

BAWD RIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 11th February 2014 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 eight members of the public.

100. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

An apology for absence was received from Ward District Councillor Mr N Turner. No disclosures of interest were made.

101. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2014 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. Matters Arising

91) – Application of Health and Wellbeing Grant 2012/13 – The Chairman reported that the unit to house the defibrillator on the outside of the porch at the Parish Hall had been fitted by Mr Poole. A copy of the procedure for operating the defibrillator would be included in the correspondence bundle. The PCC had agreed that a table tennis table could be stored in the Parish Hall with a nominal fee paid each time the table was used. Mrs Greaves was asked to obtain quotes for a suitable full-size table which could be temporarily stored elsewhere prior to a permanent space being made available in the Parish Hall.

103. Planning Matters

a) Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

04/13/00012 – Extension The Barn, Greenfield Lane – Approved (delegated authority)

b) Any Other Planning Matters - None

104. District Councillor Report – None

105. County Councillor Report

Mr Hall gave a comprehensive overview of the unprecedented flooding experienced on the Somerset Levels and other areas of the County since the New Year which had been designated a Major Incident. The Prime Minister had visited Taunton earlier that day and all Services were working well together. A £200,000 donation had been made to the Somerset Community Foundation. Further information given by Mr Hall are appended to the signed copies of these minutes.

106. Communication with Village Residents

Members discussed communication with residents; although information was available on the village website and on the notice board, further methods of disseminating information and to encourage participation in

village activities was considered desirable. A printed quarterly Newsletter hand delivered to every property in the Parish was favoured provided there were sufficient volunteers and the cost was not excessive. In addition the provision of a “welcome pack” for people moving to the Parish was viewed to be a good idea. Mr Culverhouse agreed to investigate the likely cost and practicalities of these initiatives; a further discussion would take place at a future parish Council meeting.

107. Financial Matters

- a) **The following payment was approved:-**
Terry Poole Electrics – £120.00 Cheque No. 453.
- b) **Any other Financial Matters - None**

108. Dates of Future Meetings

The Chairman mentioned that the present arrangement of holding meetings on the second Tuesday of the month meant that on occasions it was too late for material to appear in the next editions local publications. After a discussion there was agreement to revert to holding meetings on the first Tuesday. The new arrangement to apply from the March meeting – the Clerk was asked to prepare a prominent poster for the notice board. The change would also be featured on the Village Website.

109. Roads & Footpaths

- a) **Outstanding Works**
Further to Minute 68c – 12th November 2013; the Chairman expressed regret that replacement of the damaged railings, alterations to the road markings under the railway bridge and repairs to a faulty streetlight were still outstanding. The Chairman would remind County Highways. The desirability of installing a handrail on the steps of the Public footpath over the former railway line would also be mentioned.
- b) **Temporary Road Closures – Notified by Highway Authority**
The Clerk reported that three notices had been received and that full details were included in the Correspondence bundle – Minute 111 e i) below refers.
- c) **Possible additional Bus Stops**
Pursuant to Minute 83c – 10th December 2013; the Clerk reported that upon investigation it was the County Council (as opposed to Bus Operators) who should be approached regarding the possibility of new bus stops in the Parish. In the circumstances an email had been sent to SCC and a reply was awaited.

110. Annual Community Litter Pick

Agreed that the event would be held on Saturday 5th April 2014 – Clerk to check on the availability of equipment from SDC.

111. Correspondence

- a) **Sedgemoor District Council.**
 - i) Polden Hills Parish Cluster Meeting – Tuesday, 25th February, Woolavington Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

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- ii) Code of Conduct training (jointly with SALC) Tuesday, 29th April at Bridgwater House.
 - iii) Changes in Development Management – District now split East/West previously North/South.
- b) Somerset Association of Local Councils**
- i) News Release – Referendum principles not extended to Parish Councils for 2014/15.
 - ii) Details of training events March – July 2014
- c) Somerset Community Foundation – Flood Relief Newsletter:**
February 2014.
- d) Somerset Levels and Moors Task Force – A Vision for 2030**
- e) Somerset County Council**
- i) Temporary Road Closures:
 - a) Draycott Road, Cheddar – 2 evenings from 13th February.
 - b) Manor Road & Broadway, Catcott Edington – 19 days from 10th March
 - c) Wideatts Road, Cheddar – 10th March for 19 days
 - ii) Temporary Closure of Footpath BW 2/22 for 21 days from 7th February 2014 due to unsafe bridge. (6 month Closure Order expected to follow).
 - iii) Parish Path Liaison Officer – Details of role supplied following retirement of Mr J Ershaw.
 - iv) Somerset Minerals Plan to 2030 – Details of consultation on Pre-submission.
- f) National Grid – Hinkley Point Connection Project – Consultation**
(ends 10th March) on revised route in Southwick area (Mark).
- g) Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group – Invitation to meeting 28th**
February at Bridgwater College, Cannington.
- h) Glasdon UK Ltd – Product catalogue.**

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

112. Items requested for future meetings – None

113. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 4th March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman