

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 24th January 2006, 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 John McKee, Mr Oliver Hitchcock, Mrs Shirley Smith, Councillor Colin Hart and Sergeant Metherell.

AGENDA.

1) Apologies for absence:- None

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 Mrs Margaret West seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- None.

4) Social Amenities Committee Progress Report:- The Christmas party held at Bruisyard Hall on the 29th November organized in conjunction with the PCC was a great success with the two organizations sharing a £780 profit.

5) Planning Matters:- It is unfortunate that the flood risk assessment from Paragon Parts is no longer acceptable and a new one at a cost of £2900 has to be carried out. It is hoped to get grant aid for this.

6) Financial Matters:-a) The Disability Advice Service has asked for financial support again this year, informing the Council that they have had 30 contacts from people from Bruisyard. Mrs Shirley Smith proposed a grant of £15 be sent to the charity and Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal. All agreed and a cheque was duly written and signed.

b) A cheque for £144.64 has been issued to Suffolk Coastal District Council Services for the 5 grass cuts in the Park. It was agreed that this was in order.

c) The contribution from the parish towards the Parish Tree scheme was £10 and a cheque for this amount has been issued. Mr Peter Robinson proposed that this was in order and Mr John McKee seconded this proposal. All agreed.

d) A cheque for £52.88 has been issued to SALC for the web site course Mrs Margaret West attended to build the parish's web site. Mr John McKee proposed that this was in order and Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal. All agreed.

7) Parish Park:- a) Mr John McKee was thanked for his hard work planting the new hedging on the Park.

Mr John McKee has obtained signs asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs and asked the other members permission to put the signs up in the Park. All agreed that the signs were a good idea and gave their permission for them to be put up.

8) Disturbance at Bruisyard Hall:- Mrs Anne Ledingham held a birthday party at Bruisyard Hall on 26th November at which fireworks were let off at 2 am in the morning disturbing many residents of Bruisyard. An informal complaint was made to Robert Rous about the incident and he wrote a letter of apology to the residents of Bruisyard in the Newsletter. He received a letter of apology from Mrs Anne Ledingham who has made a donation to the villages of £50, which has gone to the Social Amenities Fund.

9) Patient-Led NHS Consultation:- Mrs Shirley Smith reported she already contacted the PCT with her views on the current state of NHS Services for a previous consultation and receive a letter back from them informing her that there had been a poor responds of 10% to the consultation. The members agreed that this was a remarkable responds for this sort of consultation and the feeling was that the authorities did not want to listen to the public. The Clerk will respond on the Councils behalf.

10) Spring Clean Suffolk Week :- It was agreed to take part in the Spring Clean Suffolk Week, 20th March to 26th March. The Clerk will contact the Council for gloves and waste bags and arrange for them to be delivered to Mr Peter Robinson. The collected rubbish will be put in the Park for the District Council to collect. A notice for the event will appear in the March news letter.

11) Date of the Next Meeting :- 14th March

12) Any Other Business :- The Council was sent a questionnaire by the Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project, this was filled in. The idea of the Rural Coffee Caravan is that it brings a social meeting place into the community as well as bringing information to the people living there. They have tea, coffee and homemade cakes plus all sorts of information about organisations and the services they offer. The Council were asked if the Caravan could come to Bruisyard and it was decided to ask them to visit once a year in the Park to see if it is useful for our community. The date will be publicised in the Newsletter.

The Environment Agency is consulting relevant bodies about British Energy Generation Limited's permits on its nuclear power stations. The Council wish to be consulted on Sizwell stations only and the relevant documents to be sent in CD form.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15 pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.

Report from District and County Councillor Hart

Mr Colin Hart reported that he still had some money in his locality budget for 2005/2006 and was willing to assign it towards the flood assessment for the village hall. He would also be willing to add to that from the 2006/2007 budget.

County Council report:-

The government's settlement to Suffolk means there has to be some harsh cuts in spending as £24 million has to be saved to prevent council tax rises of 12 – 14 %. Most of the savings will come from social care and child care plus some on road maintenance.

District Council Report:-

Two areas to report on 1) the government has set targets for councils to process planning applications. 90% of applications will now be processed by planning officers as opposed to 80% and applications will only go to committee if there have been 3 or more people objecting to the plans.

2) There will be a change to alternate week collections of waste and recyclables with a 3 bin system in place, in order to meet the government targets on recycling. Perishable

waste will be acceptable in both waste and the composing bins eventually so that perishables will be collected every week.

Both at County and District level the cuts in the funding of Primary Care has been deemed unacceptable and pressure has been exerted at all levels has to counter this. Also Mr Colin Hart was concerned that care at home would not be phased in before closing hospital facilities. Strategic Health Authorities are to be replaced by regional authorities, with the best solution being 2 PCT's for Suffolk – Waverney has no debts and wishes to remain in its present form.

The councillor is opposing the amalgamation of the police forces. If it has to go ahead the combination of Norfolk Suffolk and Essex is the preferred combination.

The government is looking at changing local government, abolishing county councils and replacing them with a unitary system but it is unclear at present how the councils will be broken up.

The chairman thanked Mr Colin Hart for attending the meeting and giving his report.

Police Report by Sergeant Metherell

She has been the Community Police Sergeant since February 2003 and covers 59 parishes in the sector. She returned to work in November after maternity leave.

Pc Miller's post has not been filled after his move to a non-operational post for medical reasons but there is always a member of the response team on duty in the area and non-urgent matters will be referred to other community officers or to herself.

Leiston is the highest performing sector in the district with an overall detection rate of 33.7% for the period April to December. Bruisyard has only one crime recorded since 12th July and that was domestic related. Some adjacent parishes have suffered thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of power tools from sheds.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Metherell for coming to talk to the members