

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 19th July 2005, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.

Present: The Clerk, Mr Peter Robinson (Chair), Mrs Eleanor Berwick, Mr Jeremy Holland-Howes, Mrs Margaret West, Mr Oliver Hitchcock, Mr John McKee and Mrs Shirley Smith. District and County Councillor Colin Hart attended the meeting.

AGENDA.

1) Apologies for absence:- Mr Oliver Hitchcock apologised for his late arrival.

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

3) Matters arising:- Mr Peter Robinson will write a letter of thanks to Mrs Jan Donegan for her service as a Councillor.

The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr David Barham for harrowing and reseeded part of the grass in the Parish Park at no cost to the Council.

The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mrs Sue Williams for the planting up and supplying the hanging basket in and around the Park. They look very good and are much appreciated.

Mrs Eleanor Berwick mentioned that having the Annual Parish Meeting in the Church was very successful.

4) Parish Plan:- A copy of the Parish Plan has been delivered to each household in the village.

The clerk will send a copy to Suffolk Coastal District Council's Development and Building Control department for it to be included in the Local Development Framework as a supplementary planning document.

Mr Jeremy Holland-Howes requested more information from the database before contacting the Education Department concerning section 3 of the Plan.

5) Planning Matters:- No-one was able to attend the Local Development Framework workshop on 13th July but Mr Peter Robinson had feedback from Mr Robert Rous, who attended the meeting, that the planning department were maintaining their policy of no development in small villages with limited amenities.

6) Financial Matters:-a) The Members of Bruisyard Parish Council completed The Statement of Assurance in the Annual Return, all questions were answered in the affirmative and it was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Annual Return will be sent to the auditors, Lubbock Fine.

b) There has been no invoice for grass cutting.

c) There have been no requests for grants from charities.

d) There has been a refund of £392.22 from Custom and Excise for VAT .

e) Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed Mr Peter Robinson be reimbursed for the gas canister and the hanging basket brackets he purchased on the Councils behalf. Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all agreed.

7) Parish Park:- a) The grass cutting for this year has, so far been very unsatisfactory and the members agreed to make new arrangements for the upkeep of the Park. Mr Peter Robinson had investigated purchasing a suitable lawnmower using volunteers to cut grass. The cost would be £3000, funding of £1000 could be made available from the County

Councillor's Locality Budget and other funding may be available. Mr Peter Robinson also contacted Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd for a quote for cutting the Park plus cutting the pound area. The cost would be £24 + VAT for the Park and £5 + VAT for the pound area and all agreed that this was the better option. Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed the tender from Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd be accepted for one cut of the Park and the Pound with further cuts authorised by the Clerk if a satisfactory job is carried out. Mrs Margaret West seconded this proposal and all agreed.

b) It was agreed to apply to the Parish Tree Scheme for plants to fill the gap in the hedge of the Park. A request for a specimen tree would also be made. The Clerk will contact Anne Westover, landscape officer at SCDC.

c) Mrs Eleanor Berwick has obtained a quote of £60 for the warning signs for the Parish Park gates from Nick Ashwell of Framlingham. Mrs Margaret West proposed this quote is accepted and the signs be ordered by Mrs Eleanor Berwick. Mr Peter Robinson seconded this proposal and all agreed.

Mrs Eleanor Berwick has donated 4 bins to the Parish Council, which will be ideal for rubbish collection at any function held on the Park.

8) Social Amenities Committee Progress Report:- This Committee has held 2 meetings. Various members have approached funding bodies for grants and so far they have had very positive responses. To build a hall similar in design to the one at Walpole would cost in the region of £70,000-£80,000 fully fitted out and furnished.

Mr Peter Robinson has approached Mr Robert Rous to ask him for the land next to the Park and he probably would donate the land to a village hall charity set up to manage the running of the hall. An area of 35 meters by 35 meters would be sufficient for the hall and parking.

Mr Robert Smith will advise on the cost of alternative building methods and parking spaces.

A barbeque and presentation of the proposals will take place in the Park mid September.

9) SCDC Waste Management Review:- The Members filled in the questionnaire on waste management, strongly agreeing that the collection of waste in the black bin bags was preferable to more wheelie bins. They supported more kerbside recycling collections

10) Date of the Next Meeting:- This was fixed for 20th September

12). Any Other Business:- Suffolk Preservation Society have been given the opportunity to appear at the Examination in Public for the Draft Regional Plan for the East of England and want comments in writing to cover any concerns for the plan. The Clerk will write to endorse the Society's views emphasising the point that the infrastructure and services should be developed alongside any housing and industrial expansion as they are already over stretched.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.

District and County Councillor Mr Colin Hart addressed the meeting:-

He has been appointed to the County Council Cabinet as portfolio holder for Environmental Waste and Economic Development and so has had to give up his cabinet post at Suffolk Coastal District Council. This has meant two very busy months getting himself briefed for these roles.

The Waste element of the portfolio is very challenging with central government fining councils who don't recycle more waste and don't reduce the biodegradable rubbish put into landfill.

The Cabinet made the following decisions:- cut all roadside verges twice a year, extend the 20's plenty scheme outside schools where there is local support and extended the temporary 50mph speed limit on the A140 in Suffolk to 18 months.

An additional £3 million has been allocated to capital spending on improving the county's roads and pavements. Mr Hart wishes to hear of any in the Parish that require attention.

The annual locality budget has been reduced to £750,000 to match more closely the pattern of spending. He asked the Council to let him know if there were any projects they would like him to consider funding from this budget.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hart for attending the meeting.