

BAWBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Peter Markham (Chair) Denise Findlay Kay Hipperson
 Alex Findlay Philip Quinn

Others Cllr Adrian Dearnley (District Councillor) and Cllr David Bills (County Councillor)
Present:

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Phil Hardy and Nicola Ledain (clerk)

2. Co-option of Councillor

The Council **AGREED** to cop-opt Alex Findlay onto the Parish Council, and he duly signed his acceptance of office.

3. Interests

There were no interests declared.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023 and the extra-ordinary meeting held on 1 March 2023 were both agreed and signed by the Chair.

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

- 5.1 Adrian Dearnley confirming South Norfolk have completed their budgets. They are hoping that the joint venture with Anglian Water in relation to nutrient neutrality will come to a good conclusion soon. New environmental strategy and development plan for South Norfolk has been approved. A copy will be sent to Nicola. This expands on the old strategy including the "Horizon Centre" re: carbon emissions.
- 5.2 David Bills reporting that the consultation re: the county deal concluded on 20 March 2023. There is money left over for members funds of approximately £4,000. The road safety community fund has several million pounds set aside for improvements to footpaths etc. Claims can be made for up to £10,000 per item. This is something we can look at applying for in Bawburgh. We can start putting in applications now. Adam Mayo will be involved next year.
- 5.3 Peter mentioning that he was very disappointed with the outcome in relation to the planters on Stocks Hill. Adrian agreeing that the situation sounded very unsatisfactory. Recommending Peter complains to Graham Plant and copies in Grahame Bygrave who is the director of traffic at Norfolk County Council. Adrian felt this matter to be directed to NCC rather than South Norfolk.

6. Previously reported items

6.1 Gypsies and Travellers Short Stay Site

There was no update

6.2 Norwich Western Link project

Nothing to report.

6.3 **Hornsea Project**

Nothing to report.

6.5 **Footpaths and John Innes Centre**

Nothing to report.

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

In relation to the proposed new development for the G&T site in Bawburgh Adrian read out a written objection prepared by Phil Hardy which has been submitted. In summary, Phil concluded that the location is not suitable. The site is undeveloped countryside. There are issues with the visibility splay at the end of Hockering Lane. Site access is unworkable. Environmental damage to the countryside would be severe.

Peter explaining that the council will report on their findings and the matter will be put forward to the inspector.

Peter will ask Nicola to find out how many objections were submitted, how many of these were considered and how many were rejected. There is some concern in the village that we will not know how many objections were actually made if a number of them have been rejected and are discounted.

7. **Highways**

7.1 There were no updates or concerns expressed.

8. **Newly reported items**

8.1 Village Green

The Chair updated everyone in the meeting (including the members of public who attended) the issues in relation to the village green and ownership of part of the green which was being claimed by somebody else. Peter reporting that the matter has been dealt with. The family putting in a claim have confirmed that they will agree to the property being registered in the name of the parish council. We will now be able to install the new bins which have already been purchased.

9. **Planning**

9.1 2023/0546: 4 Harts Lane, Bawburgh. Erection of two detached dwellings.

The PC had NO OBJECTIONS

Various discussions taking place in respect of past applications that have been made by Bawburgh residents which have been refused. A query was raised as to whether it would be helpful to have a representative from South Norfolk attending one of the PC meetings to explain the basis upon which these applications are being turned down although it was not considered that this would be helpful.

10. **Finance**

10.1 An up-to-date financial statement was circulated.

10.2 There had been no receipts received since the last meeting.

10.3 The following payments were **AGREED** and the cheques signed:

11. **Comments from individual Council members (for information only)**

Update on the river green/mill issues and the village survey. Tony Collins (Mill resident) in charge of the survey would make decisions in due course as to any further steps he wishes to propose

12. Items for next meeting

None at present

13. The date of the next meeting was noted; TBC

Finished at 9.30pm