

# BAWDRIP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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

## Public Speaking Time

Subject discussed included:-

- i) Availability of forms to register complaints about noise and smell nuisance
- ii) Lighting Church Road, Bawdrip – some lights not working
- iii) Damaged barrier under bridge – Chairman to report to SCC

*The Chairman thanked those present for raising these issues and mentioned that it was not necessary to wait for a Parish Council Meeting to bring matters to the attention of Parish Councillors. He encouraged residents to approach any of the Parish Councillors with any enquiries straight away which could mean that matters were resolved quicker.*

## 44. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest - None

## 45. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July and Extraordinary meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were presented, confirmed as a correct record and signed. It was unanimously resolved to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Sally Roberts for services as a relief Clerk associated with the August meeting.

## 46. Matters Arising – None

## 47. Parish Councillor Resignation

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting Mr Phil Knibb had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. In consultation with the Chairman and under the Council's Standing Orders a Casual Vacancy had been notified to the Returning Officer. A formal request for an election duly signed by ten electors had been made and if contested an election would be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013. A decision was taken not to fund the cost of polling cards if an election took place.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Mr Knibb in appreciation of his service to the Council and in particular his regular attendance and meetings representing the Parish Council.

## 48. Planning Matters

### a) Applications

#### i) 04/13/00009

Erection of 2No. 5kW wind turbines mounted on 18 metre high towers on land Temple Farm, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater.  
Applicant: Mr A Denning.

**Resolved:** That the application as made be supported on the grounds that the proposal is a sustainable development.

ii) **04/13/00010**

Erection of two storey side extension to include garage, partly on site of existing (to be demolished) at 294 Bath Road, Bawdrip, Bridgwater, TA7 8PP. Applicant: Mr D Webber.

**Resolved:** That the application as made be supported as the proposal was in-keeping with the surroundings

b) **Decisions notified by Local Planning Authority**

i) **04/13/00006** – Change of use 288 Bath Road, Bawdrip – Refused (Delegated Authority)

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

**49. Council Standing Order 1 (d)**

A discussion took place on a possible change to the frequency of Public Speaking time as specified in Standing Order 1 (d). The Clerk mentioned that any change would require two thirds of the Councillors voting in favour. There was unanimous agreement that the present wording be maintained. It was noted that there was always an option to adjourn proceedings to allow extra public participation in appropriate cases.

**50. Health and Well Being Project**

Further to minute 133 a – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013; the Chairman reported that the PCC had kindly given permission for the defibrillator to be housed in a metal cabinet on the outside of the porch of the Parish Hall. The cabinet had been ordered and would be fixed at the Council's expense and connected to the power supply of the building. Agreed that the situation be noted.

**51. District Councillor Report – None**

**52. County Councillor Report**

Mr Hall gave a comprehensive update on current issues and answered questions

**53. Hinkley C Connection Project**

The Clerk reported on the final consultation period by National Grid Plc on the preferred route. Agreed that no representation be made.

**54. Bawdrip Village Website Update - Deferred**

**55. Financial Matters**

a) **The following payments were approved:-**

i) Clerk's Salary and Expenses - £667.56 Cheque No. 441

ii) Mrs S Roberts – £50.00 - Cheque No. 442

iii) Sedgemoor CAB – Grant -£50.00 Cheque No. 443

iv) SDC – Dog bin empties - £501.70 (deducted from Precept)

b) **External Audit of Accounts 2012/13**

The Clerk reported that further to Minute 36 c – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013; Grant Thornton had completed the external audit of the Parish Council's Accounts and there were no matters that needed to be reported to Members. The designated Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been placed on the notice board. Resolved that the situation be noted.

**56. Roads & Footpaths**

**a) Parish Path Liaison Officer**

The Chairman reported that Mr Jim Earnshaw had retired as the volunteer Parish Path Liaison Officer for Bawdrip. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mr Earnshaw of behalf of the Parish Council in recognition of his dedicated service in fulfilling the important role. Anyone who would be interested in taking on the position was invited to contact the Chairman.

**b) Road Markings under Railway Bridge**

Further to Minute 37b – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013; it was reported that the road markings had not been altered. Councillor Hall agreed to remind County Highways.

**57. Correspondence**

**a) Sedgemoor District Council**

- i) Budget Consultation exercise
- ii) Community Infrastructure Examination and Modifications – Draft Charging Schedule

**b) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Details of AGM (28<sup>th</sup> September and minutes of previous Area meeting. (Circulated by email in advance of meeting)**

**c) Community Council for Somerset – Trustees sought.**

**d) Somerset County Council**

- i) **Invitation to Choices event – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013**
- ii) **New Charging Structure for Highway Licences**
- iii) **Temporary Road Closure – Section of A371 Cheddar; from 16<sup>th</sup> September for 40 days (evenings only)**
- iv) **Temporary Road Closure – Ford Lane, Stawell 10<sup>th</sup> October (one day)**

**e) EDF Energy – Hinkley Point C News: September 2013 Issue.**

**f) National Grid Plc – Hinkley Point C Connection Project (Various Documents) Consultation period (prior to formal application) ends 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

**g) Blakehay Theatre, Weston-s-Mare – What's On Sept – Dec 2013.**

**h) Glasdon UK Limited – Product catalogue**

**i) Clerks & Councils Direct – Sept 2013 Issue**

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

**58. Items for Future Meetings - None**

**59. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30 pm.**

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman