

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday, 23rd January 2012, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Rendham Road, Bruisyard Street.

Present: The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chairman), John Marten, John McKee, Jeremy Holland-Howes, Thelma Barham, and James Ingmire.

AGENDA

1) Apologies for absence:- Suzanne Marshall who had a prior meeting for a charitable organisation, County Councillor Colin Hart and Graham Peck .

2) Minutes of the last meetings:- The minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated and read. James Ingmire proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 14th November 2011 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Sunday 27th November 2011 be accepted and John McKee seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- The Clerk has emailed Richard Cullen at Saxmundham Highways concerning changing the position of the 30mph signs on Church Road as there has been no reply to the first letter. The Jubilee/wedding gift red oak was planted on 27th November by John Marten and James Ingmire.

Planning permission has been granted on Chestnut Cottage and The Cottage, The Street.

Although the Bridge Officer has no money for painting the railings to The Arch, Richard Cullen has arranged for them to be painted within the next 8 weeks but cannot promise to do this for us on a future occasion.

John Marten traced the owners of one hedge on Rendham Road and it has been cut but there is still a problem with another field hedge, owner unknown.

4) Replacement of the Clerk:-

The Chairman advertised the job of Clerk through SALC and there have been two responses to the advert, Tierni Broderick from Halesworth and Helen Fomenko from Framlingham. The Chairman and Clerk met with Tierni Broderick last Friday afternoon and will see Helen Fomenko on Wednesday. From their CVs both have the appropriate skills to be suitable for the position but have had no previous experience of work as a parish clerk. The Members looked at their CV's and approved of their suitability for the position of clerk. The Members agreed to let Peter Robinson and Anne Smith decide who is to be offered the job.

The Members approved the specimen job description for clerk without items 10, 16 and 18.

A contract of employment will be drawn up by the clerk for her replacement..

5) Village Hall Sub-Committee Report:- Since the last Parish Council meeting the village hall committee have met twice, 28th November 2011 and 2nd January 2012.

The reserve in the Village Hall bank account rose by £500 in the last two months thanks to recent fund raising events and this compensates for the high level of expenses incurred in October.

Future events will hopefully improve the situation further.

The health and safety issue of lighting in the car park was raised. The solar powered lights are proving to be inadequate. A quote for installing mains down lighting will be obtained and installation carried out as soon as funds allow.

The question of who was in possession of the 3rd set of keys to the village hall was raised. The Architect and the Builder will be contacted.

6) Financial Matters:-

a) The clerk has prepared a budget for 2012/2013. The biggest increase for the coming year, an estimated £300, is to pay an increased level of salary to the clerk.

Peter Robinson proposed the Council accept the budget and ask for £2100 for the precept for 12/13. James Ingmire seconded this proposal and all agreed. The Clerk will ask SCDC for the increase in precept.

James Ingmire proposed that all financial transactions b) to j) were in order and John Marten seconded this proposal. All agreed and a cheque to Anne Smith for items h) and j) was duly written and signed. Item i) will be paid on receipt of the invoice.

b) To have paid Crown Nursery Ltd £170 on 22 November 2011 from the Parish Council's Barclays account for the purchase and delivery of a red oak for planting in the Park

c) To have paid Geoff Rogers £81 on 6 January 2012 from the Parish Council's Barclays for cutting the Park's hedges.

d) To have paid Earl Soham brewery £86.32 for beer for New Years Eve from the Village Hall Barclays account on 31 December 2011.

e) Repayment of deposit of £125 to A. Laker from the Barclays Village Hall account on 5 December 2011

f) To have paid by direct debit to E-ON for Village Hall electricity:- £42.33 on 24 November, £46.60 15 December and to pay £79.85 on 26 January 2012 from the Barclays Village Hall account.

g) To have refunded to David Smith £186.16 and £148.61 on 17 November and £131.62 on 5 January 2012 from the Barclays Village Hall account for bar stocks from Makro.

h) To reimburse the Clerk £9.19 from the Parish Council's Barclays account for paying Microsoft for the Village website domain name renewal fee.

i) To pay for maps purchased for the Barn licence hearing from the Parish Council's Barclays account on receipt of invoice. It will be in the region of £17.50

j) To pay Anne Smith – Sculptor £195 from the Parish Council's Barclays account for 3 plaster plaques of the Church to present to 3 past Members of the Council

7) Park:- a) John McKee is happy that the new turf in front of the Village Hall has established itself and so will no longer cut the grass on this part of the Park. The Members thanked him for his work on the turfed grass over the last two years. John Marten is willing to keep his itemised prices for the Park maintenance to the same as last year and will prepare a quote for the next meeting to include cutting the turfed grass. A decision on the maintenance contract will be discussed at the next meeting.

8) Coming events and dates:- Coral Stebbings Dance Cabaret on Sat 11th February and Brian Mann Country and Irish dance on Sat 10th March are the two major attractions for the next two months. Ongoing are the monthly 'Soup and Sweet' lunches and the monthly film club. All are advertised in the newsletter and on the Website.

9) Premises Licence for The Barn at Bruisyard Hall:- Following the PC meeting on 27th November there was a further open meeting on 7th December chaired by David Smith to update everybody on the issues raised by the licence application. It was attended by about 50 people including some from the surrounding villages. Teresa and Robert Rous were present at this meeting and answered questions.

A third meeting was arranged for those who had made representation and intended to go to the hearing. James Ingmire took the meeting and proposed that he spoke first at the hearing as the PC's representative and that anybody who wished to add to but not repeat the points he makes may follow up, speaking in alphabetical order. He outlined the representation he would make at the hearing.

At the hearing there were about 40 residents of Bruisyard and the surrounding villages. After hearing all the representations the 3 Councillors withdrew to make their decision. They granted a licence to Paul Dawes at Bruisyard Hall Barn with a finishing time of 11:00pm for alcohol, dancing and other activities with the premises having to be cleared by 11:30pm together with the conditions they had already agreed to with the Environmental Protection Team. The full licence and conditions are available through the Bruisyard website or directly through the SCDC website. The applicant has 21 days to appeal against the decision. Everybody making representation will be informed if there is an appeal. The hearing would take place in a magistrate's court with the applicant challenging whether the tribunal's decision was reasonable. SCDC may call on some of those who made representation as witnesses.

James Ingmire proposed that at the end of the 21 day appeal period the Parish Council should contact Robert Rous about the issues of tree screening and ingress and egress from the premises which were brought up at the pre hearing meetings. It was agreed that a letter from the Chairman would be appropriate and James Ingmire would help him with this.

There were some at the hearing unhappy with the outcome who rudely expressed their displeasure at the SCDC's Councillors and Officers. James Ingmire has emailed Teresa Bailey to thank her for the way the hearing was organised and to apologise to her for the unnecessary rudeness of some of the attendees. The Members agreed that this was uncalled for behaviour and was not condoned by the Parish Council

10) Meeting with Sizewell C Communications Manager:- The Chairman and Clerk held an introductory meeting with Sizewell C Communications Manager Tom McGarry on Wednesday 30th November in the Village Hall together with Paul Wood Sizewell Project Manager of Suffolk Coastal District Council. The issues and problems of the development were discussed. Any development in the plans will be sent to the Council for their information. There will be money available to the affected parishes to compensate for any disruption the development may cause them but Bruisyard is only on the outer limit of the area and it is unlikely to be considered for compensation funding. The Chairman brought up the potential problem of increased traffic from people cutting through the village to get to the site.

11) Date of next meeting:- Monday 12th March

12) Miscellaneous Items:- Suffolk Acre have launched a community buying scheme for the purchase of domestic fuel oil. There is a joining fee and then participants can order oil through the scheme with the company negotiating the best price for the whole group on a monthly basis. There is a group purchasing scheme in the village already and the Members thought that most

people negotiate with the suppliers themselves to get the best deals. Posters will be displayed promoting the initiative.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm.