

BAWBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23 November 2023 Held at Bawburgh Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Peter Markham – Chair (PM) Alex Findlay (AF)
Phil Quinn (PQ) Kay Hipperson (KH)

Others Present: Cllr Kathryn Cross (District Councillor)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Denise Findlay and County Cllr David Bills.

2. Interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

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

4.1 Cllr Cross reported that

- The Gypsy and Travellers transit site was nearly ready to be opened but was waiting for UK Power Networks to finish some work which would hopefully be in January. March was a potential opening date.
- She acknowledged the recent situation at the Village Hall regarding illegal encampment and a meeting would be set up between the parish council and Mike Pursehouse at SNC. At this point in the meeting, the Chair explained the situation that had occurred and what measures had to be taken to evict the travellers from camping on the village hall car park.
- There was a briefing event being held at SNC officers regarding the Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation for parish councils. PM and AF would attend on behalf of the PC.
- The old SNC officers in Long Stratton had been sold to Big Sky Living and were going to be redeveloped into bungalows.
- There were grants available to help celebrate D-Day.
- A mobile outreach van from SNC was going to be visiting Bawburgh on a regular basis. It would help with anything that SNC offer. A timetable was being organised and would be shared soon.

5. Previously reported items

5.1 Gypsies and Travellers Short Stay Site

This had been discussed at 4.1.

5.2 Norwich Western Link project

The Chair had attended the regular briefing meeting chaired by the Cabinet Member, Cllr Graham Plant. There was limited progress but the project had started.

5.3 Footpaths and John Innes Centre (JIC)

The footpaths continue to be well used. It was reported that the village hall committee had approached JIC to buy a bench and this had been agreed.

5.4 Proposed development for the Gypsy and Traveller places, and the housing development, both as part of the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

PM and AF had met with the representatives from Crocus Developments, who had explained their intentions for the site and the proposed steps. PM would write an article for the Bawburgh News. The consultation was going to run from 4th December until early February.

6. Highways

- 6.1 DF reported in writing that Adam Mayo had responded regarding Long Lane. There was hope that something could be done to make it safer to walk to Longwater.

7. Newly reported items

- 7.1 Update regarding the travellers on the Village Hall car park
As already discussed briefly in the meeting, bailiffs had to be used to evict the travellers camping at the Village Hall. As a result of the incident, a barrier could be put at the entrance of the village hall car park. This was being looked into. Concern was also expressed at the cost of removing those who camp illegally.
- 7.2 Update regarding the Village Green electrics
UK Power Networks had installed the supply cable. A case for the Christmas tree has been put in and a steel cover has been cemented over. The Christmas tree was being collected on 2nd December.
- 7.3 Donation to Bawburgh News
The £40 donation to Bawburgh News was agreed.

8. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

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 clerk: October and November £184.55 + £184.55 = £369.10
PKF Littlejohn: £48
Bawburgh News: £40
Mervyn Buck: £347.50
Bailiffs: £1598.94
Winter plants: £61.69

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

- 10.1 The salt / grit bin on Sparrow Hill had disappeared.
- 10.2 The drain at the bottom of Bawburgh Road was full of silt and would be reported.
- 10.3 There was flytipping on Bawburgh Road and would be reported.

11. Items for next meeting

None at present

12. The dates of 2024 meetings were noted as 18 January 2024, 28 March 2024, 23 May 2024, 25 July 2024, 19 September 2024, 21 November 2024

Finished at 8.15pm