

BAWDRIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014 at 7.30 pm.

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

Before the formal meeting Lora Bray, the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) gave a short account of her duties which covered the Poldens Area including 17 villages/hamlets. A number of questions from residents were answered and support for the Neighbourhood e-watch for the Polden Villages expressed. Lora mentioned that she expected to be present at the Village Community Cafe event on 27th September. The Chairman thanked Lora for attending and her participation in the wide ranging discussion that followed her talk.

46. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Williams. No disclosures of interest were made.

47. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July and extra ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 5th August 2014 were presented. After an amendment to Min. 42 - substitution of "a dead elm" with "some dead trees"; the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

48. Matters Arising

29 a Communication with Village Residents – Mr Culverhouse reported that the second issue of Bawdrip Life had been published and well received. The next edition was in preparation together with a "Welcome Pack" for new residents. An analysis of the survey results would be presented to the next Parish Council meeting.

49. Future Ownership of Railway Embankment and Associated Land, North of the Shaw's Orchard Development

Further to Minute 42 – 3rd August 2014; the Clerk reported that the Summerfield Divisional Board had agreed to transfer the land to the Parish Council and had instructed Lawyers to prepare a draft transfer document which had been received. The land to be transferred land included a flat grassed area to the south of the embankment which incorporated a watercourse. Research had confirmed that as a riparian owner the Council would be responsible for maintenance of the ditch. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's insurers had noted the proposed acquisition and had agreed to increase the number of volunteers covered under the Personal Accident Section of the policy to fifteen – without any extra premium.

In addition, pursuant of Minute 42 b i; the Clerk had approached Ash Clifford Solicitors who indicated that they were willing to act for the Parish Council on the same terms as before - £250.00 plus disbursements including Land Registry fees. If a Local Authority Search was required the cost would be about £140.00 more.

After a discussion it was resolved that:

- a) Ash Clifford & Co be appointed to act for the Council in the transfer including registration of the title with the Land Registry.
- b) A Local Authority Search be not commissioned.
- c) The Clerk be authorised to sign on behalf of the Parish Council any documents regarding the conditions of engagement of Ash Clifford.
- d) An on account payment of £200.00 be made to Ash Clifford for fees/disbursements to be rendered.

50. Planning Matters

- a) **Applications – None**

- b) **Decisions notified by Planning Authority: –**
 - i) **04/14/00004** – Sunnymeadow, Eastside Lane – Approved (Delegated Authority)
 - ii) **04/14/00005** – Northmoor Cottage, Bradney Lane - Approved (Delegated Authority)
 - iii) **04/14/00006** – Siting of Mobile home, Knowle Hill Farm – Approved (Delegated Authority)
 - iv) **04/14/00007** – Fisherman’s holiday accommodation, Bradney Lane – Refused (Delegated Authority)

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

51. District Councillor Report - None

52. County Councillor Report

Mr Hall reported that there had been some technical problems with the provision of Superfast broadband to the Village. These had now been overcome due to the assistance of a local landowner. The expectation was that the facility would be available in October. Updates were given on the proposed Hinkley C and local road resurfacing works.

53. Financial Matters

- a) **The following payments were approved:-**
 - i) Clerk’s Salary & Expenses £733.25 – Cheque No. 466
 - ii) Sedgemoor CAB – Grant £50.00 – Cheque No. 467
 - iii) Ash Clifford – Fees (on account) - £200.00 Cheque No. 468

- b) **Other financial matters - None**

54. Roads and Footpaths

Outstanding Works (Road markings under Railway Bridge and damaged railings)

Pursuant to Minute 36 b - 1st July 2014; the Vice Chairman reported that the Chairman had received an email on 23rd July from the Transporting Programmes Team of SCC indicating that orders had been issued to their contractors for the appropriate work to be undertaken. A starting date for the works would be supplied when known.

55. Correspondence

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

- a) **Sedgemoor District Council**
 - i) Details of Budget Consultation exercise
 - ii) Local Development Framework Newsletter: Issue 20 – August 2014
 - iii) Annual Performance Report
 - iv) Details of Planning Update Events – 16th and 24th September
 - v) Schedule of RLT2 Contributions held and expiry dates

- b) **Somerset County Council**
 - i) Nominations invited for Chairman’s Award for Service to the Community 2014.
 - ii) **SCC/PPS/EDF** – Details of Transport Forum and Workshop on road improvements in Bridgwater: 11th September at Puriton Village Hall

- c) **Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner** – Newsletter July 2014

- d) **Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group:**
 - i) Minutes of meeting held 4th July 2014
 - ii) Nuclear Decommissioning Authority – Monthly Update: July

- e) **Polden Medical Practice Patients’ Group / South West Ambulance Service** – Polden Hills First Responder Scheme

- f) **Somerset Playing Fields’ Association** – Newsletter August

- g) **CPRE** – Countryside Voice: Summer Edition.

- h) **Smithsgore** – Details of exhibition on 18th August regarding proposed solar farm at Horsey (details previously circulated by email)

- i) **Clerks and Councils Direct** – July edition.

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

56. Topics for Future Meetings

- i) Community Health and Wellbeing Project(s) 2014/15
- ii) Survey Results from Bawdrip Life Questionnaire

57. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 7th October 2014 at 7.30 pm which will include a period of public speaking and a presentation from Inspector Andy Pritchard, Neighbourhood Police Inspector for the Sedgemoor Area.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman