

BAWDRIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 12th November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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

60. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Norman and Richard Culverhouse (Parish Councillor Designate). Both apologies were accepted. No disclosures of interest were made.

61. Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk reported that further to Minute 47 – 8th October 2013; two valid nominations for the vacancy had been received by the Returning Officer. However, one nomination was later withdrawn resulting in an uncontested election with Mr Richard Culverhouse being returned to serve on the Council. Although invited to the meeting Mr Culverhouse was unable to attend due to illness. Accordingly, the formal signing of the Acceptance of Office was deferred.

62. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2013 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62. Matters Arising

55a iii) – Grant CAB – The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received following the grant awarded at the last meeting.

63. Planning Matters - None

64. District Councillor Report – None

65. County Councillor Report

Councillor Hall referred to the recent agreement between EDF and the Government regarding the striking price for power generated by the proposed Hinkley C nuclear power station and the boost that the project would bring to the local economy. Mr Hall also mentioned a project involving the television presenter and wildlife film maker, Simon King, to have at least one Owl box in every Parish. Anyone who thought they knew of suitable sites was invited to contact Mr Hall.

66. Bawdrip Village Website Update – Deferred

67. Financial Matters

a) Authorised Bank Signatories

The Clerk reported that Mr P Knibb, who had resigned from the Parish Council, was one of the three authorised signatories for the Council's bank

accounts. It was resolved that Mr Knibb be removed from the authorised list; Councillors Mrs Williams, Mrs Greaves and Councillor designate Mr Culverhouse being added. The existing arrangement of a minimum of two signatories for each transaction to be maintained.

b) The following payments were approved:-

- i) Bawdrip PCC – Grant Churchyard Maintenance - £250.00 Cheque No. 444 (There was agreement that a sum of £250.00 be included in the 2013/14 budget for the same purpose)
- ii) Bawdrip PCC – Grant Village Hall – £139.54 - Cheque No. 445

68. Roads & Footpaths

a) Speed Indicating Devices

Further to Minute 37a – 9th July 2013; two devices had recently been installed by SCC. One was on the A39 between Bradney Lane and Crandon Bridge; the other was at an incorrect site and would be moved to the main road.

b) Parish Path Liaison Officer

Pursuant to Minute 56a – 8th October 2013; the Chairman mentioned that to date there had been no volunteer(s) to fulfil the role following the retirement of Mr Jim Earnshaw. In the circumstances a poster would be placed on the notice board and appear on the Village Website asking that any problems encountered be reported to the Parish Council.

c) Road Markings under Railway Bridge and Railings

Further to Minute 56b – 8th October 2013; the Chairman reported that an Officer from County Highways has recently conducted an inspection of the area surrounding the railway bridge in the village. The white road markings under the bridge would be altered and the railings replaced possibly by a chevron. Agreed that Chairman would discuss the precise details of the changes with County Highways.

d) Damaged Road Sign

Reported that a 40 mph sign in Bradney Lane had been knocked down - Chairman to mention to County Highways.

e) Reporting of Blocked Drains and Pot holes

The Chairman mentioned that highway drains were no longer being routinely cleared. In the circumstances a poster would be placed on the notice board and on the Village Website, giving guidance on how blocked drains together with pot holes could be reported to the Highway Authority.

69. Correspondence

a) Sedgemoor District Council

- i) Details Polden Hills Parish Cluster Group meeting on Tuesday 19th November at Woolavington Village Hall.
- ii) Policy of RLT2 and RLT3 Contributions from Developers – Application Forms and details of Funds held on 10th October 2013. (RLT2 Bawdrip £8,583)
- iii) Notification of Decision made at Special Development Committee held on 12th November 2013 – 42/13/00010 – Former ROF Site, Puriton.

- b) Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter: Issue 1: October 2013.**
- c) Somerset County Council**
 - i) Availability of 20KG bags of de-icing winter salt/grit from Dunball Depot on 23rd November 2013**
 - ii) Guide to Winter Service 2013/14T- Highway routes**
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2013 Issue**

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

- 70. Items requested for future meetings – Health and Wellbeing Grant 2012/13 - Update**
- 71. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 10th December 2013 at 7.30 pm.**

Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm

Chairman