

BAWD RIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 4th March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: - Mr R Williams (Chairman), Mr R Culverhouse, Mrs S Greaves and Mrs A Williams; Clerk, Graham Jarvis together with twelve members of the public.

114. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Mr G Norman (accepted), Ward County Councillor: Mr D Hall and Ward District Councillor Mr N Turner. No disclosures of interest were made.

115. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2014 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

116. Matters Arising

a) 102 – Application of Health and Wellbeing Grant 2012/13: Mrs Greaves reported on two quotations obtained for a table tennis table. There was agreement that a table, including bats and balls, be ordered from Millets – delivery arrangements to be discussed between Mrs Greaves and the Chairman.

b) 106 – Communication with Village Residents: Mr Culverhouse referred to a draft newsletter that he had prepared which included a short survey. The document would be circulated to Parish Councillors for comment prior to distribution. Based on an estimated cost in the region of £60 to £70 per issue, the Council agreed to meet the production cost of the Newsletter which was expected to be published quarterly. Mr Culverhouse also mentioned that discussions were taking place regarding a welcome pack for new residents and that he was aiming to simplify the menus on the Village Website.

c) 110 – Annual Village Litter pick-up: The Clerk confirmed that SDC had kindly agreed to provide the usual paraphernalia to assist in the activity. The Chairman mentioned that refreshments would be provided to all participants at the end of the event.

117. Planning Matters

a) Application 04/14/00001/JAB

Proposal to fell 1 Horse Chestnut Tree (T23) at Knowle Hill Wood, Bath Road, Bawdrip, Bridgwater TA7. Applicant: Mr B Hudson.

After a discussion it was resolved to support the application as made on the grounds of public safety.

b) Decisions notified by the Planning Authority - None

c) Any Other Planning Matters - None

118. District Councillor Report – None

119. County Councillor Report - None

120. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved:-

- i) Bawdrip PCC Hall Hire – £18.00 Cheque No. 454
- ii) Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £725.54 Cheque No. 455

121. Roads & Footpaths

a) Outstanding Works

Pursuant to Minute 109 a – 11th February 2014; the Chairman reported that he had been in contact with the Rights of Way Officer at SCC regarding the provision of a handrail on the footpath over the former railway. Unfortunately, no funding was available in the current or next financial year. The proposal would be considered when preparing the budget for 2015/16. There was no further news to report regarding the outstanding works mentioned at the previous meeting.

b) Pot Holes and Blocked Drains

The Chairman reminded those present that highway drains were no longer cleaned as a matter of routine. He asked that any instances of blocked drains or pot holes on the adopted highway be reported to one of the Parish Councillors or direct to the Highway Authority. Contact details were on the notice board and appeared on the village Website.

122. Correspondence

a) Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE - Somerset)

Membership Invitation for Parish Councils - £29 pa (£36 pa from April).

b) NALC – Policy Consultation: Local Audit and Accountability Act – Openness of Local Government Bodies Draft Regulations.

c) Environment Agency:

i) River Parrett and Tone Dredging Project: Briefing Two – 28th February 2014.

ii) Nuclear Regulation Group Report: Operations at Hinkley Point A & B October 2013 to February 2014.

d) Somerset Playing Fields' Association: Newsletter February 2014

e) Centre for Sustainable Energy – Community Energy Update: February 2014.

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

123. Items requested for future meetings – None

124. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 1st April 2014 following the Annual Parish meeting which begins at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman