

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 14 March 2016, at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

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

AGENDA

- 1. Public participation:** None.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 3. Declaration of interests by Parish Councillors:** None.
- 4. Minutes of the last meeting:** Stephen Stow proposed that minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record. Thelma Barham seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
- 5. Matter arising:** The Clerk to email David Smith the minutes of the Parish Council meetings for the last three years to be posted on the village website for members of the public to see.
- 6. Village Hall Committee Report:**

British Legion offices closed in Framlingham. Crib league has asked if they can use Bruisyard Village Hall for their games. Plenty of bookings coming in. Village Hall bought a vacuum cleaner. Outside walls of the Village Hall needs to be done. Must find weather proof solution – weather boarding. Stephen Stow to find out what can be used.
- 7. Financial Matters:**

Peter Robinsons proposed that financial transactions a) to c) were all in order and John McKee seconded this proposal.

 - a) Payment to Scottish Power of £70.00 on 15/01/16
 - b) Payment to B T McKee of £40.00 for cleaning on 26/01/16
 - c) Payment to Scottish Power of £70.00 on 15/02/16
 - d) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £303.04, the deposit account held £482.64 and the Village Hall account held £11783.65
- 8. Broadband:**

David Smith briefed the council members that the meeting arranged with the ‘Better Broadband for Suffolk’ team (Peter Ingram and Jonathan Chown) which was cancelled in November 2015 had not yet been rescheduled. The cancellation

of the November meeting and subsequent delay in rescheduling was due to a consultation process that BB4S were required to undertake before the second contract could be signed with BT Openreach for the further extension of superfast broadband into rural areas. The consultation process was with other broadband infrastructure providers to identify those areas which would not be covered by either the second BT contract or by an alternative broadband provider. These areas would then be considered for including in the second contract with BT using the £3.2m refunded by BT due to the high level of take up of high speed broadband from the first contract. The consultation process would be complete in May and the 'Better Broadband for Suffolk' team expected to restart meetings with village representatives in the summer. David noted that in the plans published for the consultation process, approximately half of Bruisyard was currently included in the second contract.

- 9. Village Hall park maintenance:** Paul Church has looked at repairing picnic benches. However, they are too broken so best to replace them. John McKee will investigate the possibility of purchasing the picnic benches from Countryside Supplies and report back. Branches on the tree near play area need to be trimmed. We need to ask grass cutter to do it (Kindlewood). John McKee to give us a quote. Plaque for the bench needs to be made. Anne Smith is making it.

Village Hall gate and fence need to be repaired. John McKee presented a quote for £656.50+Vat. Anne Smith proposed that we go ahead with the repairs. Paul Church seconded the proposal. Parish Council will pay for the repairs. John McKee to place the order with Country Care Anglia.

We will plant the tree in memory of Jill Champion, former Parish Council clerk. Crab apple or wild cherry. Parish Council to purchase the tree. Anne Smith will visit Crown Nursery and see what they have available. The tree will be planted at the cream tea party which will be held on Sunday 24 April at 2pm to commemorate her Majesty's 90th birthday.

10. Date of the next meeting:

Annual Meeting of the Parish - Monday 9 March 2016 at 7.00pm
Annual Meeting of the Council – Monday 9 March at 7.30pm

11. Any other business:

The change to the frequency of the parish newsletter from monthly to bi-monthly works well.

Paul Church has queried whether BT has been contacted to find out if the BT telephone box can be repainted and tidied up. The Clerk has not contacted BT yet but has it on the list of things to do.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50.