

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.**

**Present:** The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chair), Eleanor Berwick, John McKee, Oliver Hitchcock, Shirley Smith and Margaret West.

**1) Apologies for absence:-** Apologies received from Jeremy Holland-Howes and County Councillor Colin Hart.

**2) Minutes of the last meetings:-** The minutes of the last meeting had already been circulated and read. Margaret West proposed that the minutes be accepted and John McKee seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

**3) Matters arising:-** The Clerk contacted Heritage Housing Association but has not receive a reply to her query concerning the replacement chimney at 16 Rendham Road. The Members asked the Clerk to contact the planning department of Suffolk Coastal District Council about this.

**4) Further funding for Responder Scheme:-** The responder scheme became operational on Christmas Eve with the first call out on Christmas Day. There are now eleven trained responders. The defibrillator and necessary first aid equipment has been purchased and the ACC wish to purchase a second set of equipment so each responder on duty is fully equipped. The fund raising target is £1500 and the ACC are asking each Parish Council to donate £150. Ambulance service although were initially going to contribute to the second set of equipment do not have the money at present.

**5) Planning Matters:- a) Hall Farm Barns** A revised plan for conversion of the barn at Hall Farm into holiday accommodation and function suite has been considered by the planning committee and the majority supported the proposed changes.

**b)** The planning application for a porch on Sandpit Farm has been given permission. The members are unhappy that their views do not seem to have been taken into account.

**c)** The proposed changes to the East of England Plan have been published and are available as downloads from the GO-East website. This information will be circulated to the members so they can access the information and make any comments on line if they so wish.

**6) Parish Park:-** The standpipe has been insulated and boxed in and a cover for the stop cock has been fitted by Peter Robinson. The Water Company inspected the tap and asked for a different design of tap to be fitted. Peter Robinson will change the tap ready for a second inspection.

**a)** John McKee will ask for a tender to cut the grass on the Park from one or two companies and the Clerk will ask Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd to tender also

**b)** John McKee has set traps for moles in the Park and has caught two so far and will continue a program of trapping in an attempt to clear the Park of the moles.

**7) Local Government Review:-** Suffolk is bidding for Pathfinder Status using a three tier system. SALC are pressing for an increased role for town and parish councils with flexibility of arrangements with them, as opposed to implementing a one size fits all infrastructure. SALC are asking for comments on the proposals. The Members were happy with SALC's views and did not have anything to add to there proposals.

**8) Financial Matters:-a)** Shirley Smith proposed that sum of £132.50 be paid to Suffolk Coastal District as a fee for the planning application for a car park next to the Park. Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all agreed.

**b)** John McKee proposed that £42.30 be paid to R J Steward for cutting the hedges in the Park. Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all agreed. A cheque was duly written and signed.

**c)** There has been no invoice to date from Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd. There will be an estimated 13 cuts to pay for at £25 plus vat a cut amounting to £381.87. Eleanor Berwick proposed that the invoice be paid when received. Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all agreed.

**d)** Peter Robinson proposed that it was in order to have issued a cheque for £12.15 on 8<sup>th</sup> January to Essex and Suffolk Water for the water service bill. Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all agreed.

A sales invoice for £312.55 has been received from Anglian Water for sewage infrastructure charges. This is automatically issued if a new water connection has been made to premises. The Clerk contacted Anglian Water by phone pointing out that there is no sewage infrastructure in the village for any water to drain into and any surface water drains directly into the river from the Park or into the ditch running through the Park which the Council maintains. The Clerk will write a letter to the water authorities to try and obtain an exemption form this charge

**e)** John McKee proposed that it was in order to have issued a cheque for £18.86 on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to reimburse Peter Robinson for the stop cock cover to the stand pipe in the Park. Margaret West seconded this proposal and all agreed.

**f)** Oliver Hitchcock proposed that it was in order to have issued a cheque for £83.51 on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to New Atlantic Country Superstore Ltd for a replacement grit bin. Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all agreed.

**g)** The Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, the Disability Advice Service and Citizens Advice Bureau have asked the Parish Council for their financial support again this year. Peter Robinson proposed that each charity be granted £15 and Margaret West seconded this proposal and all agreed. Cheques were duly written and signed.

Optua, Ipswich & East Suffolk Headway and Suffolk Family Carers also asked for financial support but the members voted not to give grants to these three charities. One of the charities appeared to carry out the same functions as a charity already supported.

**8) Report from the Village Hall Committee:-** When the committee hears in January or early February if there is an invitation to apply for stage two of the Big Lottery Community Building Fund they will report to the village in a newsletter. The Committee plan to put on an exhibition of the proposed design, asking for suggestions and input from the village residents so that the needs of the end users are met.

**9) Date of the Next Meeting :-** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007

**10) Miscellaneous Items:-** A meeting of the Suffolk Strategic Partnership has been arranged for the area at Riverside Centre Stratford St Mary on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. More information will be sent closer to the date. J McKee and Peter Robinson agreed to attend the meeting.

Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forums (PPI) will be holding meetings to try and improve health services for the local community. They wish to highlight the activities and development of the local Forums in our newsletter. The Clerk will supply the email address so they can pass on information.

A letter to the Council has been received from Sue Williams asking permission to put flowers in the park again this year and if possible to arrange a rota for people to water the plants. The Members were happy for Sue Williams to plant up baskets and pouches to put around the entrances to the Park but did not feel the pouches on the east fence were worth the effort of care and watering as pheasant ate them last year. The Clerk will write to Sue to inform her of their decision and also thank her for all her hard work last year. Sue Williams also wrote to the Council asking if there could be bottle bank sited somewhere in the village. The Clerk will update her with the latest information on this subject confirming that we are not able to have a recycling unit in the Park due to the overhead electricity cables.

The Council has received a letter from Roger and Daphne Kindred of The Forge, Bruisyard Street voicing their concerns about the poplar trees belonging to Mr and Mrs Scrivener on the other side of the road from their house. The letter states that the trees have reached their full height and are in danger of blowing over in a gale and the leaves block up the ditch and drains on that side of the road causing flooding and a slippery surface to the road, which is a hazard to motorists and pedestrians. The Villages School children are picked up and dropped off at this point, which raises worries for their safety. The Clerk will contact the Highways department concerning the drains and flooding problem and write to the Kindreds advising them to write personally to the Scriveners about their concerns over the trees.

Sue Marshall has expressed her concern about the amount of heavy traffic on Low Road. The Members could not see a way of stopping lorries using this road.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.