

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

**Present:** John Marten, Peter Robinson, Anne Smith, Thelma Barham, Paul Church, John McKee, Steven Stow, the Clerk

**AGENDA**

1. **Public participation:** None.
2. **Apologies for absence:** None.
3. **Declaration of interests by Parish Councillors:** none.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Paul Church proposed that the records of the previous meeting accepted as a true record and Thelma Barham seconded the proposal.
5. **Matter arising:** None.
6. **Village Hall Committee Report:** John McKee reported that the Village Hall had been painted inside out. Bookings are doing really well. Crib starts Tuesday. Water pressure regulator is broken in the VH but this is about to be fixed. Jake and Aiden Church put the Village Hall sign up. On behalf of the Council we would like to thank both for their generous help.

**7. Financial Matters:**

Paul Church proposed that financial transactions a) to m) were all in order and Anne Smith seconded this proposal.

- a) Payment to Kindewood for grass cutting of £144.00 made on 10/07/17
- b) Payment to Today Type & Design for parish newsletter of £30.24 on 10/07/17
- c) Payment to the Clerk for data protection renewal fee of £35.00 made on 11/09/17
- d) Payment to Kindewood for cleaning/maintenance of £72.00 made on 10/07/17
- e) Payment to PRS for Music licence of £149.15 made on 17/07/17
- f) Payment to B T McKee for cleaning/maintenance of £60.00 made on 17/07/17
- g) Payment to T W Cracknell returned deposit of £80.00 made on 24/07/17
- h) Payment to M Wilson Decorator for painting the outside of the Village Hall of £1450.00 made on 26/07/17
- i) Payment to N C Minter for painting the outside of the Village Hall £700.00 made on 26/07/17
- j) Payment to Scottish Power for utility services of £77.00 made on 16/06/17

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- l) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £2524.16, the deposit account held £482.88 and the Village Hall account held £8927.90.

**8. Parish Council and Village Hall insurance:**

**9. Bridge works:** Current business has ceased trading with the new business moving in soon, it is going to be off road vehicles dealership and garage.

**10. Park hedges:** Geoff Rogers has now retired but his son will continue with the hedge cutting.

**11. Road verges:** farmers are responsible for them. Robert Rous has done the verges along the street. Peter Robinson emailed Robert to thank him on behalf of the council.

**12. Bench around the tree:** three quotes have been received for the installation of the bench. One for £1380.00+Vat, another one for £750.00+Vat and the third one for £500.00+Vat from P Emeny. Peter Robinson proposed that we place the order with P Emeny, Paul Church seconded the proposal. BSAC will be paying for the installation.

Anne Smith suggested that we should plant another tree somewhere in the village hall park as the tree the bench is going around at the moment will continue to grow and eventually we will need to relocate the bench. We need to plan for the future. Paul Church will make enquiries with Crown Nursery with regards to prices and ideas for which tree to plant.

**13. Low road hedges:** Peter Robinson contacted SCC Highways more than once regarding this. Hedges have been trimmed with only a little bit trimmed of the top. It remains very dangerous to drive along that stretch of road. The new person at the Highway agency is Bob Cook. Peter to email him to ask him to trim the hedges again.

**14. Date of the Next Meeting:**

Monday 13 November at 7.30pm

**15. Any other business:**

Village Hall signs has been put up about 9 years ago. Needs treating with black hammerite to polish it up.

The Council has discussed wage increase for the Clerk. New pay scales 2017-2018 according to NALC and SLCC based on the hourly pay rate for part-time clerks in LC1 and LC2 are in SCP15 - £8.873 p/h, in SCP16 - £9.054 p/h and in SCP17 - £9.237 p/h. Currently the Clerk is contracted to work 5 hours a month bringing the

total of hours worked a year to 60 hours. Therefore, based on the hourly rate quoted above the annual salary pre tax deductions will be £532.38 in SCP15; £543.24 in SCP16; £554.22 in SCP 17. Anne Smith proposed that the Council increase the Clerk's wages to £600.00 gross per annum, Paul Church seconded the proposal. All members of the council voted in favour of this proposal.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40.