

BAWBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2023 Held at Bawburgh Village Hall at 7pm

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

Others Present: Cllr Kathryn Cross (District Councillor) and Cllr John Morland (District Councillor)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from County Cllr David Bills.

2. Interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair with an amendment at 6.1 to add 'It was a draft document and it was noted that not all parish councillors were in agreement with the proposals'.

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

4.1 District Cllrs reported that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) were discussing with officers at SNC about relocating the Humbleyard surgery within Hethersett. A recent article in the press suggested that there would be a new surgery. Humbleyard were currently in special measures so Hethersett Surgery was unsure if it would be allowed to manage a new surgery.

4.2 Cllr Morland reported that he had a proposal regarding energy schemes and quoted communityenergyengland.org. Information was circulated and if anyone had any questions, they could be put to Cllr Morland direct. DF would put an article in the Bawburgh News magazine.

4.3 Cllr Cross reported that the sale of South Norfolk House in Long Stratton had been delayed due to Long Stratton Town Council putting a bid in at the last minute for it to be an asset of community value. This bid was rejected, and therefore it would be put back up for sale.

4.4 The A11 has been resurfaced but still had road closures until 29th September.

4.5 The transit site was nearly open but was awaiting power connections. The use would be restricted to those identified in the management plan which would be regularly reviewed.

4.6 Cllr Cross had been in touch with Konect about a bus stop in Bawburgh. The query had been referred to a manager who had yet to respond.

4.7 The Norfolk Constabulary beat manager Helen Busfield had left the post, and a new beat manager would be starting in October.

5. Previously reported items

5.1 **Gypsies and Travellers Short Stay Site**

No further update.

5.2 **Norwich Western Link project**

This was still awaiting official permission.

5.3 **Footpaths and John Innes Centre (JIC)**

The footpaths have been well used by the village. There were two new benches in place.

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

MP Richard Bacon had visited Bawburgh and was fully supportive of the opposition towards the proposed housing development. Although he had no suggestions what could be done he did suggest that some communities had put in applications to form a community trust and with that submitted ideas of what they would like the land to look like and become. The Parish Council

had also recently received an email from Crocus Homes stating that they were working with the landowner and wanted to meet with members of the Parish Council about the proposed development. District Cllrs expressed an intention to attend the meeting too. Crocus would be asked if they could meet at 6pm one evening and further reports would be brought to future meetings. PM confirmed that he had written a letter to John Fuller, (South Norfolk Leader, as suggested at the previous PC meeting by Cllr David Bills), on behalf of BPC re-iterating the PC objections to the 35 houses. PM had received confirmation to the letter only from Cllr Phil Courtier.

6. Highways

- 6.1 DF had not received a reply from Adam Mayo regarding the Long Lane issues. It was hoped that the Parish Partnership Scheme could be applied for, and both David Bills and Adam Mayo would be contacted again.
- 6.2 PM was attempting to find out who owned the hedges in the village. South Norfolk would not get involved in cutting hedges, and if hedges needed to be trimmed around signs the Highway Rangers needed to be contacted. AF would do some land registry enquiries.

7. Newly reported items

- 7.1 It was reported that the Parish Council now has a facebook page which would be used to disseminate information through the community.
- 7.2 A drop box system had been set up with the aim to circulate information for councillors use.

8. Planning

The council considered the below applications.

- 8.1 **2023/2555:** Claire Smith - Land To The North Of Watton Road Bawburgh Norfolk: Installation of pre construction field drainage to support the operation of the Hornsea Project Three onshore export cable route (EIA Development) – NO OBJECTION
- 8.2 **2023/2384:** 15 Stocks Hill Bawburgh Norfolk NR9 3LL: Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a two storey extension - NO OBJECTION
- 8.3 **2023/2299:** 1 Bawburgh Mill Harts Lane Bawburgh: Removal of existing metal front vehicular gates. New replacement hardwood entrance gates - NO OBJECTIONS
- 8.4 **2023/2350:** Land To The East Of Rectory House Watton Road Bawburgh: Erection of one new dwelling with garage – this would be considered further, a response formulated and submitted.

9. Finance

- 9.1 An up-to-date financial statement was circulated.
- 9.2 There had been no receipts received since the last meeting, the second half of the precept was due at the end of September.
- 9.3 The following payments were **AGREED** and the cheques signed:
 - Nicola Ledain – salary August and September: £398.10 (chq no. 100981)
 - Mervyn Buck – grounds maintenance: £437.50 (chq no.100982)
 - South Norfolk Council – dog bin annual charge: £743.22 (chq no. 100983)
 - HMRC quarter 1 and 2 – income tax: £276.80 (chq no. 100984)
 - Hayes and Storr – work on the land on Bawburgh Mill: £501.60 (chq no. 100985)

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

Could we have double the collections on the refuse collections in the summer.

11. Items for next meeting

None at present

12. The date of the next meeting was noted as 23 November 2023

Finished at 8.43pm