

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 9 November 2014, at 7.30pm in the Bruisyrd Village Hall.

Present: John Marten, Peter Robinson, Anne Smith, John McKee, Stephen Stow, Thelma Barham

AGENDA

1. Public participation:

John Gibb, owner of Vyne Cottage, has expressed his concern over drainage system of the proposed new house at Home Farm, Church Road, Bruisyrd. He reiterated that there is already a problem with water draining from the pond and garden of Home Farm. With the installation of the additional tank drains at Church Road might not be able to cope. There is also the issue of cleaning and maintaining this tank throughout its life, both issues have not been addressed within the planning application. There are also issues of loss of privacy (Mr Gibb's property will be directly overlooked by the new development), noise from the traffic and loss of light from the trees that are going to be planted.

2. Apologies for absence: None. James Ingmire was not present and has not sent his apologies.

3. Members' interests: None.

4. Minutes of the last meeting: The Council has unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting.

5. Matter arising: None.

6. Village Hall Committee Report:

John McKee reported that they had a good Harvest supper which made £608.00. Fireworks night went really well. But for the next year's fireworks night we need to ask people not to bring sparklers with them as they are a health & safety issue. Alternation to how we record income and expenditure for the bar have been introduced following the recommendations by SALC and BDO. New lights will be installed along the Village Hall path, these will be lower in the ground. 14 bookings were taken last week for the year ahead. People book very far in advance which is good for the Village Hall.

7. Financial Matters:

Anne Smith proposed that financial transactions a) to g) and i) to q) were all in order and John McKee seconded this proposal.

- a) Payment to Proludic of 50% cost of playarea £8677.79
- b) Payment to Moore Bros of £192.00
- c) Payment to Bruisyrd Village Hall of VAT refund of £775.00
- d) Payment to BDO of £120.00 for audit

- e) Payment to Anne Smith of £22.00 for cartridges
- f) Payment to John Marten of £240.00 for grass cutting
- g) Payment to Geoff Rogers of £112.50 for hedge cutting
- i) Payment to T McKee of £20.00 for cleaning
- j) Payment to Tesco of £33.90
- k) Payment to E-ON of £34.17
- l) Payment to Waveney Security of £176.40
- m) Payment to E-ON of £25.69
- n) Payment to Waveney Security of £176.40
- o) Payment to T McKee of £20.00 for cleaning
- p) Payment to E-ON of £77.78
- q) Payment to Essex & Suffolk Water of £35.33

- h) It has been agreed that Parish Council will commit to 3 year long term undertaking for the Parish Council insurance which will result in annual payment of £211.89. Village Hall insurance has gone up from £522.73 in 2014 to £538.41 in 2015. It has been agreed by the Councillor to pay this premium for 2015.
- r) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £11957.87, the deposit account held £482.34 and the Village Hall account held £9748.32

The Clerk has requested a contribution towards a laptop computer as her present one is no longer fit for purpose (item 7b)). Anne Smith has taken tax advice and a donation would have tax implications for the Clerk but the Parish Council could purchase a laptop and the VAT would be reclaimable. The laptop would be the property of the Parish Council, to be used for Parish Council business and only limited personal use. It would be returned to the Parish Council if the Clerk gave up the job.

Stephen Stow proposed that a laptop valued up to £350 be purchased for the Clerk with the above conditions and Peter Robinson seconded this proposal and all agreed.

John McKee proposed that it will be in order to pay Ian Moore £160 + VAT for digging out the ditch in the park and to pay Proludic £14,463 + VAT for the play equipment once it is installed. Stephen Stow seconded this proposal and all agreed.

The 3 Church boys cut the hedge on the east side of the Park and removed all growth in the ditch before it was dug out. Peter Robinson proposed paying them £100 for the job and Anne Smith seconded this. A cheque was written out to their mother to distribute between them.

- 8. Litter Pick:** This years litter pick has been missed but it was agreed to carry out one in the spring. In the meantime any litter seen in the village could be picked up.

9. Neighbourhood Planning: SCDC planning department has contacted the Clerk with details of a consultation plan with each village. The boundary map and other details have been circulated. The members agreed to that Steven Stow Anne Smith, Peter Robinson and Thelma Barham meet to discuss the material sent and what implication it has for the village before arranging a meeting with SCDC.

10. Neighbourhood Watch: John Marten wished to give up being the neighbourhood watch representative and asked for the position to be advertised in the next newsletter

11. Licencing application for Bruisyard Barn: Reference DC/14/2697/VOC, variation of condition 17 re hours of use to allow the use of the function room Sunday to Thursday until 12:30, for a maximum of 24 times a year and no more than twice in the same month.

John Marten excused himself, handed over the chair to Stephen Stow and left the room. Paul Rous was asked to speak:- The premises are run on an exclusive basis with the aim of only holding 30 to 40 weddings a year. Last year they held 37 weddings and 100 events in total. One resident of Bruisyard has complained about activities at the Barn and they now only empty bottles when required and not after 11:00 pm, they have also fitted a volume control behind the bar to stop excessive noise from bands and discos. He and his staff make regular patrols of the village to ensure that disturbance is kept to a minimum during an event.

Clients wishing to hold their weddings on a weekday have expressed the wish to have the extended hours proposed in the application and other venues in the area have been granted similar opening hours. Probably they will host about 7 mid week weddings a year. When asked Paul Rous told the Members that they do not usually have a pay bar and the serving of alcoholic drink was controlled by the event manager and bar closing time was at her discretion. He also said they have about 17 weddings booked for 2015, some of which are midweek. He was asked to remember that there are times of the year when teenagers of the village are sitting exams and he acknowledged he was aware of this.

Anne Smith pointed out that increase levels of traffic are not relevant to the application.

The members unanimously agreed to support the extension of hours for New Years Eve, which would bring them in line with the village hall hours. It was a majority vote in favour of supporting the change of hours to 12:30 on 24 occasions for midweek events, maximum of 2 a month. Anne Smith abstained.

12. Date of the next meeting: Monday 10 November.

13. Any other business: It has been suggested that for ease of maintenance the trees on the west side of the park near the basketball pad be thinned out to 2 and a third fruiting native tree be planted to commemorate the work Jill Champion (Clerk for 18 years). Anne Smith will ask Sheila Sorley, her companion, if this idea meets with her approval before anything is decided.

Two quotes will be obtained for the cutting of the remaining hedges.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40