

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday, 24th January 2011, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Rendham Road, Bruisyard Street.

Present: The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chairman), Eleanor Berwick, James Ingmire, John Marten and Jeremy Holland-Howes.

AGENDA

1) Apologies for absence:- Sonia Richards, and District and County Councillor Colin Hart. Sonia Richards was unable to attend because of family commitments and has resigned as a Councillor for the same reason. The Clerk will set in motion the appointing of a replacement Councillor.

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 15th November 2010 be accepted and John McKee seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- The tenant of 4 Vicarage Cottages appears to be in residence at the property for the majority of the time. James Ingmire monitored whether she was living at the cottage before considering writing to Suffolk Heritage. As she appeared to be in residence he thought it inappropriate to contact them at this time.

4) Village Hall Sub-Committee Report:- Since the last Parish Council meeting the village hall committee have met twice, 1st December 2010 and 4th January 2011.

a) Path and lighting for shed:- The pathway to the shed will be completed in February if and when the weather conditions improve and the remaining 50% of the grant from the Playspace fund will then be applied for.

The quote of £395 from Curles for the lighting for the shed has been accepted and the Secretary of the Committee applied to Colin Hart for a locality grant to cover this expense. This request has been accepted.

b) Blackout blinds:- 4 quotes for blackout blinds for the windows have been obtained and the committee will decide at the next meeting which company to use to supply and fix them. The Secretary has also applied to Colin Hart for a locality grant to cover this expense and the request has been accepted.

c) The cost of hiring the hall in 2011 will remain the same with the exception of a fee of £25 to be charged to those hirers that request the committee run a licensed bar for them. This will be refunded if the bar takings exceed £100.

5) Park:- a) Ground maintenance for 2011

John Marten expressed a prejudicial interest in the contract to maintain the park and withdrew from the meeting.

The Clerk received an invoice from Suffolk Coastal Services for grass cutting for 2010 in the Park. On contacting them they acknowledged their mistake and the Council will receive a credit note to offset this invoice.

Tim Collard of Suffolk Coastal Services contacted the Clerk asking if the Council would like a quote for grass cutting for the coming year. The Members decided the quality of the cutting was not consistent enough in 2009 when they had the contract. The clerk will contact Mr Collard and thank him for his inquiry.

It was agreed to ask John Marten to quote for the upkeep of the Park, car park and Pound for the coming year. Work to be done:-

- 1) Cut grass from the slope by the hall down to the river and trim the edges including twice a year, the wild flower area by the river, the large grass area in the car park and the village Pound for a fixed price per cut. To be carried out 12 to 15 times over the growing season (approximately every 2 weeks)
- 2) Spray the park grass with a selective herbicide that kills only broad leaf plants up to 3 times in the season for a fixed price for each occasion it is carried out
- 3) Cut once the inside of the hedge round Park
- 4) Spray car park, around the hall and bin area and edge of path to hall when needed at fixed price per application.
- 5) Cutting of grass, box and dispose of grass around hall for a fixed price on request from Peter Robinson when John McKee is unable to carry out this task.

The clerk will contact John Marten for a quote for the above items. The cost of the ground maintenance will be split 2/3 parish Council and 1/3 Village Hall.

John Marten returned to the meeting.

John Marten offered to remove the damson tree nearest the main gate of the Park and trim the rest of the damsons and the small oak and remove the wood from site. This offer was accepted by the other Members

6) Financial Matters:-

- a) Payment to Geoff Roger:- Paid £75.78 on 29th November from the Barclays Parish Council current account 2010 for cutting Park Hedges
- b) Paid EDF Energy £136.56 on 21st November from the Barclays Village Hall account for the village hall electricity supply
- c) David Smith repayments from the Village Hall account on 21st November £282.48 for a projector from Projectorshop24 and on 7th December £350.10 for an Xbox and games from John Lewis, both items for BYP
- d) Payment to Adnams PLC on 26th November £200 from the Village Hall account for supplying wine for the Wine Tasting on that date.
- e) David Smith repayment of £116.47 on 16th December from the Village Hall account for bar stocks from Makro
- f) Deposit refund of £100 to T. Virr on 31st December from the Village Hall account for village hall hire on Christmas Day
- g) Paid A.A. Turner £280 on 30th December from the Village Hall account for cesspool emptying

John McKee proposed that the payment of items a) to g) was in order. Peter Robinson seconded this proposal and all agreed.

h) The contract with EDF for the supply of electricity to the village hall ends on 1st April 2011. The Secretary of the village hall committee has negotiated a new deal with EON which is less than the current deal by about £50 a year and fixed for 2 years. EDF were not able to match this. John Marten proposed that the EON quote be accepted. James Ingmire seconded this proposal and all agreed. If this contract is paid by direct debit there would be 4% discount. James Ingmire proposed that the payments to EON be paid by direct debit and John Marten seconded this proposal and all agreed. 2 signatories of the village hall account will sign the direct debit and each payment of the account will be brought to the full Council meeting for approval.

The Members considered paying the water bill by direct debit in future. Peter Robinson proposed that Essex and Suffolk Water be paid by direct debit in future and Jeremy Holland-Howes

seconded this proposal and all agreed. Each payment of the account will be brought before full Council for approval.

With the resignation of Sonia Richards there will have to be a change of signatories to the Village Hall Barclays current account. It was agreed that John Marten should be the third signatory on this account and Sonia Richards name be removed as a signatory. The Clerk will make the arrangements with Barclays for this to be done.

7) Coming events:- the wine tasting, 'Wines for Christmas' on Friday 26th November raised £192.65 for village hall funds. Eleanor and Ian Berwick were thanked for making the accompanying food and all the arrangements for the event.

On 23-24 July there will be an Open Weekend with football matches, barbeque, afternoon tea etc. The village hall committee would like help from the Members for this event.

BYP will carry out the litter pick in March – date to be arranged by John Marten.

John McKee has booked Steve Travis, a Country and Western singer, for 12 March and will ask for any help from Members closer to the event if required.

Ian and Eleanor Berwick will find a date for another wine tasting, probably in early April.

The BYP will hold a Sausage and Mash evening on 26th March. Help will be asked for nearer the time.

8) Children's Play Area Sub-Committee report:- No further progress has been made. John Marten will remind those involved to act on agreed actions.

9) Standing Orders:- A new set of Standing Orders have been formulated by NALC for local councils to adopt. The clerk has obtained a copy of these and will circulate them to Members to study. A separate working party meeting to adapt the standing orders will be held on 21st February. The Clerk will circulate the draft document by email to all members and a printed copy will be sent round the members to make notes on.

10) Date of next meeting:- to meet on 21st February as a working party for the new standing orders. The next general meeting will be held on Monday 14th March.

11 Miscellaneous Items:- a) There has been complaints about clay pigeon shooting at The White House, Church Road on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd January. Mr. Pink, the Environmental Health Officer at Suffolk Coastal has been contacted by one of the complainants and he has been in touch with Paul Bowling, resident at The White House and discussed the problem. Mr Bowling and his daughters are keen clay pigeon shooters and although he is moving from the house his daughters may continue to shoot at the premises. Mr Pink is concerned about the noise nuisance and will contact Mr Bowling in six or seven weeks time. In the meantime any clay shooting sessions on the premises will be noted and monitored.

John McKee to attend the launch of Suffolk Links Loes Demand-Responsive Transport on 7th February, this service will replace Town Travel.

The clerk will attend one of the meetings for clerks arranged by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils to update them on the latest ongoing proposals and policy changes proposed by the Coalition Government as they will impact on Town and Parish Councils.

Forge land has been flattened and a rubbish heaped has been made in one corner of the field by the river and may be a hazard to the river. This heap will be monitored and the water authorities contacted if there is a risk of anything going into the river. It is believed that this part of the field is not prone to flooding.

John McKee noted that the hedges around the village are in good order this year.

BYP has been awarded a grant from The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos and they will receive a cheque for £250 toward their funds.

The telephone cable that runs along by the ditch below the Church is exposed in a number of places and has become more exposed in the recent heavy rainfall. The clerk will try and find a BT department to contact concerning this cable and its condition.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm