

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.**

**Present:** The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chair), Eleanor Berwick, John McKee, Jeremy Holland-Howes and Shirley Smith. Pc Mark Bryant and District and County Councillor Colin Hart attended the meeting.

**1) Apologies for absence:-** Apologies received from Oliver Hitchcock and Margaret West,

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

**3) Matters arising:-** There were no matters arising

**4) Report on Great Blakenham Recycling Facility:-** Peter Robinson and John McKee attended an open day at the new recycling facility at Great Blakenham on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> September. Recyclable is taken from Foxhall Road Waste Disposal site to be sorted. All areas will eventually have the 3 bin system of waste disposal with a blue bin for tins and plastics, of which there are 2 types, hard plastic and household plastic. Efficient systems mechanically sort out the iron cans from the aluminium ones but the paper is sorted manually with 40% reused in the UK and the rest is shipped to China. Peter Robinson asked one of the officials at the plant about having a bottle bank in the Park. Mr Wareing will contact the Clerk concerning this matter.

**5) Planning Matters:- a)** The Secretary of State has decide to exercise her powers in section 77 of the 1990 Act and will determine the planning applications for the SnOasis, housing and railway development at Great Blakenham instead of Mid Suffolk District Council. The Clerk will write a letter of support for the developments but voice the members concerns over the inadequate traffic assessment that has been carried out in relationship to the development.

**b)** The County Council Suffolk Rural Services Group are offering grants to communities to enhance social amenities with up to £5000 available; the recipients have to match the funds. Peter Robinson proposed that the parish Council apply for planning permission for the car park on Robert Rous's land and raise funds to match any grant to make the drop kerb entrance to the car park from Rendham Road and to clear the land. A quote for tarmac the entrance from Boothes came to £3,277 plus vat. Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all agreed. Peter Robinson suggested approaching Viridor Credits for further funding, they have land fill tax credits available for communities in the area. Peter Robinson will ask Robert Rous to proceed in drawing up a lease for the land required for the car park.

**6) Parish Park:-** Two further picnic tables have been purchased and installed in the park. Peter Robinson will paint them and he and John McKee will install concrete anchor to fix them to the ground.

The Clerk will contact Mr R Steward to get the hedges of the park cut.

**7) Financial Matters:- a)** A grant of £500 has been received form the locality budget towards the fitting of a stand pipe in the park. A cheque for £657.30 was written to Essex

and Suffolk Water for the connection of water to the stand pipe. Shirley Smith proposed that this was in order. John McKee seconded this proposal and all agreed.

**b)** No charity giving is due at present.

**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. Jeremy Holland-Howes proposed that the invoice be paid when received. Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all agreed.

**d)** Peter Robinson has incurred expenses in connection with the plumbing materials required for the stand pipe stain for the benches. Eleanor Berwick proposed that the sum of £59.57 be reimbursed to him for these items and Jeremy Holland-Howes seconded this proposal. All agreed and a cheque was duly written and signed.

**8) Report from the Village Hall Committee:-** The Picnic in the Park made a profit £129.08 even though it was arranged as a social event. John McKee collected a further £38.12 for the Community Responder Scheme.

Two more events are to take place; on 30<sup>th</sup> October a Halloween Party will be held in the Bruisyard Hall and on 19<sup>th</sup> December a Christmas Party will be held jointly with the Church also in the hall.

The stage one application form has been completed and submitted to the Big Lottery Community Building Fund and there has been acknowledgement of the forms receipt. The Committee has asked Community Building fund for £160,000 to plan and build an ecologically viable village hall.

**9) Date of the Next Meeting :-** 14<sup>th</sup> November

**10) Any Other Business :-** Peter Robinson contacted the environment agency concerning the reeds in river. They informed him they were behind schedule with this years clearance program but it will be cleared at a later date. On Rendham Road elm trees have died in Robert Rous's hedge and are causing concern over safety, Peter Robinson will contact Robert Rous.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.

### **Colin Hart addressed the meeting as County Councillor**

The merging of Suffolk Constabulary with neighbouring forces now looks unlikely. There have been considerable reservations about the scheme.

The County Health Scrutiny Committee has referred PTC proposals for hospital and bed closures back to the Secretary of State but there are now national plans for closure of district hospitals which could affect Suffolk. In a reorganization it is proposed to have one PTC for Suffolk.

The White paper on local government reorganization is not expected before October at the earliest.

County Council staff were recently offered cash prizes if they came up with cost cutting ideas. The winner identified savings achievable by abolishing refreshments and having jugs of water rather than bottled water at internal meetings.

The school reorganization review has had its consultation period extended until 30<sup>th</sup> September. It will determine whether the County continues with a mix of two and three

tier education and be in a position to take full advantage of new school building funds from the government.

The County Council's 17 care homes look after about a quarter of the elderly people qualifying for fully state-funded residential care. The Council is looking for partners to help develop its residential homes to provide more care, more cost-effectively.

Alternatives to landfill sites for waste disposal are being looked at. The alternatives include incineration option or biological with the residue from this being incinerated.

Colin Hart has pledged £300 from the locality budget to the Community Responder Scheme.

### **District Council Report**

The District Councils proposed budget has been published in the Coastline magazine distributed to all households. Meetings are also being held around the district for the public to have their say.

John McKee brought up the problem that the composting facility at Parham was creating a smell. Colin Hart asked him to report it to the Environment Agency.

The Chairman thanked Colin Hart for coming to the meeting

### **Pc Mark Bryant Addressed the meeting**

There has been no crime in Bruisyard since his last report.

In Dennington, however there has been a distraction burglary perpetrated on an 80 year old lady, she was told there were two children in her back garden. While she went to see what was going on and the thieves took her purse and credit cards.

Pc Bryant asked for his contact details to be publicised tel No 01473 613500 so anybody with policing problems can contact him or arrange a visit from crime prevention officer who are available to anybody with security concerns.

The Chairman thanked Pc Bryant for coming to the meeting