

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

**Present:** John Marten, Peter Robinson, Anne Smith, Thelma Barham, Paul Church, Stephen Stow

**AGENDA**

- 1. Public participation:** Robert Rous has reported that Bruisyard Hall are looking to apply to extend their licence for Bruisyard Hall to cover mid-week weddings. Mid-week weddings are already taking place. However, they are looking to increase the number of mid-week weddings that can take place in July and August: a maximum of 6 weddings per month mid-week and a total of 24 weddings mid-week per year. Robert has asked the Council what the issues with that might be: whether it is the noise or the traffic.

Anne Smith has noted that guests are still putting up signs for their weddings around the villages even though there are brown signs.

- 2. Apologies for absence:** John McKee
- 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 Stephen Stow seconded the proposal.
- 5. Matter arising:** Village sign is still not done. Anne has asked that someone can provide a ladder to enable her to do the job. We will now wait until spring to do it.

We need to ask Bob Foster whether he could cut the hedges around the village.

- 6. Village Hall Committee Report:** Peter has reported that the painter and decorator will be starting in December to do the painting inside the Village Hall. Village Hall will be painted in smooth finish ivory paint which is hard wearing and can be washed down. £1700.00 is the quote to do the job. There is currently £10799.16 in the Village Hall account. BSAC account has £4555.00 in the account. £500.00 of that money is soup and pud money that will go to charities sometime around Christmas. John Barham has died, the service will be at the Church with the wake taking place in the Village Hall.

- 7. Financial Matters:**

Anne Smith proposed that financial transactions a) to j) were all in order and John Marten seconded this proposal.

- a) Payment to Community Action Suffolk for PC insurance of £263.96 made on 14/11/16
- b) Payment to Playsafety Ltd. for RoSPA playground inspection of £159.60 made on 14/11/16
- c) Payment to Scottish Power for utilities of £41.00 made on 15/08/16
- d) Payment to B T McKee for cleaning of £40.00 made on 22/08/16
- e) Payment to Kindewood for grass cutting of £150.00 made on 12/09/16
- f) Payment to Bruisyard Social Amenities Committee from Bruisyard Village Hall of £100.00 made on 15/09/16
- g) Payment to Scottish Power for utilities of £41.00 made on 15/09/16
- h) Payment to Community Action Suffolk for Village Hall Insurance of £659.71 made on 28/09/16
- i) Payment to B T McKee for cleaning of £20.00 made on 12/10/16
- j) Payment to SCDC for drinks licence of £70.00 made on 12/10/16
- k) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £3098.05, the deposit account held £482.82 and the Village Hall account held £11982.21

**8. BT Payphone:** Parish Clerk received a letter where the Parish Council are asked whether they would like to adopt the red telephone box for the village. The adoption will cost £1. However, we will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the telephone box. The Council considered the proposal and decided against purchasing the telephone box for the village as Parish Council does not have the resources to look after the telephone box long term.

**9. Litter pick for walkers:** We need to ensure we promote the litter picking for walkers. Include reminders in the Village Newsletter to encourage walkers to pick up litter during their walks. Newsletter is now done by Shannen Church.

**10. Defibrillator:** John Marten has asked whether we should look at acquiring a defibrillator for the village. The Clerk reported that the cost of defibrillator varies from £900 to £1400.00 depending on the type of defibrillator and cabinet. Also we will be looking at the cost of around £200.00 on average biannually for the maintenance of defibrillator including pads and batteries. The Clerk has reported that upon contacting the East of England Ambulance Service she has been informed that there is funding available for defibrillators from British Heart Foundation. The Council has asked the Clerk to investigate and apply for funding if possible.

**11. Date of the next meeting:** Monday 9 January 2017

**12. Any other business:**

Peter reported that the plaque for the tree for Jill Champion will cost the total of £79.75. The exact wording to be agreed upon, however, suggestions are to use the following wording: 'This tree was planted in memory of Jill Champion who was the parish clerk from 1984 to 2001.'

We should do a bench in memory of John Barham who has lived in the village for a very long time. Budget is £800.00. We could use the Play Space money for this. The bench must be in the Village Hall Park for us to be able to use Play Space money. We cannot move it anywhere else. This is to be discussed during January meeting.

Anne Smith reported that she has finally received an email back from Alan Bissett, the solicitor for SCDC, who Anne emailed in July 2016 to inform of the dispute regarding the land next to 4 Vicarage cottages. Alan was not sure of the situation. Anne confirmed she will email Alan with an update.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20.