

BAWDRIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 3rd March 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 five members of the public.
Absent – Parish Councillor Mr G Norman.

121. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor Mr N Turner. Councillor Alder disclosed that as a Member of the District Council's Development Committee he was unable to comment on any planning related matters.

122. Planning Matters

a) Applications

i) 04/15/00002/DD

Change of use of holiday cottage to Residential Dwelling at The Diary, Manor Farm, Bradney Lane, Bawdrip, Bridgwater.

Applicant: H J Ashford & Son.

Resolved: That the application as submitted be supported as the proposal meets an identified need.

ii) 04/15/00004/DRT

Change of use and conversion of dwelling to five flats at Fairway House, 275 Bath Road, Bawdrip, Bridgwater.

Applicant: West Country Park Homes.

Resolved: That the Council object to the application as made on road safety grounds due to the proximity of a busy road junction and insufficient provision for parking and vehicle turning space.

b) Decisions notified by Planning Authority - None

c) Any Other Planning Matters - None

123. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2015 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

124. Matters Arising

113 – Annual Village Litter Pick-up: The Clerk confirmed that the usual equipment would be provided by SDC and delivered to the Knowle Inn. The Clerk was asked to write to the Environment Agency about the accumulation of litter in the Fishermen's car park opposite the Bradney Lane Depot with a copy of the letter sent to Rivers House.

125. District Councillors Report

Mr Alder gave a review of the budget process for the forthcoming year which included an increase of 1.9% in the District portion of the Council Tax charge; a

scheme to provide financial support local business, an apprenticeship programme and £80,000 for small flood relief schemes.

126. County Councillors Report

Mr Hall reported that there was no change in the County Council element of the Council Tax for 2015/16 with front line services protected. The availability of Superfast Broadband to the Parish had identified a number of local anomalies which were being addressed. Mr Hall also referred to the newly formed Somerset Rivers Authority which had received Government funding for the first year – the source of future finance had yet to be determined.

127. Financial Matters

a) The following payment was approved:

- i)** Ash Clifford (legal fees) £143.00 Cheque No. 476.
- ii)** Clerk's Salary and Expenses/Re-imbursments £772.95 Cheque No. 477.
- iii)** Bawdrip PCC (room hire) £18.00 Cheque No. 478.
- iv)** Bawdrip PCC (Grant - Parish Hall Maintenance) £300.00 Cheque No. 479.

b) Health and Well Being Project

The Chairman reminded Members that a cheque drawn on 1st April 2014 to acquire a table tennis table had been held; Minute 91 c – 2nd December 2014 refers. As confirmation had since been received that two tables would be donated, the cheque was no longer required. In the circumstances it was agreed that Cheque No. 458 be cancelled and that the funds be ring-fenced for other expenditure associated with the project.

c) External Audit

The Clerk mentioned that Grant Thornton, the Council's External Auditors, had arranged a free seminar on 31st March in Bristol for Parish Clerks regarding the 2014/15 Annual Return and associated issues. Agreed that the Clerk would attend and the train fare reimbursed.

128. Roads and Footpaths

a) Bath Road

Pursuant to Minute 105 d – 6th January 2015; Councillors were pleased to note that the oil drum next to the BT box had been removed.

b) Possible Provision of Bus Stops – Woolavington Hill

Further to Minute 105 a – 6th January 2015; the Chairman read from a recent exchange of emails with Officers at SCC. There was a degree of apparent confusion between the Local Authorities regarding the provision (as yet not constructed) of a pathway leading to the garage as part of planning consent 04/11/00007). Agreed that the situation be noted and that the Chairman would continue to endeavour to bring the matter to a successful conclusion with relevant parties.

c) Damaged Bollard

The Clerk was asked to report to County Highways that a bollard had been knocked over on the A39 by the garage.

129. Correspondence

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

- a) **Sedgemoor District Council** – News Release 13th Feb: Community Infrastructure Level (CIL) to be adopted from 1st April 2015.
- b) **Somerset County Council** – Somerset Minerals Plan: Development Plan Document up to 2030 notification of adoption on 18th February 2015.
- c) **Somerset Waste Partnership** - Monthly Briefing: February 2015.
- d) **Somerset Community Foundation** – Details of Community Transport Workshop on 27th March at Langport.
- e) **EDF** – Hinkley Point C: Plugged in March 2015 edition.
- f) **Community Council for Somerset** – Newsletter: February 2015.

(These items would be circulated to Members in the new purple box file)

130. Topics for Future Meetings – Mobile Library and Bawdrip Life Newsletter

131. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 7th April 2015 including public speaking time) to follow the Annual Parish Meeting which begins at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman