

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 18 July 2013, at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

**Present:** John Marten, Peter Robinson, Anne Smith, James Ingmire, John McKee, The Clerk

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Jeremy Holland-Howes, Thelma Barham
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** Anne Smith proposed that minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record. Peter Robinson seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
- 3. Matter arising:** The notice about Fire Assembly Point needs to be copied and displayed in the Village Hall with directions to Fire Assembly Point clearly marked out.

Stephen Burroughs, Councillor from Suffolk County Council has made an appearance at the meeting to introduce himself to the Parish Council and talk a bit about issues he will be concentrating on for the foreseeable future. He invited everyone to the meeting at Hacheston village Hall on 5 August at 7.30 on traffic movements and speed. John McKee asked if there is a way to get some funding to tarmac the gravel path from the car park to the Village Hall. Stephen promised to look into it and see if any money can be give from the locality budget.

**4. Village Hall Committee Report:**

John McKee reported that the Village Hall is used quite a bit. There is a wedding booked for May 2014. The Committee is thinking of starting Country Music evening to take place every month. They will need to be paid for the performance. The number of people will depend on who is playing. John McKee is looking into doing solar panels on Village Hall roof but with no success so far. Anne Smith suggested we write to Scottish Power who have funded similar projects with other village halls.

**5. Financial Matters:**

James Ingmire proposed that financial transactions a) to e) were all in order and Anne Smith seconded this proposal.

- a) To have paid Parish Clerk a wage of £200.00 for 6 months from January to July
- b) To have paid HMRC £50 for National Insurance contributions
- c) To make a payment of £315.00 to John Marten for grass cutting
- d) To pay E-On £55.80
- e) To pay E-on £77.45

6. **Park:** Grass has been cut a lot and it has been growing a lot. John Marten will keep an eye on it. The Council has thanked John McKee for cutting the hedge.
7. **Play area:** someone came out to have a look at the area. There are 15 metres from the grass to the bench by the gate. We need a grant to cover the cost of the equipment. There are a number of options which will need to be costed. We need something to cater for small children (swings, slide, see-saw) and for slightly older children (climbing frame). There is money designated in Parish Council account £250.00. Also there is £2500.00 in Place Base. Bruisyard Social Amenities fund has £2800. John Marten will bring catalogues to the next Parish Council meeting.
8. **Dog fouling around village and parish park:** There is a lot of dog fouling going on in the Village. Installation of dog bins was previously considered but was deemed too expensive. It has been suggested that we need to get a price for a dog bin for the park at least as it is a public area. The Clerk has been asked to contact Suffolk Coastal District Council to get the price of a dog bin. As for the rest of the village the residents will have to be considerate and scoop up after their dogs. Perhaps we should consider signs on the Village Notice Boards to ask people to tidy up after their dogs.
9. **Roadside grass at Low Road:** Some residents of the village have been remarking that the grass is cut too short. If some residents have an issue with the grass being cut too short they should take it up with the resident of the house on Low Road who cuts it too short.
10. **Speeding along Church road at 30mph limit:** Councillor Burroughs has touched upon it in his report and he will look into it.
11. **Date of the next meeting:** Monday 9 September.

**12. Any other business:**

Maria Langlois, a resident of Bruisyard, had the understanding from the minutes of the PC meeting held on 24 January 2011, item 3, that James Ingmire had been monitoring her movements and asked on what grounds he had for doing so. The council has assured her that at no time had monitoring taken place. Following remarks by some of the residents of the village that the property, 4 Vicarage Cottages, appears to be empty a lot of the times and James Ingmire had agreed at the previous meeting to check if anyone was living there. It turned out the property was occupied and which James reported this to the Council.

John McKee has suggested that as of the next Council meeting in September we should always record the following on the minutes of the meeting: Councillors who are present, Councillors who are absent without the apologies and Councillors who are absent but who sent apologies.

James Ingmire missed three meetings in a row without sending his apologies. The rules say if you miss Parish Council meeting six consecutive months in a row then you will be struck off the Parish Council. These absences need to be recorded as absences in the minutes to it to take effect. However, the Clerk has been recording it as apologies for absence, therefore, James cannot be struck off. James expressed his desire to stay on as a Councillor so the Council agreed that he should remain a Councillor.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

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