

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2024 AT BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.00PM.

**Present: J. Mallen (Chair), D. Shannon, A. Hartley-Walder, C. Good and P. Craven
County Councillor B. Borrett**

Cllr A. Hartley- Walder took the minutes as the Clerk was absent. Members of the public: 4

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received, all councillors were in attendance.
The Parish Council sent good wishes to the Clerk and wished her well.

2. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed

Cllr Shannon, Cllr Hartley-Walder and Cllr Good declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 subject to discussion on specific sites (Breckland Local Plan).

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024, as a true and accurate record as proposed by Cllr Good and seconded by Cllr Shannon. Minutes were duly signed.

4. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to speak on agenda item.

No comments received.

5. To receive reports from District Councillor, County Councillor & Police. To receive report from Village Hall & Primary School

District Cllr G. Bambridge sent his apologies. The Police and the representative from the Primary School were not in attendance.
Cllr Good gave the following report on the village hall:

*The village hall will be making an application for funding towards the August 18th centenary celebration event at the May P.C. meeting.

*Village Hall Committee will be raising booking fees due to increase in electricity costs.

*Village Hall has received support from local resident to provide free manpower to redecorate main hall. The Parish Council applaud his generosity and send its thanks.

County Councillor Borrett gave the following report:

*Allocation of Sites for new build. - Next round of consultation will begin on 8th April. Bawdeswell, as a local service centre, may be included. Other local proposals include 2,000 new homes in each of Swanton Morley, Scarning & Larning.

*Norwich Western Link – Planning permission pending. It relies on Natural England agreement. Its criteria have been recently changed without notice which will place new demands/restrictions on permission to proceed.

6. To receive update on matters arising from previous minutes –

***The Village mower** had problems and needed to be returned to supplier who provided it. A number of temporary replacements have been provided but the issue has not yet been resolved. Mr Williamson has made valiant attempts to keep village grass under control under extreme circumstances. Clerk is to approach supplier to discuss compensation for insurance cost and new guarantee period.

***Adams Pit.** The Clerk is to ask Mr Williamson to provide cost for repair to seat and the wooden planks on path at Adams Pit. The Life Belt also requires to be recovered from the water.

***Jubilee Gardens.** The Clerk is asked to remind Muddy Badgers on the removal of garden cuttings from behind the electricity sub-station Jubilee Gardens.

7. Bawdeswell Heath – To receive update

The enquiry was submitted to the Charity Commission on 8th March, no response has been received to date.
Clerk is asked to follow up direct with Charity Commission.

8. Play equipment – To receive update and approve further action as appropriate

No report has yet been received from ROSPA.

A piece was written / published in the Reeves Tale regarding the dog mess. There has been less dog fouling reported in the play area but more on the streets/pavements of Bawdeswell.

9. Breckland Call for sites – To receive update on Local Plan and further action as appropriate

Cllr Mallen thanked Cllr Borrett for his update in item 5 above.

Cllr Mallen to provide a short update in next Reeves Tale.

Cllr Shannon proposed updating previous Bawdeswell Parish Council views to Breckland Council. A draft will be circulated to Parish Councillors for comment.

10. Highways – To receive items to report to Highways, receive update on items already reported.

No items

11. Speeding concerns – To receive update and consider / approve further action.

Police speed checks were observed by Cllr Craven in Bawdeswell on 3 April 2024

12. Planning

To consider planning applications received

No planning applications received.

To receive decisions from Breckland District Council

None noted at meeting.

Cllr Mallen will check the status of the Traveller Site application.

Received by Parish Clerk prior to meeting but not discussed or noted at meeting.

3PL/2023/1225/F- Installation and operation of a 55.04kW ground-mounted solar array at Land adjacent to Bawdeswell Hall Fakenham Road – Approved

Prior approval for proposal to erect a single storey rear extension projecting from the original rear wall by 6.15m deep, with a maximum height of 3.80m and eaves height of 2.40m The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A at Pigman's House Reepham Road Bawdeswell – Prior approval not required.

3PN/2024/0010/PNE - Prior approval for proposal to erect a single storey rear extension projecting from the original rear wall by 4.74m deep, with a maximum height of 4m and eaves height of 2.40m The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A at 40 Hall Road, Bawdeswell – Prior approval not required.

To consider any late planning applications

No late planning applications received.

13. Finance

To receive income / expenditure budget figures to 31st March 2024 for consideration

The balance of the Community account as at 31st March 2024 was confirmed as £16428.43, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £29818.61. End of year budget figures were circulated to Council for consideration.

Cllr Shannon sought clarification on 31st March figures where expenditure apparently exceeds income.

To approve payments made, to be made and approve late payments as necessary.

All payments made and to be made as per schedule of payments were **AGREED** as proposed by Cllr Mallen seconded by Cllr. Shannon. **(Signature required)**

Payments		
5 th March 2024	Bank charges 13th Jan - 12th Feb	8.00
13 th March 2024	K&M Lighting 13th March - 12th April 2024	9.42
13 th March 2024	Transfer funds from Earmarked reserves (GM Bluebell Rise)	1000.00
31 st March 2024	Mrs Jo Boxall - March salary & expenses	508.77
Receipts		
28 th March 2024	Interest - Business Money Manager Account	46.52

14. Correspondence

Non received. P.C. still awaiting reply from village football team re maintenance of pitch drainage.

15. To receive items for information and receive items for the next agenda

*As advert had been placed in the Reeves Tale for new Councillors, and an expression of interest had already been received.

Future agenda items to include:

*Councillor Co-option, *AGAR, *Review Financial Regulations & Standing Orders, *Bawdeswell Heath, *Grant funding for Playing Field sites, *Centenary Event funding request, *Dog Fouling review, *Potholes on VH driveway.

16. To approve the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 2nd May 2024

The date of the Annual Parish meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7pm with the Annual Parish Council Meeting following at 7.30pm

17. To close the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm