

BAWD RIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 6th January 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr R Williams (Chairman), Mr R Culverhouse, and Mrs A Williams; **Ward County Councillor** Mr D Hall; **Ward District Councillor** Mr D Alder; Clerk, Graham Jarvis together with eight members of the public.

Public speaking time:

Knowle Hall

The Chairman introduced Mr Tony Mullin a Partner of Oxford Architects who had been engaged by the new owners of Knowle Hall, Yew Wah International Education Foundation. Mr Mullin was familiar with the site as he had been involved with projects commissioned by the previous owner (BIBIC). A presentation followed which outlined new proposals which included renovation and extension of the building, some demolition of other buildings within the grounds and the formation of play areas, tennis courts and amphitheatre. The expected cost was in the region of £3 million. The proposal was subject to planning approval and Mr Mullin answered questions from residents present.

Mr Mullin was thanked by the Chairman and mentioned that the Clerk had received papers associated with the planning application the previous day. The Parish Council's observations on the proposals would be discussed at the February meeting.

Railway bridge – Disappointment expressed at the response from the Highways Agency who had assumed responsibility from BRB (Residuary) Ltd.

Traffic Congestion – caused by modifications to the Morrisons (formerly Lido) junction, in Bridgwater.

98. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Greaves and Mr G Norman. Councillor Alder disclosed that as a Member of the District Council's Development Committee he was unable to comment on any planning related matters.

99. Planning Matters

a) Applications

04/14/00010/IL

Erection of first floor extension and conversion of loft to living accommodation at 298 Bath Road, Bawdrip.

Applicant: Mr Jennings

Resolved: That the application as submitted be supported as the proposal was considered to be in-keeping with the existing structure.

b) Decision notified by Planning Authority

04/14/00008 - Kings Farm, Eastside Lane (Prior Approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings) – Granted (under delegated authority)

c) **Any Other Planning Matters** - None

100. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2014 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

101. Matters Arising

a) **86 - Railway Embankment and associated land, Shaw's Orchard –**
The Clerk mentioned that no further news had been received regarding registration of the Council's title. A decision was taken to defer consideration of forming a Charitable Trust and associated issues until the new Parish Council takes office in May 2015.

b) **91a ii) Grant Somerset Wildlife Trust:** The Clerk report that a letter of thanks had been received following the grant awarded.

102. District Councillors Report

Mr Alder gave an update on the budget process and the Government grant settlement.

103. County Councillors Report

Mr Hall was extremely pleased to report that after many unexpected delays Superfast Broadband became available to the Parish on 2nd January. Reference was made to the recent decision by the Government to release funds to improve the A303; although this was outside the immediate area he believed that once completed the works would relieve pressure on some local "pinch points". A decision on Hinkley C from the EU regarding the provision of State Aid was now likely to be announced in late March.

104. Financial Matters

a) **The following payments were approved:**

i) Bawdrip PCC (room hire) £18.00 Cheque No. 473

ii) Mrs C A Williams (re-imburement Remembrance Wreath)
£25.00 – Cheque No. 474

(Agreed that the payment be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972).

b) **Parish Precept 2014/15 and Budget**

After a discussion the Parish Precept for 2015/16 was set at £6,500.00 equivalent to a charge of £28.52 per band D property, a rise of £2.20 pa (7.7%). The budget for 2015/16 showing projected reserves at 31st March 2016 of £4,232 was approved.

c) **Other Financial Matters** – None

105. Roads and Footpaths

a) **Outstanding Works**

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The Chairman reported that he had reminded SCC about the possible provision of new bus stops (Minute 36 a – 1st July 2014) and various footpath issues and was still awaiting a response.

- b) Speed Indicator Device – SID’s**
Pursuant to Minute 96a – 14th January 2014; the Clerk reported that details had been received from SCC of the proposed dates in 2015 when the devices would be operational. These would be set at three sites in the Parish and each location would be assessed twice. The letter was included in the correspondence bundle.
- c) Highway Defects**
The Clerk was asked to report the following to County Highways:-
 - i) Traffic Lights, Crandon Bridge – some obscured by vegetation.
 - ii) Puriton Hill - Sunken manhole cover.
- d) A39 Bath Road**
The Clerk agreed to report to Sedgemoor District Council the presence of an oil drum by the BT Box near the Bawdrip Lane junction and the build-up of litter on hill side verge.

106. Correspondence

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

- a) Sedgemoor District Council – Planning Application 04/14/00012/JE**
(Knowle Hall)
- b) Somerset County Council:**
 - i) School admission arrangements 2016/17 consultation.
 - ii) Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Installation Dates 2015.
- c) SALC/NALC:**
 - i) Legal Briefing (L05-14) – Transparency Code for Parish Councils with annual turnover below £25,000.
 - ii) Advance Notice of Northern Area meeting – 9th February at East Huntspill Village Hall. (*Later changed to 12th February at Brent Knoll Parish Hall*).
- d) Somerset Waste Partnership:**
 - i) Monthly Briefing – December 2014.
 - ii) Press Release – Recycle Trigger tops trial (Tesco)
 - iii) “ “ Recycle vehicle parts
- e) Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter**
December 2014 – Issue 4.

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

107. Topics for Future Meetings – Annual Village Litter Pick.

108. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 3rd February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman