BAWDRIP PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Bawdrip Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip on Tuesday, 6th October 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Parish Councillors: Mrs K Bradley (Chair), Mr P Clarke, Mr E Crane, Mr D Rayner**; Clerk** Graham Jarvis, together with two members of the public.

Public Speaking Time: Topic raised:
Planning Application 04/21/00007.

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65. Apologies for Absence, Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations Noted.
An apology for absence due to a holiday was received from **Parish Councillor** Mr Culverhouse and was accepted. **Ward Somerset Councillor** Mr D Rodrigues had also tended his apologies.

66. Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2026 were presented. The minutes were approved and signed as a complete and correct record.

67. Matters Arising not included in agenda items below: -
a) 53a – Appointment of New Clerk & RFO – The Clerk reported that no applications had been received in response to the advertisement on the SALC website. The published closing date for applications had now passed. After a discussion there was agreement that the post be re-advertised on the SALC website, in the November issue of The Link Magazine, on the village website and in other local places with a revised closing date of 30th November 2026.
b) 53b – Potential Additional Defibrillator – Mr Clarke reported that following enquiries he was aware that there was a Defibrillator at the caravan site and another at the school. After a discussion there was agreement that as there were three units in the Parish no further action be taken.
c) 63 – Delay in Deliveries by Royal Mail – Members were aware that a public meeting would be held on 10th October at Edington Village Hall.

68. Somerset Councillors' Report - None.

69. Incident Management Plan.
Mrs Bradley reported that a meeting of the Committee would be held the following week and an update given at the next Parish Council meeting.

70. Climate Emergency Activities.
Further to Minute 57 – 1st September 2026**;** Mrs Bradley gave an update on the Community Garden. Two pumpkins were growing and carrots flourishing but unfortunately the cauliflower plants had been eaten. More soil had been ordered. The Polden Environmental Network had arranged a screening of The National Emergency Film at Woolavington Village Hall. *(Date later confirmed as Friday, 27th November 2026 at 7.00pm).*

70. Planning Matters.

a) Decisions notified by the Local Planning Authority and recorded: None.

b) New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Scheme of Delegation – Noted. (Refer to Minute 75a iii below).

c) Other Planning Matters

Draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register.

The Clerk mentioned that the Council had been invited to comment on the draft register. The only property on the register in Bawdrip was the Small House immediately to the East of Kingsmoor House which was first listed in October 1996. There was agreement that the listing should be retained and to assist in the process a photograph of the property would be taken and forwarded to Somerset Council.

71. Financial Matters.

a) The following Payment was confirmed/approved: -

Geoxphere Ltd (Parish Online) - £77.76 (£64.80 + £12.96 VAT) Paid by Bank Transfer.

b) Banking Arrangements.

Pursuant to Minute 59d - 6th October 2026; members discussed further practical problems encountered with NatWest queering written requests. The Clerk was asked to investigate alternative banking arrangements and report to a future meeting.

72 Reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk on events attended or planned.

Mr Rayner gave a report on the meeting he attended of Save Somerset's Rural Communities (SCRAPP). Mrs Bradley read a report from Mr Hewson, the Parish Council's representative on the Hinley Point B Stakeholder Group. The Clerk had attended the on-line briefing regarding changes to the NPPF and National Scheme of Delegation (refer to Minute 70b above). Mrs Bradley would be attending the Somerset Chair's Awards on 16th October and the Clerk planned to attend the Somerset Parishes Conference on 8th October.

73. Parish Council Records.

The Clerk reported that he had inherited and during his tenure accumulated various Parish Council records some of which were of local historic importance. The Somerset Heritage Centre at Norton Fitzwarren already held some of the Parish Council's earlier records e.g. minutes of meetings between 1894 – 1956. It was agreed that "old" minutes together with other relevant documents held by the Clerk be taken to the Heritage Centre for safe custody. The material would be available for public access at the Centre. A schedule of the items taken to the Heritage Centre would be reported at a future meeting.

74. Roads and Footpaths.

a) Outdoor Gym Area – Potential Improvements. Mr Clarke reported there was no news other than that the Environment Agency had cut the grass.

b) Report from the Parish Path Liaison Officers.
The Clerk had received a note mentioning that there would be no report due to Jackie's unfortunate infirmity.

c) Flooding Issues – None.

d) Railway Bridge Repairs.
Further to Minute 61a - 1st September 2026; Members were pleased that the work was completed before the school opened after the summer holiday. The Clerk read an email that had been sent to the bridge owners as requested at the last meeting. A reply was awaited.

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

a) Somerset Council.

i) Avalon and Poldens Local Community Network.

a) Notice of Meeting – 18th November
b) Health and Wellbeing Working Group – Notice of meeting 18th November.
c) Highways Working Group – Notice of meetings 9th September and 2nd December.
d) Response to the Somerset Connectivity and Integrated Transport Strategy.
e) Axe/Brue Catchment Flood Group Network Meeting – Invitation to meeting on 22nd September.

ii) Review and Amendment of the Draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register. (Refer to Minute 70c above).

iii) New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Scheme of Delegation - Invitation to online Parish Briefing Session on 17th September. Also, a recording of the event.

iv) Parish Information Sheets: -

a) Somerset's new Domestic Abuse Strategy**.**
b) My Community Programme Updates – Flood Resilience.

b) Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – Notice of Air Ambulance Week 7th – 13th September.

c) Environment Agency – Notice of on-line Flood Warden Lunch and Learn session on 17th September.

d) Save Somerset's Rural Communities (SCRAPP) – Agenda for meeting on 30th September.

e) Somerset Association of Local Councils: -

i) Availability of specialist training on the Workers Protection Act 2023.
ii) Details of training events: October – December.

iii) Health and Wellbeing Newsletter – September Edition
iv) Notice of AGM on 8th October.
v) Somerset Parishes Conference Special Newsletter.

f) **Somerset Playing Fields' Association -** Annual Report and Accounts, Notice of AGM on 16th October at Woolavington Village Hall.

g) **Somerset Rivers Authority –** Community Flood Action Fund News – Annual Resilience Day (21st October) and Report.

h) **Somerset Wildlife Trust:**
i) Wilder Matters event on 16th September
ii) October Newsletter.

i) **SSG Secretariat.**
i) Update on Hinkley Point A & B Sites.
ii) Quarterly Newsletter**.**

j) **Zurich Municipal Insurance –** Autumn Checklist.

k) **Items available to view –** Clerk & Councils Direct – July and September Editions.

76. Topics for future Meetings: – None.

77. Date of next Meeting – Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed 9.06 pm.

Chair