

# BAWD RIP PARISH C OUNCIL

A Meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

**Present: Parish Councillors:** Mr R Culverhouse (Chairman), Mr R Atkins, Mrs G Burfitt, Mr P Clarke and Mr D Rayner; **Ward County Councillor** Mr D Hall; **Ward District Councillors**, Mr A Betty and Ms L Perry; **Clerk** Graham Jarvis together with three members of the public.

**Public Speaking Time:** No topics raised.

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**47. Apologies for Absence and Disclosures of Interest - None.**

**48. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Extraordinary Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were presented, confirmed as a complete and correct record and then signed.

**49. Matters Arising.**

**44 – Citizens Advice Sedgemoor** – The Clerk read a letter of thanks received following the grant awarded.

**50. County Councillor's Report.**

Mr Hall gave an updated on the construction of Hinkley Point C. The first vessel to deliver material to site (heavy aggregate) had docked at the new jetty earlier that day which would reduce the quantity of material transported by road. The whole project was running on schedule. Stocks of grit/salt for treating roads were in place for the coming winter. A meeting was scheduled later that week with a view to extend the 40mph on Woolavington Hill down to the junction with the A39 where a similar speed restriction was in place. Mr Hall also gave a reminder about the SCC Health and Wellbeing Fund where each Member had up to £2,000 to support appropriate projects in their Ward. Applications had to be submitted by the end of September. (Also refer to Minute 51 below).

**51. Health and Wellbeing Projects – SCC Grant Funding.**

Further to Minute 35 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019; it was agreed that an application be made to assist with funding a trim trail. Four potential sites within the area had been identified and initial contact with the landowner (Environment Agency) was favourable. It was resolved that Mr Clarke would liaise with Mr Hall and submit a formal application and that a contribution to the project could be sought from funds held by SDC under the RLT2 Scheme. An update would be given at the next Parish Council Meeting.

*(Mr Hall left the meeting).*

**52. District Councillors' Report.**

Mr Betty & Ms Perry made a joint report. Seven dwellings had been acquired by the Council in Brent Knoll for local needs. A consultation on the District Council's

Economic Development Strategy had commenced and comments were welcome to be made at [economic.development@sedgemoor.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@sedgemoor.gov.uk). A decision on whether to prevent projects involving fracking had been deferred. A formal objection had been made against the proposal by the Devon and Somerset Fire Service to reduce cover for the District.

**53. Maintenance of Council Owned Land and Property.**

The Chairman circulated a paper on the desire to be proactive on the maintenance of Council owned assets. The notion of forming a charitable trust had stalled due to insufficient public support and volunteers. A possible alternative was to form a Maintenance Improvement Group (MIG) comprised by a mixture of voluntary with, in appropriate cases, professional input. There was agreement that people who had expressed an interest previously be approached with a view to having a Management/Maintenance Plan in place. An update would be given at a future Parish Council Meeting. *(A copy of the paper is appended to the signed copy of these minutes).*

**54. Potential Improvements to Parish Facilities.**

Pursuant to Minute 10 – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019; the Chairman reported that 15 letters were sent to local landowners asking about the availability of land which could be used for community purposes. Of the replies received, only one offer had transpired and that was conditional on a package development for the site. After a discussion it was resolved that the landowner be asked if they would be willing to sell to the Parish Council a parcel of land in isolation, about half an acre in area, and if so an indication as to the price.

**55. Events to Mark 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.**

There was agreement that events should be held locally to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE and VJ Days which would occur in 2020. Suggestions included a street party for children and an event in period costume. Mr Clarke promised to prepare some detailed proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

**56. Planning Matters - None.**

**57. Financial Matters.**

**a) The following payments were approved:-**

- i) Clerk's Salary/Reimbursements - £963.48 (£949.30 + £14.18 VAT) - Cheque No. 598.
- ii) CPRE Subscription - £36.00 - Cheque No. 599. (Payment made under the provision of Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972).

**b) Bank Reconciliation Statement – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 together with supporting papers. These were examined by Members and agreed as correct.

**58. Roads and Footpaths.**

**Ambiguous Sign on A39.**

Mr Rayner mentioned that a post on the A39 approaching the village from the Woolavington direction had two signs attached – “Bawdrip” (pointing left) and “Parking 200 Yards”. The inference was that parking was available by turning left and number of vehicles had been misdirected to the village seeking a parking spot which was actually on the main road. Mr Rayner had reported the situation County Highways - a reply was awaited.

- 59. Correspondence** – The following items were noted and placed in the black box for circulation to Members:-
- a) **Sedgemoor District Council:**
    - i) Notice of Joint Parishes Cluster Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> October.
    - ii) News Release – Paperless Parking Permits.
  - b) **Somerset County Council:**
    - i) Temporary Road Closure Order, Manor Road, Cossington - 3 Days.
    - ii) Temporary Road Closure Order, Lippetts Way, Catcott, - 3 Days.
    - iii) September – Emergency Preparedness Month.
  - c) **SALC – Policy Consultation:** Independent Review into Local Government Audit.
  - d) **Somerset Playing Fields’ Association** – Annual Report & Accounts with invitation to AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> September.
  - e) **Somerset Waste Partnership** – Questions and Answers Sheet.
  - f) **EDF Hinkley Point:**
    - i) Station Report Issued June.
    - ii) Stakeholders Group – Notes of meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> June.
  - g) **National Grid** – Hinkley Connection Project Update for summer 2019.
  - h) **Rhino Play Somerset** – Product Leaflets.
- 60. Topics for Future Meetings** – Installation of dropped kerbs.
- 61. Date and time of next meeting** – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman