

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

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

AGENDA

1. **Public participation:** None.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Stephen Stow.
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 Peter Robinson seconded the proposal.
5. **Matter arising:** None.
6. **Village Hall Committee Report:** John McKee has reported that there are quite a few bookings in the next few months including one from Cambridge County Council, catering department. Funeral is booked in for the next month. Painters are coming in on 28 July to start painting the outside of the village hall. The village hall sign above the door will be taken off and Anne Smith has agreed to clean it. Crib league is starting again.
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 Village hall for VAT refund for 2015-2016 financial year of £408.37 made on 08/05/17
- b) Payment to SALC for annual subscription of £131.24 made on 08/05/17
- c) Payment to Today Type and Design for parish newsletter of £30.24 made on 08/05/17
- d) Payment to Kindlewood for grass cutting of £158.40 made on 08/05/17
- e) Payment to SALC for internal audit of £162.00 made on 10/07/17
- f) Payment to Parish Clerk for 6 months wages of £200.00 made on 10/07/17
- g) Payment to Post Office Ltd. (HMRC) of £50.00 made on 10/07/17
- h) Payment to B T McKee for cleaning of £65.00 made on 28/04/17
- i) Payment to Kindlewood for grass cutting of £144.00 made on 09/05/17
- j) Payment to K Player for returned deposit of £80.00 made on 16/05/17
- k) Payment to Scottish power for utility services of £77.00 made on 16/05/17
- l) Payment to NWG Water for utility services of £35.43 made on 25/05/17
- m) Payment to Kindlewood for grass cutting of £72.00 made on 06/06/17

- n) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £3241.64, the deposit account held £483.00 and the Village Hall account held £11443.19.
- o) Budget review:
- p) Clerk's wages: the clerk has made enquiries with SALC about the current rate of pay for parish clerks and presented this information to the council, who, in turn, agreed to consider the level of pay increase they consider appropriate and report at the next parish council meeting.
- q) SALC have carried out an internal audit of the accounts for 2016-2017 financial years and have issued a list of recommendations which the clerk has reported to the council at the meeting. The clerk will ensure all recommendations are implemented during the next financial year to ensure compliance with the recent regulations.

8. Outside gym equipment: The chairman reported that residents of the village might be interested in using an outside gym equipment. Three to four pieces of apparatus to possibly be installed in the village hall park. We need to find out from the residents whether this would be something they think the council should pursue in the immediate future. The clerk will ask Shannon Church to pose a question in the village newsletter.

9. Bench around the tree: Peter Robinson has reported that he received two quotes for the bench one for £579.99+Vat and one for £922.45 + Vat. Although the former quote appears to be more attractive than the latter in pure monetary terms, it has thicker support legs and appears sturdier and more durable. Paul Church suggested that we go with the more expensive quote and John McKee seconded the proposal. The Council has asked Peter Robinson to place the order.

10. Road verges: David Barnham has now cut the verges twice this year. The Council would like him thanked in the village newsletter.

11. Parish park signs: those do not need updating.

12. Fire hydrant signs: If someone happens to have fire hydrants on their lands they need to make sure that those are visible in case they need to be used.

13. Date of the Next Meeting:
Monday 11 September at 7.30pm

14. Any other business:

Ditch along Bruisyard Road just before you get to the bridge gets clogged up constantly when it rains and it needs clearing.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00.