

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022
AT BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.00PM.**

**Present: J. Mallen (Chair) A. Hartley-Walder (Vice Chair), A. Toomey and R. Reed
District Councillor G. Bambridge**

Mrs J Boxall (Clerk)

Members of the public – 3

1. To receive and note apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lilwall. Breckland emailed confirming that no requests were received for an election.

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

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022.

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022, as a true and accurate record as proposed by Cllr Hartley-Walder, seconded by Cllr Reed. Minutes were duly signed.

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

Following a query from a resident, the Council agreed to update the recently drafted works schedule, publish on the website and provide a copy at future Parish Council meetings for consideration.

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

County Councillor Borrett and the Police were not in attendance District Councillor G. Bambridge arrived late to the meeting. Cllr Lilwall (on behalf of the Village Hall) and David Taylor, Chair of the Primary school governors were not in attendance.

6. To receive update on matters arising from previous minutes for information only – Breckland Call for Sites update

An email was circulated to Councillors confirming the Registration for project Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects with the Planning Inspectorate. It was confirmed there will be a meeting on 20th December at Breckland to participate in a presentation and discussion about the next stage of the Local Plan Update focusing on the Issues and Option consultation which it is anticipated will commence in early 2023 to which Cllr Mallen would attend. Cllr Hartley-Walder expressed an interest in attending future meetings.

It was confirmed that a resident had kindly offered to make a donation towards the cost of a set of gates on the Reephams Road but it was confirmed that the Council were not proceeding with the project at the present time.

No feedback had yet been received from the primary school re coronation mugs. The Village Volunteers had renovated the white stones on the Village Green, thanks were extended to them. Cllr Mallen confirmed that he had moved the gatepost at the Village Hall entrance so it is less of a health and safety concern. It was agreed to remove the post and replace.

7. To receive the report to Council in respect of the PWLB loan

Councillor Lilwall circulated the report to Council regarding the need for the Public Works Board Loan for consideration.

To resolve to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £40000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the repair of the Village Hall roof

It was **RESOLVED** to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £40000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the repair to the Village Hall roof. The annual loan repayments will come to around £4913.80. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments as the Village Hall Trustees will be repaying the loan from income taken from the Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr Mallen, Seconded by Cllr Toomey.

8. To approve precept requirements for 2023 / 24

The Clerk circulated the financial report / budget. Following discussion it was unanimously **AGREED** to increase the precept in light of the increase in expenditure and request a precept of £27000 for 2023/24 as proposed by Cllr Mallen, seconded Cllr Toomey.

9. To receive update on play area repairs

Thanks were extended to Mr Williamson and the Village volunteers who helped with the movement of bark to the climbing frame where a new surround had been installed. The remaining repairs / renovations would be carried out shortly.

10. Planning

a) To consider planning applications

No planning applications were received.

b) To receive decisions from Breckland District Council

Planning Consultation Referred to DC Committee and subsequently approved - 3PL/2022/1034/LB - Church View, The Street, Bawdeswell Proposal: Internal alteration demolition of internal walls and formation of staircase to facilitate change of use planning application

c) To consider any late planning applications

No late planning applications were received.

11. Finance

a) To receive income / expenditure budget figures for end November for consideration

The balance of the Community account as at 30th November 2022 was confirmed as £23,428.49. Business Money Manager was £36189.55 with £16.90 interest received 28th November.

b) 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 only one signatory was present it was agreed to suspend Financial Standing Orders to approve the payments. The list of payments was duly signed.

Mrs Jo Boxall – October salary & exps. - £483.02 paid 31st October 2022
Bank charges 13th September– 12th October - £10.00 taken 3rd November 2022
K&M Lighting 13th October – 12th November - £7.74 paid 7th November 2022
Bawdeswell Heath Trust – Annual Insurance contribution - £190.37 paid 7th November 2022
TMA Bark - replacement bark climbing frame - £1962 paid 7th November 2022
Clarkes of Walsham - wood for climbing frame surround - £203.60 paid 7th November 2022
The Reeves Tale – annual donation - £410.00 paid 12th November 2022
Norfolk Accident & Rescue Service - £50.00 paid 12th November 2022
CGM Group Grounds Maintenance for October - £92.10 paid 12th November
Clarkes of Walsham - wood for climbing frame surround - £20.57 paid 12th November 2022
PWL B – November instalment public works loan board - £2090.82 paid 14th November by direct debit
Bawdeswell Village Hall October Hall hire - £10.00 paid 21st November 2022
Mrs Jo Boxall - November salary & exps. - £483.02 paid 30th November 2022
Graham Williamson – repairs to play area - £250.00 paid 27th November

12. Correspondence – Windfarm meeting invitation

An email was received from BT requesting a photograph of the phone box. An invitation was received to attend a meeting to discuss impact of cabling corridors on Bawdeswell and its residents – Hornsea 3 Community relations

Invitation to subscribe to Norfolk Projects Newsletter – Vattenfall. It was confirmed that the Council had subscribed.

Bawdeswell: PR3970 - Greenhouse Road, Beehive Way 20mph Speed Zone (Two Fields Way) - a copy of the Notice and an accompanying plan was circulated

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

District Councillor Bambridge was invited to update the Council on district matters. He highlighted the need to find affordable housing and the 'local houses for local people scheme', Future agenda items to include Breckland Call for sites and Councillor co-option,

14. To approve the date of next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 2nd February 2023

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7pm

15. To close the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.10pm