

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Monday 9 November 2014, at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Public participation:**

John Gibb, owner of Vyne Cottage, has expressed his concern over drainage system of the proposed new house at Home Farm, Church Road, Bruisyard. He reiterated that there is already a problem with water draining from the pond and garden of Home Farm. With the installation of an attenuation tank on the site, which would drain into the surface water drains on Church Road, the drains might not be able to cope with the additional water and add to the flooding on the road. There is also the issue of cleaning and maintaining this tank throughout its life, both issues have not been addressed within the planning application. There are also issues of loss of privacy (Mr Gibb's property will be directly overlooked by the new development), noise from the traffic and loss of light from the trees that are going to be planted.

**2. Apologies for absence:** None. James Ingmire was not present and has not sent his apologies.

**3. Members' interests:** None.

**4. Minutes of the last meeting:** The Council has unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting.

**5. Matter arising:** None.

**6. Village Hall Committee Report:**

John McKee reported that they had a good Harvest supper, which made £608.00. Fireworks night went really well. But for the next year's fireworks night we need to ask people not to bring sparklers with them as they are a health & safety issue. Alterations as to how we record income and expenditure for the bar have been introduced following the recommendations by SALC and BDO. New lights will be installed along the Village Hall path, these will be lower to the ground. 14 bookings were taken last week for the year ahead. People book very far in advance, which is good for the Village Hall.

**7. Financial Matters:**

Anne Smith proposed that financial transactions a) to g) and i) to q) were all in order and John McKee seconded this proposal.

- a) Payment to Proludic of 50% cost of playarea £8677.79
- b) Payment to Moore Bros of £192.00

- c) Payment to Bruisyard Village Hall of VAT refund of £775.00
  - d) Payment to BDO of £120.00 for audit
  - e) Payment to Anne Smith of £22.00 for cartridges
  - f) Payment to John Marten of £240.00 for grass cutting
  - g) Payment to Geoff Rogers of £112.50 for hedge cutting
  - i) Payment to T McKee of £20.00 for cleaning
  - j) Payment to Tesco of £33.90
  - k) Payment to E-ON of £34.17
  - l) Payment to Waveney Security of £176.40
  - m) Payment to E-ON of £25.69
  - n) Payment to Waveney Security of £176.40
  - o) Payment to T McKee of £20.00 for cleaning
  - p) Payment to E-ON of £77.78
  - q) Payment to Essex & Suffolk Water of £35.33
- h) It has been agreed that Parish Council will commit to 3 year term for the Parish Council insurance which will result in annual payment of £211.89. Village Hall insurance has gone up from £522.73 in 2014 to £538.41 in 2015. It has been agreed by the Councilors to pay these premiums for 2015.
- r) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £11957.87, the deposit account held £482.34 and the Village Hall account held £9748.32

## 9. Planning:

### a) **Local Plan Consultation**

Peter Robinson and Anne Smith had a meeting with Hilary Hanslip of SCDC planning department to discuss future development in Bruisyard. The initial suggestion was that Bruisyard could absorb another 10 houses – 2 of which have been built. The allocation for Bruisyard will now be amended to zero as no landowner within the village boundary is interested in development in the near future and Bruisyard is a very small village. The councillors asked for all the rear gardens to be removed out of the village boundary to prevent any inappropriate back garden development.

### b) **Home Farm Planning Application**

Stephen Stow reported that a lot has happened since the application was discussed. Planning officers had visited the site. Planning officer, the Suffolk County Council Highways Authority, Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, The Suffolk Wildlife Trust, SCDC Head of Environmental Services all support this application. Having studied report from all agencies involved and following his own research Stephen Stow had concluded that he is now happy to approve this application. The other Councillors had not changed their views

Anne Smith has delivered her comments to the Council regarding this planning application:

- The look of landscape will change. The new property will be in full view from the road and there will be a large amount of gravel drive visible and the bank has to be cut through to make the new drive with no indication as to how the remaining bank will be held up.
- The difference in height between existing dwelling and the new property will not be 2m as stated in the plans but will be 2.6m It is quite a difference. It will be 5m above the road level
- The water disposal from the house will put extra pressure on the surface water system in the road. The plan is to install the attenuation tank which will take care of the water from the house but where will the water go from the tank? It is just moving the problem not eliminating it.
- There will be a loss of privacy for the Vyne cottage and Home Farm itself as the properties will be visible from the new development.
- Home Farm itself will be detrimentally affected by the development as it will take up all the usable garden of the property with the boundary only being 7m from Home Farm at one point

All Councillors other than Stephen Stow were in agreement with these comments. All agreed that there would have to be an upgrade to the surface water system on Church Road.

Anne Smith has also reported that there is a planning meeting at SCDC on 12 November regarding planning application in the district where Home Farm application is going to be considered. It has been agreed that Anne Smith will attend this meeting to deliver Council's view regarding this application. Anne Smith will convey Council's views that the Council is opposed to this application until the issue of drainage and visual impact is addressed.

Jeremy Holland-Howes has asked Stephen Stow to deliver his views on the drainage issue to SCDC planning committee. However, as a member of the Parish Council Stephen Stow cannot agree to do this. It has been advised that Jeremy Holland-Howes should use his agent to represent him at this meeting.

**10. Neighbourhood Watch:** John Marten has resigned as the chair of the Neighbourhood Watch committee. There has been no response from the call in

the newsletter to chair this committee so far. John Marten will ask for all emails to be sent to the Clerk's email.

- 11. Park and grass cutting:** it has been cut 16 times this year due to the amount of rain we had. It is still growing. It needs another cut this year.
- 12. Councillor training:** the Clerk has investigated courses for Chairman and any planning workshops. SALC have a range of courses available, which the Clerk has reported to the council, but they all have a cost attached to them. Councillors have asked the Clerk to investigate if SCDC still do free planning workshops.
- 13. Playarea:** the playground equipment is now in situ and is very well used. It still needs to be signed off with the Proludic and then the final payment needs to be made. Anne Smith will inform the Clerk when the play area has been signed off.
- 14. Date of the next meeting: Monday 12 January at 7.30pm**
- 15. Any other business:** the Highways Department needs to look at clearing the ditch on Church Road between the ford and the Church. John McKee will email Councillor Stephen Burroughs with regards to this.

Stephen Burroughs, Suffolk County Councillor has been in attendance during the early part of the meeting and has delivered the following report:

#### **Fantastic results in early years and key stage 1 education**

The number of Suffolk's three to seven year olds achieving expected levels of attainment has improved significantly, figures show. Information released by the Department for Education indicate an improvement in early years and Key Stage 1 attainment and, therefore, an upward surge in Suffolk's position in national league tables. Suffolk has made a big improvement of 10% in their Early-Years Foundation-Stage Profile (EYFSP). This means there are 10% more children in Suffolk achieving a good level of development in 2014 (59%) than in 2013 (49%). The step up in progress has resulted in Suffolk moving up five places in the local authority early-years league tables to 85<sup>th</sup> place. Part of the increase is down to boys' literacy, which has moved up 13 places in local authority rankings to 79. The literacy of boys in Suffolk is now higher than nationally. The figures for Key Stage 1 show: reading is up 17 places, from 78% reaching expected levels of attainment (ELA) in 2013 to 81% this year; writing is up 14 places, from 68% reaching ELA in 2013 to 71% this year; maths is up three places, from 78% reaching ELA in 2013 to 80% this year; by the end of Year 2 the percentage of pupils who have met the phonics standard is up from 84% in 2013 to 89% this year. This moves Suffolk's ranking up by 41 places. These results mean that Suffolk has at last either met or exceeded national figures for Key Stage 1.

Ensuring our children have the best possible start to their education lays the platform for higher attainment further down the line. The fact that children in Suffolk are meeting or exceeding the national figures is an excellent achievement, and one from which we will continue to build.

### **Attainment levels up in Suffolk schools**

New figures published by the government last month show that the number of five to seven year olds in Suffolk achieving expected levels of attainment in reading, writing and maths has improved significantly this year. The figures are provisional, with final data released in January 2015. The figures show: reading is up 17 places, from 78% reaching expected levels of attainment in 2013 to 81% this year; writing is up 14 places, from 68% reaching expected levels of attainment in 2013 to 71% this year; maths is up 3 places, from 78% reaching expected levels of attainment in 2013 to 80% this year, and; Year 2 phonics is up 41 places, from 84% reaching expected levels of attainment 2013 to 89% this year. This forecasted boost in results and subsequent move up the education league tables for Suffolk is excellent news and a testament to the hard work and dedication of teachers, heads, governors, parents and, most importantly, students. All this said, there is still a lot of work to do to make Suffolk one of the best educational authorities in the UK.

### **Suffolk 'First' to extend better broadband programme**

Plans to extend the roll-out of super-fast broadband to more households and business were signed and sealed last week. SCC and BT signed a contract, under the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme, to continue working together on the provision of a fibre network for Suffolk. The project will use public and private funds to deliver a fibre network to parts of the county not covered by previous plans. The contract signing took place at Endeavour House in Ipswich and was attended by SCC leader Mark Bee, BT's Bill Murphy, Managing Director, Next Generation Access, and Mark Pendlington, Chair of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership; senior officers from the county council and BT, and county councillors. Along with other commercial and existing programmes, the contract aims to extend the coverage of fibre broadband to 95% of homes and businesses in Suffolk. The £15m capital grant from BDUK will be locally matched by £5m from the New Anglia LEP's Local Growth Fund and £10m from SCC. The roadside fibre broadband cabinets that are being connected to the network serve very localised areas, so not all parts of the towns and villages where they are located will be able to receive fibre broadband initially. As the service becomes increasingly available, people should use the 'Better Broadband for Suffolk' website ([www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com](http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com)) to check to see if their home or business can receive faster broadband services.

### **UK's first youth employment centre opening soon**

The UK's first ever dedicated youth employment centre, at Fraser House in Ipswich is underway. In October 2013, Ipswich was unveiled as the location of the MyGo centre which opens this month. The centre will pioneer a new approach to helping young people get into work. Led by businesses, local councils, New Anglia LEP and Jobcentre Plus, this programme will help achieve the goal of halving youth unemployment in the greater Ipswich area over the next two years. The MyGo centre will offer all 16-24 year olds in Ipswich and the surrounding area free training, career and employment support. The project is being funded by money secured via the Greater Ipswich City Deal. EOS Works Ltd, a training and welfare company, has recently been appointed by SCC to operate the MyGo Centre. Outreach services will also be provided from mid-2015 across greater Ipswich, including those living in Babergh, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal. The centre will be staffed by Jobcentre Plus, EOS and Tomorrows People employees working together so that young people can access all the help they need in one place.

### **County Council pledge to tackle mental health**

The 'Time to Change' organisational pledge, signed on World Mental Health Day, is a public statement of aspiration that as an organisation, Suffolk County Council will tackle mental health stigma and discrimination. The council has submitted an action plan to Time to Change which demonstrates how this pledge will be carried out. A day of events which featured this year's theme of schizophrenia was also held at various council offices to mark World Mental Health Day. Local specialist organisations were invited in to showcase the services they offer as well as offer taster sessions in various therapies. Drop in counselling sessions were also available with a counsellor from SuffolkMIND. Mental health has often been overlooked, when taken alongside other health issues. Signing this pledge is a sign of our commitment to raise awareness and help eradicate the stigma that is so often unfairly attached to mental health.

### **Key improvements in safe-guarding children praised**

A report by the Suffolk Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) highlighting safeguarding services in Suffolk was praised by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet. The LSCB Annual Report summarises the changes undertaken by Children and Young People Services (CYPS) and their partners over the past year to improve safeguarding services and training. A commitment to work in multi-agency partnerships in Suffolk was also reflected in the report. Having redesigned aspects of its delivery to increase early intervention, CYPS have invested in training to ensure changes are felt in the front line to improve services to children and their families. A full training programme for SCC staff started in February 2014. 300 staff were trained by April 2014 and a further 800 by October 2014. There is also an ongoing programme for engaging partner agencies in the training. There has been a 33.8% reduction in the length of time

children are subject to Child Protection Plans over 18 months, and 83% of Chairs of Child Protection Conferences have been independently assessed as good or outstanding.

### **Success for first-ever Suffolk Skills Show**

Suffolk businesses turned out in great numbers to support the first-ever Suffolk Skills Show; a skills and careers event reaching over 4,000 young people. The event set out to engage Suffolk's young people and provide an insight into the career opportunities available to them locally. The show, which took place at Trinity Park in Ipswich, targeted those aged between 11 and 24. The businesses exhibiting at the event worked hard to ensure those attending left with their eyes opened to the wide range of careers across Suffolk, some which they may never have considered. There were many interactive indoor and outdoor stands showcasing opportunities in energy, IT and technology, finance and business services, creative digital, agriculture, construction, motor vehicle, advanced manufacturing, ports and logistics as well as HM Forces and a 'have a go' area where attendees were able to try their hand at new skills. Those unable to make the event during the day were encouraged to come along for a drop in session in the evening to explore options available to them locally; giving them an opportunity to talk to employers, colleges, training providers and advisers about their future careers. The world of work can often seem a bewildering place to a young person. The Suffolk Skills Show plays a vital role in opening up the world of work to people, and enabling them to understand the opportunities that are out there and the skills that are needed.

### **Suffolk's Blue-light partnership awarded nearly £5 million in funding**

A newly-awarded government grant will help increase the number of shared bases in Suffolk for fire, police and ambulance services. The grant of £4.94 million follows the submission of a joint-bid, led by SCC's Fire and Rescue Service, earlier in the year to the Department of Communities and Local Government. Over the last two years, we have worked with our partners to create four shared fire and police stations which are located in Ixworth, Elmswell, Debenham and Framlingham. Ambulance crews are now based at fire stations in Lowestoft and Brandon. This national funding will support the co-location of our front-line blue-light services at further locations across Suffolk. Work will continue to establish the possibility of further shared blue-light bases across the county." The national funding will be provided in 2015 to help establish more shared bases in Suffolk. The collaborative approach creates long-term financial savings for all parties and it will help the partners work more closely together in the community. The potential three-year programme could bring the number of blue-light shared fire stations to 12 out of a total of 35 Fire and Rescue Service buildings. This grant is great news, and a vindication for the innovative work we have undertaken to bring together blue-light services where

we can. This is an exciting project, and this £5million grant will help us take our work on to the next stage.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.55