

# **BAWD RIP PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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

## **72. Welcome to new Parish Councillor**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Culverhouse to his first meeting as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Culverhouse had signed the formal Acceptance of Office document.

## **73. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest**

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Mr N Turner. No disclosures of interest were made.

## **74. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **75. Matters Arising**

**67 b) – Grants Bawdrip PCC –** The Clerk reported that a letter had been received expressing gratitude for the grants awarded at the last meeting.

## **76. Planning Matters**

### **a) Applications**

#### **i) 04/13/00012/RM**

Erection of single storey glass extension to the front (North) elevation at the Barn, Greenfield Lane, Bawdrip, Bridgwater, TA7 8PX. Applicant: Mrs Sargeant.

**Resolved:** That the application as submitted be supported on the grounds that the proposal was in-keeping with the surrounding area.

#### **ii) 04/13/00014/DRT**

Erection of 2 5kW wind turbines mounted on 15 metre high towers on land at Temple Farm, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater. Applicant: Mr A Denning.

**Resolved:** That the application as made be supported as the proposal was considered a sustainable development.

### **b) Decisions notified by the Planning Authority**

**i) 04/13/00009 –** 2 wind turbines, Temple Farm – Withdrawn prior to determination.

**ii) 04/13/00010 –** Extension 294 Bath Road – Approved (Delegated Authority)

### **c) Other Planning Matters**

**Application 41/11/00007 – Fairways Caravan Park, Bath Road**

The Chairman reported that one of the conditions attached to the consent (granted October 2011) was for the construction of a footpath from the site entrance to the junction of the main road. Work on the path had recently commenced. (Also refer to Minute 83 c below.)

**77. Shaw's Orchard Development**

Further to Minute 68a – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012; the Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Ash Clifford Solicitors together with a draft transfer document, including a coloured plan, for the parcel of land to be conveyed to the ownership of the Parish Council. The letter stated that the Local Authority Search did not reveal anything untoward and the conditions attached to the transfer were not considered to be onerous with the possible exception of a duty to maintain any landscaping in accordance with Local Authority requirements. The papers were circulated to Members.

After a discussion it was Resolved that:-

- a) The transfer of the land to the Parish Council on the terms and conditions specified be accepted.
- b) The Chairman and Councillor Mr G Norman be instructed to sign the transfer document (TP1) on behalf of the Parish Council with the Clerk to sign as a witness.
- c) The home address of the Clerk be stated as the transferee's address for service for entry in the records of HM Land Registry.

**78. Application of Health and Wellbeing Grant 2012/13**

Pursuant to Minute 50 – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013; the Chairman reported that a cabinet to house the defibrillator had been obtained from St John Ambulance. Quotations were being invited to fix the unit to the outside porch of the Parish Hall and connect to the mains power supply. At present there was a balance of £414.95 from the grant received which was thought to be sufficient for the installation of the defibrillator and the acquisition of a table tennis table. The Clerk was asked to approach the PCC to seek permission to store the table tennis table in the Parish Hall. County Councillor Mr Hall mentioned that some SCC funds were available in the current financial year for Health and Wellbeing initiatives and invited Members to think of suitable projects.

**79. District Councillor Report – None**

**80. County Councillor Report**

Mr Hall summarised the present position regarding the proposed Hinkley C and National Grid Connection projects. He was pleased to report that 31 areas to benefit from the first phase of the Devon and Somerset Superfast Broadband programme had been announced and would be connected early next year. It was not yet known in which phase Bawdrip was included. Reference was also made to on-going budget discussion for 2014/15 and future years.

**81. Bawdrip Village Website Update**

The Council wished to encourage more input from the residents and Community Groups and noted with satisfaction the material in the history section.

**82. Financial Matters**

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

- i) Sedgemoor District Council – Uncontested election fees -£245.00 Cheque No. 446.
- ii) Clerk's Salary and Expenses - £700.30 Cheque No. 447
- iii) Ash Clifford Solicitors - £270.00 Cheque No. 448
- iv) Mr R Williams – Reimbursement Remembrance Wreath - £25.00 Cheque No. 449 (Section 137 Payment)
- v) St John Ambulance – Cabinet - £462.00 Cheque No. 450
- vi) Mendip Community Transport – Grant £40.00 Cheque No. 451 (Section 137 Payment)

**b) Any other Financial Matters - None**

**83. Roads & Footpaths**

**a) Speed Indicating Devices**

Further to Minute 68a – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013; the Clerk reported that County Highways had supplied the results for the device placed at the A39 / Bawdrip Lane Junction for the period 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November. The site was in a 40 mph zone, 3,862 vehicles were recorded travelling at speeds in excess of 50 mph. The data collected met the policy criteria for a SID to be deployed on a regular basis; the location would be included in the 2014 programme. The full report was included in the correspondence bundle.

**b) Grit bins**

The Chairman reported that the grit bins were full in readiness for any snow and/or icy weather.

**c) Bus 37 Express Service**

The Chairman reported that the service was operated jointly by First Bus and Webber Bus. In view of the potential development of the former ROF site and the increase use of Fairview Caravan Park (also refer minute 76 c above) the Clerk was asked to write to both Bus operators asking that consideration be given to include stops at these sites on the route.

**84. Hinkley Point Stakeholder Group: Nomination of a Parish Council**

Representative - Deferred

**85. Correspondence**

**a) Sedgemoor District Council**

- i) Local Development Framework News Update – Issue 15 December 2013.
- ii) Development Management Training 27<sup>th</sup> November – Presentation slides. (Event attended by Clerk)
- iii) Press Release – Fly-tipping
- iv) Press Release – Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling

**b) Connecting Devon and Somerset (Superfast Broadband) – Parish Briefing December 2013.**

- c) **Somerset County Council**
  - i) Speed Reading Results from SID: 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 on A39 near Bawdrip Lane Junction.
  - ii) Consultation Review of Subsidised Local Bus Services – ends 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
  
- d) **Centre for Sustainable Energy / Planning Advisory Service:** Invitation to a “planning on the doorstep” workshop on Wind farms to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Cambridge
  
- e) **Proludic Ltd – Catalogue:** Products for play and sports areas.

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

- 86. **Items requested for future meetings – None**
  
- 87. **Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm.** (to include a time of public speaking)

Meeting Closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman