

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday, 14th November 2011, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Rendham Road, Bruisyard Street.

Present: The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chairman), John Marten, John McKee, Thelma Barham, Susan Marshall and James Ingmire. District Councillor Graham Peck

AGENDA

- 1) **Apologies for absence:-** Jeremy Holland-Howes, County Councillor Colin Hart
- 2) **Minutes of the last meetings:-** The minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated and read. John Marten proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 12th September 2011 be accepted and Thelma Barham seconded this proposal. All were in favour.
- 3) **Matters arising:-** The mandate changes have been implemented by Barclays. John Marten has contacted the highways department concerning the 30mph signs and a letter has been written to make the request to move the signs. John Marten signed the letter on behalf on the Council and the Clerk will email this to the appropriate department. Clerk to follow up.
- 4) **Welcome to new councillor and replacement of the Clerk:-**
The Chairman welcomed Susie Marshall as a co-opted Member.
Anne Smith is willing to carry out her duties as clerk until the January meeting and any matters arising from that meeting. After that time she will pass on any correspondence to the Chairman or other Members.
- 5) **Village Hall Sub-Committee Report:-** Since the last Parish Council meeting the village hall committee have met twice, 10th and 31st October 2011.

The external barge boarding of the Hall has been painted and an ongoing program of fundraising events has been arranged to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall.

6) Financial Matters:- John Marten proposed that all financial transactions a) to j) and m) were in order and James Ingmire seconded this proposal. All agreed and a cheque to Suffolk Coastal District Council for item j) was duly written and signed

- a) To have transferred £235 on 6th October from the Village Hall Barclays account to the Parish Council Barclays current account to pay for the Village Halls portion of audit fees.
- b) To have reimbursed John Quayle £163.15 on 6th October from the Village Hall Barclays account for paint for Village Hall.
- c) To have paid BDO, the external auditors, £342 on 6th October from the Parish Council's Barclays account and to accept their audit.
- d) To have paid Earl Soham brewery £249.93 for beer for the Beer Festival from the Village Hall Barclays account on 12th October.
- e) To have paid £269.34 to Sapphire Cooling Services Ltd on 13th October from the Barclays Village Hall account for repairs to the heating system.
- f) To have paid £70 to Suffolk Coastal District Council from the Barclays Village Hall account for the Village Hall licence.
- g) To have paid by direct debit to E-on for village hall electricity £62.42 on 27th October from the Barclays Village Hall account.

- h) To have refunded to David Smith £287.92 on 3rd November from the Barclays Village Hall account for bar stocks from Makro.
- i) To have paid John Quayle £394.48 on 8th November from the Village Hall Barclays account for painting Village Hall
- j) To pay Suffolk Coastal District Council £42.81 for the licence on the playground at Rendham Road from the Parish Council Barclays account.

John Marten declared a prejudicial interest in the next item and left the room

k) To pay John Marten £500 from the Parish Council Barclays account and £200 from the Barclays Village Hall account for the ground maintenance for 2011. John McKee proposed this was in order and Peter Robinson seconded the proposal. All agreed and cheques were duly written and signed.

John Marten rejoined the meeting.

l) Peter Robinson proposed that £48 be paid to the Village Hall for the wine used at the presentation evening on Thursday 6th October. Thelma Barham seconded the proposal and all agreed. A cheque from the Parish Council Barclays account was duly written and signed.

m) To have paid by direct debit to Essex and Suffolk Water for village hall water supply £38.34 on 30th October from the Barclays Village Hall account.

7) Park:- a) The grass has had 13 cuts this year and it was hoped that no more grass cuts will be required until next year but a further cut may be necessary.

b) John Marten has reserved a red oak from Crown Nursery and will dig a whole ready to plant the tree. James Ingmire was delighted with the gift of the tree as a wedding present and will help with its planting. John Marten will contact him and arrange a mutually convenient time for the planting and any other Member who wishes may be present. James Ingmire suggested that it would be safer for the nursery to deliver the tree considering its height. John Marten will look into this.

c) Clerk will contact Geoff Rogers to ask him to cut the hedge round the Park.

8) Coming events and dates:- The following events have been arranged and help and support will be asked for when and if necessary:-

Sixties evening: Saturday 26th November, a dance in aid of BYP with the Bruisyard Light Orchestra playing.

11th Dec Christmas Bazaar

News Years eve party and Twelfth Night Party

9) Planning:- Two planning applications have been received since the last meeting. One for Chestnut Cottage to extend and raise the roof of the property and one for The Cottage, The Street to replace the conservatory with a family room and make internal alterations. The Planning committee met and supported both the applications.

10) Meeting with Sizewell C Communications Manager:- The Chairman and Clerk will hold an introductory meeting with Sizewell C Communications Manager Tom McGarry on Tuesday 29th November at 10:45 in village Hall. He is contacting all parish councils to enable him to put a face to the parish council chairmen and clerks within the liaison area around Sizewell C prior to the planning application to build the new nuclear plant.

11) Date of next meeting:- 23rd January 2012

12) Miscellaneous Items:-

John Marten has noticed that the railings to The Arch are in a poor state and require painting. Thelma Barham asked if we could make a request for the cutting of the hedge on Bruisyard Road, Rendham as it overhangs the road causing a safety issue. The Clerk will contact Highways to ask for this work to be carried out.

John Marten also has noted the phone box also needs renovation, it has broken windows and the paintwork is in poor state. The clerk will try and find the right department at BT to report this to.

Susie Marshall had wood taken from their wood pile and another resident disturbed an intruder at in his garden 2 am. The Clerk to put warning note in the newsletter to make people aware that there is somebody about in the village prepared to trespass and take what they can. There have also been cold callers in the village in the last month selling kitchen ware.

The Chairman has receive a letter of thanks from Margaret West for the plaster plaque she received at the presentation evening saying how delighted she and her family were with her gift.

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

District Councillor Graham Peck

The District Councillors have great concerns about the National Planning Policy Framework fearing that normal levels of control are not in place to prevent development on 'greenbelt land'. They have put together a long letter to central government voicing all their concerns and hope for a response. The legislation comes into effect next year.

He has considered and discussed the case of 2 Rendham Road at the District Council but they are reluctant to get involved with what is a Flagship issue however Graham Peck is on the Scrutiny Committee and housing issues will be on the committee's agenda.

He pointed out that the District Council still has grant money to allocate so if there is a project that the village requires funding for it would be worth applying to them.