

BAWD RIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 3rd June 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr R Williams (Chairman), Mrs S Greaves and Mrs A Williams; **Ward County Councillor** Mr D Hall; Clerk, Graham Jarvis together with fifteen members of the public. Absent Parish Councillor Mr G Norman.

15. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

An apology for absence was received from Mr R Culverhouse – accepted. No disclosures of interest were made.

16. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th May 2014 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

17. Matters Arising

- a) **5 a Health and Wellbeing Grant 2012/13** – The Chairman reported that two volunteers had come forward to assist in the construction of a concrete base to assist with storage arrangements at the Parish Hall.
- b) **5 b Communication with Village Residents** – Deferred

18. Planning Matters

a) Applications

i) **04/14/00002/IL**

Re-roofing of two buildings at Environment Agency Depot, Bradney Lane, Bawdrip, TA7 8PZ.

Resolved: That no comment be made on the proposal.

ii) **04/14/00003/IL**

Erection of agricultural building for storing hay and straw, on site of existing (to be demolished) at Manor Farm, Bradney Lane, Bawdrip, TA7 8PQ. Applicant: H J Ashford & Son.

Resolved: That the application as made be supported as the proposal meets an identified need.

b) **Decisions notified by Planning Authority** – None

c) **Other Planning Matters** - None

19. Land at Shaw's Orchard

The Chairman gave an account of the public meeting, arranged by the Parish Council, which had taken place on 31st May. The meeting had been well attended, with all age groups represented. There was considerable enthusiasm for the concept of a small play area (with equipment) and/or a playing field – both of which the Parish currently lacked.

In the specific case of the land owned by the Parish Council at Shaw's Orchard, there was little that could be changed at present due to the steep bank and the footpath. SCC were investigating to see if there was an option to re-route the footpath.

Agreed that an item be included in the next issue of *Bawdrip Life* and on the Village website seeking comments and inviting volunteers to establish a Committee. It was noted that the Hawk and Owl Trust had withdrawn its interest in acquiring land from the Developer.

20. District Councillor Report - None

21. County Councillor Report

Mr Hall gave an update on the proposed Hinkley C power station including the recent launch of a £4 million Community Impact Mitigation Fund, part of the Section 106 Agreement. National Grid Plc had submitted a formal Planning Application for the Connection Project. In addition Mr Hall mentioned that the Environment Agency were on schedule with dredging of sections of the rivers Parrett and Tone; 8 km were expected to be completed by October. For 2014/15 SCC were repeating the Health and Wellbeing Fund. Suggestions for any suitable projects should initially be made to a Parish Councillor.

22. Financial Matters

a) The following payments were approved:-

- i) Somerset Playing Fields' Association (Subscription) £10.00 - Cheque No. 461.
- ii) Blake Training Limited (Strimmer Project) £72.00 - Cheque No. 462.
- iii) Clerk's Salary & Expenses £734.57 – Cheque No. 463

b) Audit of Accounts 2013/14

Further to Minute 10a ii – 6th May 2014; the Clerk read a letter from the Council's Internal Auditor stating that the Internal Audit had been concluded and that there were no matters that needed to be brought to the attention of Members. The Annual Return would shortly be sent to the External Auditors, Grant Thornton. Agreed that the position be noted.

23. Roads and Footpaths

a) Pot Hole, Ford Lane, Stawell

Further to minute 11b) ii – 6th May 2014; the Chairman mentioned that he had visited the site and reported the matter to County Highways who had since marked the area pending repair.

b) Bridlepath B2/15 (Little Wall Lane)

The Chairman mentioned that he had complained about the poor quality of work when the first cutback was carried out last month. As a result a second visit was made which had improved the situation.

c) Possible New Bus Stops

Pursuant to Minute 130a - 1st April 2014; the Chairman reported that a site meeting had been arranged with representatives of SCC and First Bus regarding the possible provision of bus stops either side of the road near the Fairview site.

d) Speed Limit – Bradney Lane

Mr Hall and the Chairman reported that the 40 mph restriction on Bradney Lane had been extended until the 30 mph signs adjacent to

the Environment Agency Depot. This was a measure that the Parish Council had been seeking for sometime – most recently discussed at the July 2013 meeting – Minute 37d) refers.

- e) **Outstanding Works** (Road markings under Railway Bridge and damaged railings)
Pursuant to Minute 11 b – 6th May 2014; the Chairman mentioned that he would continue to remind County Highways.
- f) **Temporary Road Closures**
The Clerk reported that two notifications had been received from the Highway Authority – full details were included in the Correspondence bundle. (Refer to Minute 24 c iii)
- g) **Strimmer Project**
Further to Minute 29b - 10th July 2012; the Clerk reported that a volunteer had come forward and was to attend a training session (funded jointly by the Parish Council and SCC) in July.

24. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the following items had been received:-

- a) **Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner –** Police and Crime Plans 2014-17 (Sedgemoor)
- b) **Somerset Association of Local Councils**
 - i) Details of training events for July
 - ii) Letter of thanks from the family of Peter Lacey
- c) **Somerset County Council.**
 - i) Environmental Maintenance Information 2014
 - ii) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2013/14 – Public Summary.
 - iii) Temporary Road Closures:
 - a. King William Road and Lippetts Way, Catcott – 19 days from 2nd June.
 - b. Ward Lane, Chedzoy – 3 days from 3rd June.
- d) **Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group –** Details of meeting to be held on 4th July and associated reports.
- e) **Online Playgrounds -** Product Information

(These items would be circulated to Members in the blue box)

25. Topics for Future Meetings

Police Visit and Community Speed Watch

26. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 1st July 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.07 pm

Chairman