

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.

Present: Mr Paul Church (PC) – Chairman

Mr John McKee (JMC)

Mrs Thelma Bartram (TB)

Mrs Anne Smith (AS)

Mr David Goode (DG)

Ms Jacqui Grimwood

Mrs Gill Owens, The Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies and approval of absence:** Mr John Marten.
2. **To receive declarations of interest:** None.
3. **To consider requests for dispensations:** None.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Councillors reviewed minutes of the last meeting of 12th November 2018. PC proposed that minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record. TB seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
5. **To receive progress of outstanding actions from previous meetings:**
Councillor training: - The Clerk advised DG and PC that their training courses were confirmed as booked with SALC on Feb 7th and 14th and March 12th and 19th respectively, at a cost of £103 +VAT for each course.
Grit Bins: - The application for Grit Bins needs to be completed.
Village Sign: - AS confirmed that she has cleaned the village sign.
Oak tree in Church Road: - JMC has confirmed that the landowner has been advised of low hanging branches over the road.
6. **Public participation:** A member of the public asked whether the Council had reviewed and considered the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan - Final Draft Plan. The Clerk replied that the first draft had been reviewed in September and reported upon in the minutes of 10th September 2018. The relevance for Bruisyard refers to the village being categorised as "countryside". This affects how planning applications are reviewed, see from page 83 on the PDF which can be viewed on East Suffolk's website. A word search of the document reveals Bruisyard is mentioned once in a list of villages designated as "countryside", see page 42.
7. **Village Hall Committee Report:** - JMC confirmed that bookings of the hall continue to be to good/full and the committee are optimistic that this will continue. The recent Soup & "Pud" lunch raised £667 split between the Air Ambulance £150, BikeActive £152, St Peter's Church £185 and BSAC £180.
8. **Financial matters – payments of over £100 approved by the Parish Council.**

Village Hall Bank Account	£	Date
a) Village Hall Cleaning	180.00	02/11/18
b) Dynamic Fireworks – Bonfire night	143.00	30/10/18

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| c) Southern Electricity | 190.93 | 22/11/18 |
| d) EPP – Heat Pump maintenance | 162.00 | 26/11/18 |
| e) Reimbursement re Wine evening | 208.73 | 05/11/19 |

Parish Council Bank Account

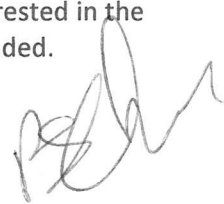
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| a) Kindlewood – grass cutting | 102.00 | 12/11/18 |
| b) Moore Bros – clearing ditch at Village Hall | 192.00 | 14/01/19 |

- f) **2019/20 Precept review:** - The Parish is required to return our precept request by 25/1/19. Last year (2018/19) we received £2900 from SCC collected via the Council Tax (CT) from the residential premises eligible to pay within the Parish. We have been advised that in order to maintain this level of income all Bands must pay 5.94% more than last year, a figure which is double the rate of inflation and likely to cause some response from parishioners. This figure is calculated on the average number of Band D equivalent properties, currently 65.85. This figure has fallen from 70.77 in 2018/19 hence the precept will appear to rise on those properties obliged to pay it as the same amount is spread across a different number and mix of CT payers. Enquiries with SCC to justify the Band D equivalent figure of 65.85 resulted in an explanation that some properties have changed status during the year. The Council has decided, that in order to cover the cost of administering and managing the Parish Council and grounds of the Village Hall and to allow for the future cost of employing cost of a Parish Clerk (a legal requirement) that the precept would remain the same for 2019/20. There will be no increase in the precept requested in order to ameliorate the impact of the 5.94% rise that is beyond the Council's control.
- g) **Village Hall car park:** - Mr Robert Rous has been contacted about whether there are any outstanding invoices due to the Parish re the rental of the car park at the Village Hall. The Lease is 10/15 years old and the Parish pays £10 p.a. Mr Rous was asked whether he would consider selling the car park to the parish. Mr Rous declined to sell the car park and the Lease will be reviewed in due course.
- h) **Parish newsletter:** - A discussion was held as to whether it is affordable to continue printing the parish newsletter after the news that the current printer has closed. AS obtained a quote from a printer in Saxmundham but the price quoted was £93 +Vat for a delivered print run and this would be a six times a year print, so £558+Vat. In the light of the pressures on parish finances and in the interest of reducing the use of paper it was decided that the newsletter would be available in email form only and on the parish website in the future. It is understood that some parishioners (estimated at approximately 10-12) are not on email and so they will be offered a privately printed version in order not to exclude anyone from this important parish communication.
- i) **Sizewell C:** - All parishioners will have the private opportunity to consider the Sizewell 3rd round consultation. The Parish Council has also considered this and although the direct impact on Bruisyard is low the indirect impact on the local road network and the impact on the bio

diverse area of Minsmere is of relevance to Bruisyard residents. For this reason AS has volunteered to attend the local forum meeting on 23/1/19 and report to the Parish Council as to whether a direct response from Bruisyard is valuable.

- j) **Litter Picking:** - The Spring litter picking initiative promoted by Suffolk CC was considered. The Council considered that Bruisyard should consider running its own litter picking day and this will be revisited at the meeting on March 11th 2019.
- k) **Councillor training:** - See point 5 above.
- l) **Date of next meeting:** Monday March 11th 2019 @7:30pm
- m) **Any other business:** The final stage of the Bruisyard broadband roll out covering the area beyond Mill Lane towards Rendham was discussed. It is unclear how many households have taken up the fibre offer at the Village Hall end of Bruisyard and the Council would be interested in the actual speeds now being received by those that have upgraded.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00.

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