

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday, 14th July 2009, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.

Present: The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chairman), Eleanor Berwick, John McKee, Shirley Smith, and Jeremy Holland-Howes

AGENDA

1) Apologies for absence:- Margaret West and County Councillor Colin Hart.

2) Minutes of the last meetings:- The minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated and read. Eleanor Berwick proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 12th May 2009 be accepted and Shirley Smith seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- There were no matters arising

4) Village Hall Committee Report:- The village hall committee met twice since the last Parish Council meeting on 12th May.

a) Update on funding:- Suffolk County Council have given us the £20,000 grant promised which will ease any cash flow problems we may have. Simmons Builders Ltd have received £75,508.23 so far sourced from the Big Lottery Fund and Suffolk County Council. These payments have been certificated by the architect, Robert Smith. £720 has been drawn from the promised grant from Suffolk Environmental Trust for the digging the trench for burying the overhead cable on the site.

b) The roof trusses are now on and waterproof membrane in place. Tiling of the roof will start in August. The build is about one week ahead of schedule.

c) There has been a very good response to the request of donations towards the fitting out of the hall. So far £720 has been received.

d) Suffolk Coastal District Council has requested a name for the hall in order to give the hall a postal address. It will be known as Bruisyard Village Hall. If the Council wish, this can be changed to another name at a latter date.

5) Financial Matters:- a) Payment to Simmons Builders Ltd:-

i) Two cheques of £20,000 and £8,008 in June, a total of £28,008 for work carried out in May. John McKee proposed that this was in order and Jeremy Holland-Howes seconded this proposal and all agreed.

ii) A cheque for £19,000 in July for work carried out in June. Shirley Smith proposed that this was in order and Jeremy Holland-Howes seconded this proposal and all agreed.

b) David Smith, the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee contacted the head of Suffolk and Essex Water concerning the water leak which led to the water bill of £569.24 plus VAT. They agreed to make an allowance for the leakage on the condition that the Parish Council does not have an outside tap in future. A second invoice was received for £17.77 and paid on 25th May. Jeremy Holland-Howes proposed that this was in order and Peter Robinson seconded this and all agreed.

c) The internal audit was carried out by Richard Pawle and no irregularities were found in the accounts. The annual return with supporting documents has been sent to the external auditors well before the deadline of 30th June.

d) John Martin has arranged for two signs to be printed to advertise the new village hall. These have been attached to the security fence. Eleanor Berwick proposed that the Parish Council

reimburse John Martin for these signs and John McKee seconded this proposal. All agreed. The cost was in the region of £14. The clerk will contact John Martin for the receipt for the signs.

6) Co-option of New Councillor:- Four residents have put themselves forward as candidates, Paul Church, John Marten, James Ingmire and Sonia Richards. The Members require a new councillor able and willing to write the occasional report on behalf of the Council. Both James Ingmire and Sonia Richards indicated that they would be able to do this. After discussion, Sonia Richards was selected. The Chairman will inform the candidates of the Council's decision and thank those unsuccessful candidates for their interest.

The Clerk will contact Sonia Richards to ask her to sign the declaration of acceptance of office before the next meeting.

7) Park:- The grass does not need cutting at present and Peter Robinson will contact the Clerk when the next cut is required.

8) Wine Tasting and Open gardens:- It was agreed to hold a wine tasting of sparkling wines on the evening of 21st August in the garden at The Clock House, by kind permission of Stephen and Cheri Roberts, starting 6:30pm with the gardens open from 6:00pm, tickets £12. The gardens will be open from 3:30 to 5:30 with cream teas entrance costing £5.

The Clerk will design a poster to cover the two events and email it to the Members for distribution. Both events will be advertised in the Parish Newsletter which will be sent out at the end of July /beginning of August. A raffle will be held covering both events.

The 11th August at 7:30 was a suggested date for a planning meeting with Cheri and Stephen Roberts to be held at the venue. The clerk will confirm this date.

Shirley Smith and Eleanor Berwick attended an Open Gardens event in another village and suggested that there are a sufficient number of interesting gardens in Bruisyard to hold one next year to raise funds for running the hall. It was agreed to consider this suggestion when planning events for next year.

9) Planning:- a) The application to alter the internal layout of The Dairy, Church Road with minor external alterations was supported by the planning sub-committee.

b) The application to replace the flat roof on the garage at Ford End, Church Road with a pitched roof and changes to the fenestration was supported by the planning sub-committee.

10) Date of next meeting:- September 15th

11) Miscellaneous Items:- There has been a complaint about the number of cars in the field behind The Old Forge with the fear that they are being broken up for scrap. It is known to a number of the Members that the cars are used for stock car racing not scrap and therefore within their rights to have the vehicles on the site, so no action will be taken.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm and thanked the PCC for the use of Vestry.