

# BAWD RIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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

## 109. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

An apology for absence was received from Ward District Councillor Mr N Turner. Apologies for late arrival had been notified by Ward County Councillor Mr D Hall and Ward District Councillor Mr D Alder.

## 110. Planning Matters

### a) Applications

#### i) 04/14/00012/JE

Change of use and conversion, including renovation and extension, of building, from use class D1 (a) to use class C2 (c) as a residential education facility, demolition of the other buildings within the grounds, formation of play areas, tennis courts and amphitheatre at Knowle Hall, Bath Road, Knowle, Bridgwater TA7 8PJ.

Applicant: Yew Wah International Education Foundation.

**Resolved:** That the application be supported as it would bring an important building back into occupation. However, in view of the 2006 archaeological report by Professor Stephen Rippon of the University of Exeter relating to Crandon Bridge and the surrounding area (which included reference to finds within the grounds of Knowle Hall) the Council believed that a condition should be included for an appropriate site survey prior to the commencement of the works and that excavations be closely monitored for evidence of archaeology.

In addition the Council requested that consideration be given for the proposed lighting of the driveway to be provided by solar power and be movement sensitive.

#### ii) 04/15/00001/IL

Erection of first floor extension (including minor alterations to set back extension from neighbouring boundary) and conversion of loft to living accommodation at 298 Bath Road, Bawdrip.

Applicant: Mr R Jennings

**Resolved:** That the application as made be supported as the changes contemplated were considered to be in-keeping with the surrounding area.

### b) Decisions notified by Planning Authority

i) **04/14/00009** – Fairways Caravan Park, Bath Road - Kings Farm, Eastside Lane – Granted (under delegated authority).

ii) **04/14/00010** – Extension 298 Bath Road – Withdrawn prior to determination.

- iii) **04/14/00011 – Non-material changes (04/00/00003) Land to North of Knowle Hill – Granted (under delegated authority).**

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

**111. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**112. Matters Arising**

**101 a - Railway Embankment and associated land, Shaw's Orchard – No further news.**

**113. Annual Village Litter Pick-up**

There was agreement that the event would take place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.00am at the Parish Hall. Clerk to check that the usual equipment would be available from Sedgemoor District Council.

*(Ward County Councillor Mr Hall arrived during the above item)*

**114. County Councillors Report District Councillors Report**

Mr Hall referred to a ceremony that would take place in Bawdrip on 13<sup>th</sup> February (attended by the local MP) to mark the availability of Superfast Broadband in the area. An update was given on the budget for 2015/16 – frontline services were being protected. Mr Hall also mentioned that in the next 10 years there were 14 major traffic schemes scheduled for Bridgwater and over 100 minor schemes – endeavours were being made to keep disruption to a minimum. The library service (including mobile) was under review following the consultation period which had recently ended.

*(Ward District Councillor Mr Alder arrived during the above item)*

**115. Financial Matters**

a) **The following payment was approved:**

C R & S L Pople (Winter services) £120.00 Cheque No. 475.  
(Suggested that the arrangement to be reviewed by new the Council)

b) **Bank reconciliation statement**

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 together with supporting papers. These were examined by two Councillors and agreed as correct.

**116. District Councillors Report**

Mr Alder reported on the new Homes Bonus Scheme which has resulted in SDC being awarded £3.6m for Central Government Funds. Homes in Sedgemoor were building new properties – the first for many years.

**117. Roads and Footpaths**

**a) Highway Defects**

Pursuant to Minute 105 c – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015; The Council noted that tree branches which had partly obscured the traffic lights had been cut back by SDC and that the sunken manhole cover had been marked for repair.

**b) A39 Puriton Hill**

The Clerk was asked to report to SDC the accumulation of litter on roadside verges on Puriton Hill and that the area be scavenged.

**c) Grass Cutting**

Members noted that the grass verge leading from Church Road to the Parish Hall was not cut last year. The Clerk to report the omission to County Highways and ask that the area be cut this year.

**118. Correspondence**

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

**a) PPS Group (EDF Energy Hinkley Point C Transport Forum)** Draft minutes of meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and details of meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February at Puriton Village Hall.

**b) Somerset County Council – Somerset Minerals Plan; Availability of Inspector's Report and next steps.**

**c) Somerset Waste Partnership - Monthly Briefing: January 2015.**

**d) Planning Inspectorate – Application by National Grid, Hinkley Point C Connection Project: Examination Timetable and Procedure.**

**e) EDF – Hinkley Point B Power Station – January 2015 monthly report.**

**f) Centre for Sustainable Energy – Community Energy Update: January 2015.**

**g) Eibe – Product leaflet.**

**h) Greenbarnes Ltd – Product leaflet (Noticeboards).**

**i) Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2015 edition**

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

**119. Topics for Future Meetings –** Bus Stops and article in Polden Post relating to former railway embankment.

**120. Date and time of next meeting –** Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.26 pm.

Chairman