

Bruisyard Village Hall Committee (“BVHC” or the “Committee”)

Minutes of the joint meeting held at 7.30pm on 7 November 2022 in Bruisyard Village Hall

Attendees:

BSAC: Paul Church- Chair (PC), Tina Church - Treasurer (TC), Miranda Cleverley – Secretary (MC), Albert Lain (AL), Sonia Richards (SR), Margaret Sinclair (MS), Chris Smith (CS)

Apologies:

BSAC: Thelma Barham (TB)

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

There were no minutes taken at the previous BVHC meeting held on 5 September 2022, and consequently no matters arising.

2. Membership

Since the last meeting, resignations were received from David Smith (with effect from 1 November 2022), James Ingmire, Mary Tilney-Bassett and David Goode (with immediate effect), and from MC and SR, who offered to support events up to and including the Christmas Market on 10 December 2022.

PC is Acting Chair, but cannot be Chair of BVHC on a permanent basis due to a conflict of interest as he is already Chair of the Parish Committee.

It was proposed and agreed that TC should be appointed as Treasurer.

AL expressed thanks to PC and TC for stepping in as Acting Chair and Treasurer respectively.

Nominations are invited for new committee members, with the possibility of co-opting people onto the committee.

Unsure what constitutes a quorum for the BVHC [**Post meeting note: this will be in the constitution**]

Vicky & Barrie Fehler expressed an interest in maybe joining the committee. Paul has also had interest from Mel Driver, possibly as Secretary.

3. Public forum

Concern expressed by John McKee that the land drains had been removed when the terrace was constructed. It was understood that new drains were installed – if confirmation is required, this should be in the specification agreed with the contractor.

John McKee also commented that he'd observed that Binder only emptied 2000m³ of sewage as the tanker did not have capacity for more. This will mean that the tank will need emptying sooner, but charge is per m³, so it should not cost anymore.

John McKee suggested that some outside lights could help with visibility on the terrace. Another suggestion – to save electricity – was for PIR sensors for the toilets, so that the lights turn off automatically.

4. Finances Report

Mandates have been changed on the main bank account. TC has been added as signatory.

A 1-year fixed, charity account, had been set up with NatWest and the signatories for this are currently David Smith and James Ingmire. **Once committee member positions are agreed, the signatories will be changed.** The account will mature on 19 October 2023 and a decision on what to do with this money will be made at that point.

5. Events

The evenings with vet Brian Faulkner, Harvest Supper and Fireworks had all been highly successful. Unfortunately the Beetle Drive had had poor attendance, although it had been an enjoyable evening.

Barn Dance - agreed that **PC will make the advance payment to Syzewell Gap.** Also agreed that the band and caller will be provided with food and one free drink.

Christmas market – stallholder tables are full. Further publicity was agreed – **MC to advertise online and SR/AL to provide stallholders with 5 flyers each.**

Also see Googlesheet circulated to Committee members for details of forthcoming events.

The Cribbage evenings will continue to be run as a pub night as there is a healthy profit from the bar takings.

6. AOB

Additional public comments/questions during the meeting:

John McKee expressed concern that spraying areas of the park with glyphosate during lockdown had killed off some of the original planting. MC commented that glyphosate should not be used in areas where children and animals are present or near water courses.

John McKee also commented that, due to the new terrace and flower bed, it would no longer be possible to erect a hired marquee for weddings as an extension to the hall. However, the Committee felt that the terrace was a great addition to the hall especially events such as weddings.

Also re flowerbed, PC had been informed that one child had been stung by a wasp/bee during the summer. On the other hand, a regular hirer of the hall had sent highly positive comments about the flowers. MC offered to donate and plant tulip bulbs in the bed, so that there would be some spring colour. However, based on the concern about the sting incident and marquee position, PC suggested that the flower bed was moved to alongside the hedge instead. Should the Committee wish to go ahead with this alternative location, a member of the Committee or other volunteer will be needed to organise/fund this work.

7. **Date of next meeting** – 7pm on 12 December. The next meeting after that will be 6 February 2023.