

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday, 23rd July 2008, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.

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

AGENDA

1) Apologies for absence:- There were no apologies for absence

2) Minutes of the last meeting:- The minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated and read. Eleanor Berwick proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 13th May 2008 be accepted and Oliver Hitchcock seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- There were no matters arising

4) Report from Village Hall Committee:- The Committee last met on 12th June 2008

a) Funding applications for £10,000 to Suffolk Coastal District Council from their Capital Grant Aid Scheme and for £20,000 to Suffolk County Council from their Corporate Regeneration Fund have been submitted. Both authorities will give a decision before the end of this month.

The Committee have asked Colin Hart for £1000 from his Locality Budget which has been granted and will be released when required.

Laura Moore will no longer be our Big Lottery contact but this role will be carried out by Victoria Jenks, our contact for the development grant.

b) Robert Smith the architect has drawn up detail design work plans for submission to Building Control and the response to the 24 conditions placed on the planning permission. These were endorsed, with additions made where necessary, by the committee. The Planning Department now charges £85 per planning permission condition if addressed individually therefore a single submission which addresses all 24 conditions will be made and a letter has been prepared.

c) All legal documents have now been completed to the satisfaction of the Big Lottery (Deed of Dedication and restriction on Title Deeds). The draft for the lease agreement on the car park prepared by Robert Rous' solicitor has been received and amended appropriately to be factually correct and the Council's solicitor, Susan Bates has agreed the legal terms and conditions. The lease is now ready to be signed by two Councillors and witnessed by an independent witness.

Margaret West proposed John McKee and Peter Robinson sign the lease on behalf of the Council. Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all agreed. The signing will be carried out at their next meeting, 24th July 2008.

Mills and Reeves, Robert Rous' solicitors, have served the Section 24/28 Landlord and Tenant Act Notice on the Clerk. The Clerk, Anne Smith, has to have her signature on this document sworn at an independent solicitors. She will arrange to do this and the fee of £5 will be paid from petty cash.

Robert Rous has very generously offered to pay his solicitors fees which will be a considerable amount. A letter of thanks has been sent to him signed by the chairman, Peter Robinson and David Smith, secretary to the village hall committee.

d) John Gibb will attend a course in Cambridge run by the Big Lottery on how to publicise our lottery grant and what is expected of us. He has also arranged for Kate Humble of Spring Watch to open the hall if it fits into her schedule.

e) Winifred Higgins has obtained for the Council copies of the contracts and terms and conditions for hiring Brandeston Village Hall. These will be studied and used as a basis for Bruisyard Village Hall.

5) Financial Matters:- The village hall building fund stands at £8305.66 and the Council's other finances stand at £1456.04. The insurance premium is due at the end of September.

a) John McKee proposed that SALC be paid £11.75 for the Clerks networking day on 10th June 2008. Margaret West seconded this proposal and all agreed. A cheque was duly written and signed on the Barclays account.

b) Margaret West proposed that it was in order to have issued a cheque from the Abbey Reserve account to pay Suffolk Coastal District Council £327.82 for the building regulations. Jeremy Holland-Howes seconded this proposal and all agreed

c) Oliver Hitchcock proposed that it was in order to have issued a cheque from the Abbey Reserve account to pay Suffolk Coastal District Council £85 for the compliance of the terms and conditions of village hall planning permission.

6) Park:- There have been 9 cuts of the grass so far this year with the last carried out on 22nd July. The Clerk contracted Suffolk Coastal Services to cut the grass every 2 weeks until the middle of July. After this date further cuts of grass would be on request as the grass can be very dry after this time and more harm than good can be done by over cutting of the grass. Peter Robinson will monitor the grass and ask for further cuts when necessary.

John McKee has been catching moles in the Park and is hopefully on top of this problem.

7) Fundraising and Use of Hall:- A Youth Activity Club has been proposed by John and Rachael Marten and Paul Church. The proposal is children will run the club themselves with the help and support of the volunteers to organize functions and events. The group will apply to Suffolk Foundation for funding to start up the group.

It was agreed the Parish Council would run a social and fundraising event. A wine tasting on a Thursday evening in early February 2009 was decided on. Peter Robinson will investigate the availability of Cransford Village Hall at that time of year and report back at the next meeting. The theme would be the best of the supermarket wines with a small amount of light snacks to accompany the wines.

Shirley Smith and Margaret West plan to arrange a talk for the Bruisyard Society in late April. They have compiled a list of ideas for talks and will draw on this for the event.

8) Suffolk Unitary Councils:- The Boundary Committee has made the recommendation that Suffolk should be split into two unitary councils, an Ipswich/Felixstowe unitary council covering all the villages between the two towns, including Martlesham and the Shotley peninsular area. The other unitary council will cover the rest of rural Suffolk with Bury St Edmunds as the major town. They also thought that the one unitary council to cover the whole of Suffolk had merit. Both these proposals excluded Lowestoft and the surrounding villages and this area would be covered by one of the Norfolk unitary councils. It is envisaged that area/community board will be set up in market towns to bring services and decision making closer to the people. The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting arranged by Suffolk Coastal District Council where the Chief Executive, Mr S Baker of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils gave a presentation. His opinion

and those he represented was that the best solution for Suffolk was for Suffolk to have three unitary councils, a greater Ipswich and an east/west split of the rest of the County.

There are further meetings arranged by interest bodies before the deadline for a response to the proposals of 26th September. Members agreed to attend these meetings to gain more information about the proposals and the local authorities responses to them.

The Members immediate response to the primary proposal was to reject it on the ground it would be very detrimental to the Rural Suffolk unitary area. The majority of the economic area of the County and the present County Council asset base are in the Ipswich/Felixstowe area and would have to be duplicated in the new Rural Suffolk unitary together with duplicating all the departments delivering services by the County Council.

The Members had concerns that the single unitary council option for Suffolk would be too big and remote. Suffolk Coastal District Council option was favoured but it still had the problems of duplication of departments.

The council will make their response to the Boundary Committee at the next meeting after more research and information into the alternatives.

9) Dog Litter Bins:- There has been a request for dog bins from two people. The cost is a one off payment of £180 per bin which includes the emptying of the bin indefinitely.

The problem of the dog fouling at Bruisyard Church end of the village has been resolved by the responsible member of the public moving out of the village. The problem of dog fouling in Bruisyard Street has improved recently.

The Members agreed the cost of the bins was too high but the Chairman will investigate the possibility of having signs requesting 'No dog fouling in the area'. If signs are not available Margaret West volunteered to makes some for the Council to put up were needed.

10) Planning:- Planning permission for two houses to be built between Larks Rise and Breesha Cottage has been granted. This application went to the Planning Committee at Suffolk Coastal and was supported by Bruisyard PC and Colin Hart the District Councillor spoke in support of the application.

11) Report from Clerk's networking day:- New standing orders are being prepared and will be ready shortly for adoption.

The Councils copy of 'Local Council Administration' is out of date and the clerk will investigate the cost of replacing it with the 7th edition of this publication. The Clerk finds these meetings useful to keep up with the changes in local government.

12) Date of Next Meeting:- 16th September

11) Miscellaneous Items:- John McKee reported that the in-house pharmacy at the doctors in Saxmundham is to be disbanded and there has been a petition to save it.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm and thanked the PCC for the use of Vestry.