

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2004, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.**

**Present:** The Clerk, Mrs Eleanor Berwick (Chair), Mr Peter Robinson, Mr Jeremy Holland-Howes, Mrs Margaret West, Mrs Jan Donegan and Mrs Shirley Smith and Pc Miller.

AGENDA.

**1) Apologies for absence:-** Mr John Orr sent his apologies and has contacted the Chairman to let her know that he will have to resign from the Council due to pressure of work. The Council will receive a letter to this effect in the near future.

District Councillor Colin Hart also sent his apologies.

**2) Minutes of the last meetings:-** The minutes of the last meeting had already been circulated and read. Mr. Jeremy Holland-Howes proposed that the minutes be accepted and Mrs Margaret West seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

**3) Matters arising:-** Mrs Eleanor Berwick and the Clerk have written to Mr Paul Osborne, the chairman of the action group against the Old Rectory in Badingham being used as an alcohol/drug rehabilitation centre, expressing the Councils views as discussed at the last meeting.

**4) Planning Matters:-** Three applications were considered by the planning committee:-

1) A single-storey extension and erection of a detached cart-shed outbuilding at Hill Farm, Low Road, Bruisyard.

2) A single-storey front extension to Mill House, Mill Lane, Bruisyard

3) A single-storey side extension and a detached garage at Victoria Cottage, Badingham Road, Bruisyard.

All three applications got the support of the committee and the application for Hill Farm has already been passed.

There is a proposal by Saxon Windpower to erect 6 one hundred meter high wind turbines on Parham Airfield. The company held an exhibition at the airfield on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004 to discuss and explain the project to surrounding communities. The Chairman expressed the view that, although she is in favour of the aims of wind power, she felt the scale of the proposed turbines was totally out of keeping with the landscape and would be very intrusive to the local communities. The other members endorsed this view and felt that this development should be opposed for the reasons outlined at the meeting held at Great Glemham Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

Mr Robert Smith of Bruisyard has written to the Chairman asking if the Parish Council would be willing to support Great Glemham and Marlesford Parish Councils in their opposition to the wind farm. Mrs Margaret West proposed that letters of opposition should be sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council and other relevant interested parties. Mrs Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

**5) Village Hall:-** Mr Peter Robinson reported on his progress with the proposed village hall. Paragon Parts flood risk assessment has been accepted.

Heritage Housing would charge £180 per annum for the sewage to be discharged into their system and it would be expensive and difficult to connect to the sewage works. Alternatively a bio system can be purchased from Atlantic for £2150 + vat and it was agreed by all that this would be a better solution for the disposal of sewage.

The full budget to install the temporary building, as a village hall would be in the region of £5,500

**6) Village Sign:-** Mrs Anne Smith has agreed to carry out the design and art work for the new village sign. It was agreed that both sides of the sign should have the same design depicting St Clare of the Poor Clares. She has obtained an approximate quote for casting the sign into aluminium from Art Founders of Braintree of £520 + vat if both sides are cast together. If the sides have to be cast separately, it would be £460 + vat each. The total cost, including paints, mould making and gilding material, would be about £800 - £1100.

**7) Highway Matters:-**

The new owners of Hill Farm had erected new gates at their entrance onto Bannock Lane, very close to the road. The Clerk had contacted the Highways Department to determine whether the gates encroached onto verges owned by the County Council. The gates have recently been removed.

Mr Gander has contacted the council asking for support in his request that the Highway Department reduce the grass triangle at the junction in front of his house, Victoria Cottage, to enable lorries to turn right without driving over his verge. The Clerk has contacted Mr Mark Kerridge of the Highways Department and agreed to arrange a site meeting with Mr Gander to discuss the best solution to the problems. The Chairman agreed to attend the site meeting and the Clerk would arrange a date to suit all parties.

**8) Parish Park:-** Mrs Jan Donegan reported that surface water was backing up in the ditch opposite No1 Rendham Road. Mr Peter Robinson would inspect the ditch and try and clear it if possible and contact Tim Kindred to clear it if necessary.

There is a problem with mole hills in the Park and CDC Blowers have been asked to quote for eradicating the moles.

**9) Financial Matters:-** a) Mr Peter Robinson attended a meeting at Suffolk Coastal District Council to discuss the setting of the council tax rate for the year 2004/2005. The increase for this year, on current expenditure, was close to 10% but the Councillors and officers of the Council were trying to reduce this to a 5% rise. It has already been announced that the County Council tax rise will be 3.9% this year.

The Clerk had calculated that all the precept for the last year had been spent.

The members all agreed that there should be a rise in the precept this year, as the cost of insurance and SALC subscriptions will increase. After discussion, Mr Jeremy Holland-Howes proposed a 4% rise in the precept to £936 in line with the County Council rise. Mrs Margaret West seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

b) An invoice was received from Mr R J Steward for cutting the Park Hedges and a cheque was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2003 for £32.90. Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed that the issuing of this cheque was in order, Mrs Jan Donegan seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

c) An invoice was received from Suffolk Coastal District Council for the May election expenses and a cheque was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2003 for £78.91. Mrs Margaret West proposed that the issuing of this cheque was in order, Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

d) The external auditors, Lubbock Fine have returned and approved the statement of accounts for the year 2002/2003. An invoice was received from Lubbock Fines for the audit and a cheque was issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2003 for £58.75. Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed that the issuing of this cheque was in order, Mrs Jan Donegan seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

e) A request for a donation has been received from the Disability Advice Services. This is a service used by a number of residents in the village and Mrs Jan Donegan proposed that

a donation of £10 be sent to the charity. Mr Peter Robinson seconded this proposal and all were in favour. A cheque was written and signed.

**10) Onesuffolk website:-** This website has been set up to cover all services and voluntary groups in Suffolk. Parish Councils have the option of having a presence free of charge and there is no specialist knowledge required to service the site.

All agreed that Bruisyard Parish Council should register an interest in the site.

**11) Village Plan:-** The Clerk was asked to inquire of Steve Brown, the development plans manager for Suffolk Coastal District Council, what the contents of a village plan should be and the best way to consult and draw up a plan. This information will be available at the next meeting and a decision as to how to proceed would be taken then.

Mrs Eleanor Berwick will attend a rural housing seminar to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2004 by Orwell Housing covering the subject of affordable housing. The relationship of Orwell Housing to Heritage Housing, the housing association operating in the parish's area, is not known, and Mrs Eleanor Berwick will enquire into this.

**12) Date of the Next Meeting:-** This was fixed for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

**13) Any Other Business:-** There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.

Pc Kevin Miller, the community police officer, addressed the meeting.

Pc Millar was happy to report that there had been no crimes in Bruisyard in 2003. The previous twelve months had seen 11 crimes reported, some of them fairly serious.