reaching the barrier at the site was also suggested, Cllr. Mallinder will make the relevant department aware for a possible review of this.

3) To review main events from 2020-2021, including;

- **Bawdsey Quay**

After many years of parking issues at the Quay work will soon begin with repainting the car parking lines, this has been possible by funds sourced from the Parish Council, Cllr. Mallinder's Community Enabling Funds and Cllr. Reid.

It was discussed whether the barriers could be moved ten metres either side of the steps, Suffolk County Highways will be contacted to see whether this would be possible.

- **Coastal Protection and Photoposts**

The Council have had assurance that emergency work will be carried out at the north end of the piling in front of Bawdsey Manor. The photoposts will help highlight how things are changing. Coastal protection will be implemented at the Manor front.

- **Coastal Path**

The Council has written numerous times to Natural England highlighting the dangers and concerns of the planned coastal path, the Councillors agree that a path at the edge of the field would be a safer option.

- **Windfarm/Scottish Power**

Although there was no report, thanks was given to Cllr. Tricker for all involvement and communication with Scottish Power.

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- **Quiet Lanes**

Notices of proposals will be displayed in each lane; East Lane, Red House Lane, Long Lane and School Lane by 24th May 2021, which will also be published in the East Anglian Daily Times. A contribution towards the cost of this project would be desired and will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

4.) Open forum for Parishioners to comment or ask questions.

Concerns from residents were received with regards to behavior and near road accidents at Manor Farm Gardens, the Housing Officer at Orwell Housing and Cllr. Mallinder are aware of this.

It was noted that no opposing of the development of Manor Farm Gardens was made by residents, it is felt that there are issues surrounding safeguarding and parental responsibility and there has been no attempt to allow or encourage occupiers to integrate with the village.

Allocation of properties were discussed as it is unclear how these are made by Gateway to Home Choice, it was suggested whether there could be a green area or a residents association, the Parish Council will write to Orwell Housing to highlight concerns and suggestions.

The Parish Council had received a letter of thanks from a family in Bawdsey for the disabled access at East Lane.

There was a request for public time to be given by Cllr Reid and Cllr. Mallinder at Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council was reminded that the Peninsular Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) is available to be contacted when needed. Updates via video from practice are on social media. The Parish Council welcomes a staff member from the practice to attend the next parish council meeting.

Closed 19.08

Cllr. Block thanked the Public and Councillors for their participation and closed the meeting at 7.08pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr. Andrew Block (Chairman)

Tiffany Pollock

Clerk to Bawdsey Parish Council

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