

BAWDRIP PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip on Tuesday, 3rd May 2022 at 7.52 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr R Atkins (Vice Chairman), Mr K Hewson and Mr D Rayner; Clerk, Graham Jarvis together with ten members of the public.

Public Speaking Time: Topic raised: Problems with rats – refer to minute 114d below.

(A resident attempted to read a statement concerning the content of an election leaflet circulated by another candidate. This was considered as being out of order contrary to Standing Order 1d).

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108. Apologies for Absence, Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations.

Apologies for absence was received from Mr R Culverhouse (holiday) and Mr P Clarke (family bereavement) both accepted.

109. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th April 2022 were presented and approved as a complete and correct record.

110. Matters Arising:

a) 100a – Council Land Management/Maintenance - Shaw's Orchard Open Space - The Clerk confirmed that Wessex Water had been notified that one of the covers was still loose, Wessex Water had responded and an inspection would be made with appropriate action taken. It was uncertain if Stepping out in Somerset had consent to work on highway land.

b) 100b – Queen's Platinum Jubilee – In the absence of Mr Clarke, the Clerk gave a summary of the events planned which included a lighting a beacon to coincide with others in the County and Commonwealth, a pig roast, music and disco and street party. Throughout the week there would also be a historic photo exhibition in the Church. The Clerk also mentioned that Sedgemoor District Council was making grants available of up to £200 to assist Parish Councils in funding of Jubilee events. There was agreement that an application be made to SDC and the situation be noted.

c) 101b – Outdoor Gym Equipment Project – Deferred.

d) 101c – RLT2 Funds – The Clerk reported that a message of appreciation had been received from the Vice Chairman of Chilton Polden Playing Field Association following the transfer of funds held by Sedgemoor District Council. The new equipment was in operation.

111. Planning Matters - None.

112. Review of Insurance.

The Clerk gave a summary of the insurance cover held with Zurich Municipal which was due for renewal on 1st June 2022. The indemnities provided were considered appropriate to meet the Council's needs and it was agreed that the renewal terms offered by Zurich Municipal be accepted.

113. Financial Matters.

a) The following payment was approved:-

Zurich Municipal - Insurance Premium - £ 344.81 – Cheque No. 677.

b) Other Financial Matters – None.

114. Roads and Footpaths.

a) Signage A39 Junctions with New Road and Bawdrip Lane.

Members were concerned about a number of incidents where heavy/long vehicles had become stuck whilst trying to negotiate narrow and tight bends in Church Road. Clerk to contact County Highways to suggest that "Unsuitable for heavy vehicles" signs be placed at the A39 junctions to act as a deterrent.

b) Pavement A39 Bawdrip Lane.

Pursuant to minute 94 – 1st March 2022; the Clerk reported that County Highways had replied stating that the work to restore the path to its original width was scheduled for the current financial year.

c) Blocked Gate on Footpath and other defects.

Photographs to be provided and forwarded to Somerset County Council.

d) Rats and other vermin.

In light of the comments made during public speaking time – members noted that the Environment Health Department of Sedgemoor District Council were the appropriate authority to report any infestation seen on roads/footpaths/property.

e) Dead Swans.

Further to Minute 104c – 5th April 2022; the Vice Chairman thanked Mr Rayner for his endeavours in notifying the various authorities about the dead mute swans which were removed from the banks of King's Sedgemoor Drain.

115. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the following items had been circulated to Members by email since the previous meeting:-

Sedgemoor District Council:

- i) Apex Park – Installation of a duck food dispenser.
- ii) Changes to Somerset Dental Helpline.

116. Topics for future Meetings – Revised Code of Conduct.

The Strategic Housing Local Availability Assessment.

117. Valedictory

Mr Atkins mentioned that this was the last meeting before the current Council is dissolved. He paid tribute to all of the Parish Councillors who had served for part or all of the past three years.

118. Date of next Meeting – Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 7.30 pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting).

Meeting Closed 8.17pm

Chairman.