

BAWBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2023 Held at Bawburgh Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Peter Markham (Chair) Philip Quinn
Kay Hipperson Nicola Ledain (Clerk)

Others Cllr Adrian Dearnley (District Councillor), 2 members of the public
Present:

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Denise Findlay, County Cllr David Bills, District Councillor Phil Hardy.

2. Interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. To receive reports from County/District Councillors/Police and Public Questions

- 4.1 Cllr Adrian Dearnley reported that SNC were finalising budgets before approving them at Full Council. They were proposing to freeze council tax for the coming year.
- 4.2 With regards to Nutrient Neutrality, SNC and four other councils were looking into this and the mitigation of it. It was slowing the process of planning applications down. It was hoped that this would be resolved in the next few months. It possibly could not affect extensions but could affect new buildings.

5. Previously reported items

5.1 *Gypsies and Travellers Short Stay Site*

There was no update

5.2 *Norwich Western Link project*

There was no update.

5.3 *Footpaths and John Innes Centre*

The dog waste bin had been positioned and was being used but was not being emptied by South Norfolk Council. The clerk would investigate. There was also a short discussion regarding the emptying of the dog waste bins, how often were they emptied and could they empty on an ad hoc basis if required. The clerk would find out and share a contact number. The public had started to use the empty salt bin on Sparrows Hill as a dog waste bin.

6. Highways

- 6.1 The grit bins situated in the village were due to be refilled. Norfolk County Council needed to be notified of all the bins (Hockering Lane, Sparrows Hill, bottom of Stocks Hill at the noticeboard, opposite Village Hall and top of Harts Lane.

- 6.2 It was reported that New Road signage needed cleaning, there was fly tipping at the Bowthorpe end of New Road and the hedges needed cutting back all along the road.

7. Newly reported items

- 7.1 Village Green
The claim for the Village Green was ongoing, and the parish council had submitted a counter claim. The outcome was pending.
- 7.2 The village survey regarding the issues around the green had been summarised and circulated and discussed at a future meeting.
- 7.3 There has been no interest in the vacancy on the parish council. It would be advertised again.

8. Planning

- 8.1 The council discussed the recent proposed development for Gypsy and Traveller sites and the proposed housing development for 35 houses at the land east of Stocks Hill [South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan – Broadland and South Norfolk \(southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk\)](https://southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk). The closing date for this consultation was 5pm on Monday 6 March 2023.
- The Gypsy and Traveller site would be located at land off Hockering Lane which would accommodate approximately 6 pitches (policy number GNLP5009). The closing date for this consultation is 13 March 2023 and can be found at [Greater Norwich Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller Sites Focused Consultation | GNLP](#).
- In discussion with the District Councillor, the parish council were opposed to both potential developments. There were limited amenities in the village to back the housing development.
- With regards to the Gypsy and Traveller site, there was a site proposed for Hockering Lane but this was opposed to in principal. The transit site was based at the Park and Ride although closed currently would be open again at some point.
- There would be a parish briefing on the 26th arranged by South Norfolk Council at Thorpe Lodge which would be attended by parish councillors. Cllr Dearnley agreed to keep the parish council updated. They also agreed to email Cllr Bills and Cllr Hardy in their absence.

9. Finance

- 9.1 An up-to-date financial statement was circulated.
- 9.2 There had been no receipts received since the last meeting.
- 9.3 The following payments were **AGREED** and the cheques signed:
Nicola Ledain: December and January salary plus expenses = £481.50 (chq no.
- 9.4 The budget for 2023/2024 was considered and agreed.
- 9.5 The precept request was agreed at £6700.

10. Comments from individual Council members (for information only)

- 10.1 The Chairman had received correspondence from a villager wishing to start a Neighbourhood Plan. These were initial thoughts
- 10.2 A Bawburgh News Survey had been completed showing who receives the newsletter.
- 10.3 There would be a litter pick on 28th January 2022.
- 10.4 The parish council queried if there would be any grants available for the Coronation, this would be investigated.
- 10.5 There was a short discussion regard the access road that had been put into place for access to a mobile home.

11. Items for next meeting

None at the minute.

12. The date of the next meeting was noted;

Finished at 9.30pm