

## BAWBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29 September 2022 Held at Bawburgh Village Hall at 7.00pm

**Present:** Peter Markham (Chair) Kay Hipperson Denise Findlay  
David Goodman Philip Quinn Nicola Ledain (Clerk)

**Others** Cllr Adrian Dearnley (District Councillor)

**Present:** 2 members of the public

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District and County Cllr David Bills and District Cllr Phil Hardy.

#### 2. Interests

There were no interests declared.

#### 3. Minutes

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

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

4.1a Cllr Dearnley reported that South Norfolk Council had a 'Help Hub' for residents. He encourages residents to speak to the parish council if they were in need.

4.1b. He reported that the SNC finances were in good order. Some of the reserves would be needed for amenities such as leisure centres and swimming pools.

4.1c. He reminded the parish council that the members ward grant was available, and they each had £1000 per annum to help with projects.

4.2 The council asked him if he had could speak to planning regarding an application 2022/0481. It had been observed that there seemed to be a lorry container on site which was against what had been agreed in the original application. Cllr Dearnley would speak to enforcement.

#### 5. Previously reported items

##### 5.1 Gypsies and Travellers Short Stay Site

The recent planning application has been approved with conditions by the Development Management Committee. The councillors had a discussion along with Cllr Adrian Dearnley regarding the development. The council thought that the application seemed ambitious. It was still disappointing that they had not been consulted very much regarding the application nor had much communication.

##### 5.2 Boundary Review

There was no update. This would be taken off the agenda

##### 5.3 Norwich Western Link project

A consultation was currently underway, with a session tomorrow afternoon at the Costessey Centre.

##### 5.4 Hornsea Project

Initial route investigations had been underway. Communication had been received.

##### 5.5 Footpaths and John Innes Centre

The footpaths were progressing well, and favourable comments had been received from villagers. A map had been circulated to houses in the village with the new routes. A new dog waste bin had been ordered but hadn't arrived yet. An open afternoon at Church Farm would be held on Thursday 27 October 4pm – 7pm.

## 6. Highways

- 6.1 There had recently been an accident where a motorcyclist had driven into the new speed calming measures on Stocks Hill. Since then one of the posts had been cut down in the early hours of a morning. This had since been rectified by highways, thanks to Mark Tudor for reporting it.
- 6.2 DF had contacted the Highways Engineer Adam Mayo regarding the concerns of Long Lane. A reply hadn't been received yet. There was also concern about the surface of the road on Long Lane which needed reporting.
- 6.3 There were a number of pot holes outside PQ house which needed reporting.

## 7. Newly reported items

- 7.1 The council had submitted information to Norfolk County Council regarding installing an electric car charging point at the Village Hall. This was an initial enquiry from NCC. BPC were awaiting more information. There was also a short discussion regarding installing solar panels for the roof, and the clerk would investigate if there were any initiatives available.
- 7.2 BPC decided that this would be a standing item on the agenda for the foreseeable future. The Chair summarised the recent village meeting where concerns from residents had been expressed regarding the usage of the village green and how it could be addressed. A village survey had been started which would be sent to all residents of Bawburgh.  
It was suggested that if the PC owned the village green they could then implement byelaws. A land registry search had revealed that someone had put in an application for a first registration of several plots of land around the village including some of the village green. The council agreed that they instructed to look into ownership of the village greens.
- 7.3 The Chair, along with members of the Village Hall Committee would be meeting with UK Power Network the following morning, to put lights on the christmas trees that get put in the village. They had been initial thoughts about how the electricity would reach the trees, but they were awaiting advice.
- 7.4 There had been a complaint regarding the low hanging branches of the Oak tree on the village green, as people were hanging from the lower hanging branches and breaking them. The Chair had taken off a first layer of the lower branches hoping that this would solve the issue. If any more branches needed taking off this could be arranged. A short discussion was held regarding having a tree warden.
- 7.5 The business that had originally made the notice board had sold their business. That business now had a year waiting list. The board was very rotten from top to base, but the Chair had restored it to a standard which will hopefully last another few years. It also has a new lock. It was the intention to get it varnished yearly. It was suggested that once it get replaced, the oak posts would be changed to concrete posts. Thanks were given to PM for his work on it. It was agreed that the work would be reimbursed for it.
- 7.6 A discussion was held about the planters and the plants for the chicane. The amount of £250 had previously been agreed for plants for the barrels, and this would be organised.
- 7.7 The adopter payment and contract was agreed for 2024.

## 8. Planning

Showground application – NO OBJECTIONS.

## 9. Finance

- 9.1 An up-to-date financial statement was circulated and agreed.
- 9.2 There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- 9.3 The following payments were **AGREED** and the cheques signed:  
Nicola Ledain clerk: August and September: £481.50  
Mervyn Buck: £234  
NPTS Subscription: £66.30  
Glasdon – litter bins for village green: £1348.52

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

10.1 David Goodman reported that due to a lack of volunteers and his imminent move away from village, the Bawburgh Community Care Scheme had been closed down. The account had £400 in it which had been given to charity

10.2 The reflector posts on Stocks Hill at the new traffic calming measures had been previously knocked down. They had since been fixed but had since broken again.

**11. Items for next meeting**

**12. The meetings for 2023 were agreed as follows:** 19 January, 16 March, 18 May, 20 July, 21 September, 16 November

**13.** The date of the next meeting was noted as follows 17 November 2022 at 7pm.

*Post meeting note: The Chairman will be away on 17 November so the meeting may be changed.*

Finished at 9.30pm

