

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 28th September 2004, 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, Mrs Shirley Smith and Pc Miller.

AGENDA.

1) Apologies for absence:- Mrs Jan Donegan and District Councillor Colin Hart sent their apologies.

2) Minutes of the last meetings:- The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July had already been circulated and read. Mrs Margaret West proposed that the minutes be accepted and Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- The Clerk pointed out that the newsletter would not always be published every month so an annual fee for adverts would not be appropriate. £5 would be charged for the first ad and £4 for any repeats.

4) Licensing Consultation:- The responsibility for granting licences will no longer rest with magistrates from 7th February 2005 but with local district councils. The members completed a questionnaire, from Suffolk Coastal District Council, on the issues surrounding this change. Pc Miller was able to explain the implications of the new arrangements.

5) Financial Matters:- a) A cheque for £15 has been issued to cover the cost for Peter Robinson to attend the course, run by Suffolk Preservation Society, on planning. Mrs Shirley Smith proposed that this was in order. Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

b) Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed a payment of £105.75 be made to CDC Blowers Contracting for cutting grass in the park 3 times from 2nd June to 21st September 2004. Mrs Margaret West seconded this proposal and all were in favour. A cheque was duly written and signed.

An estimate from CDC Blowers for digging out the ditch in the park came to £323. It was agreed that this was more than anticipated and Mr Peter Robinson will approach Mr Tim Kindred of Cransford for another quote.

c) The annual audit has been returned by Lubbock Fine and everything was in order. A cheque for £58.75 has been issued to the company in payment for the audit and Mrs Margaret West proposed that this was in order. Mrs Shirley Smith seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

d) The Leiston, Saxmundham and District CAB informed the members in a letter that 26 clients approached them from Bruisyard in 2003/2004. They made a request for a grant from the Parish Council to help with their expenses. Mr Jeremy Holland-Howes proposed a grant of £15 be awarded to the charity and Mr Peter Robinson seconded this proposal. All were in favour and a cheque was written and signed.

There has been an approach to the Council to give financial support to building Framlingham Community Centre. The Members decided that in view of expenses the Council face in the short term they were unable to help with this project at this time.

e) Alde Community Council have distributed the money which was left after winding up the youth club. A cheque for £150 has been deposited as Bruisyard's share of this money with the request it is spent to benefit the youngsters of Bruisyard.

Suffolk Coastal District Council is transferring all its operational services to Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd, A subsidiary of Norfolk County Council Services Ltd on 1st August 2004.

6) Planning Matters:- 1) A proposal to develop barns at Bruisyard Hall to make holiday accommodation and a function room went to the Council's North Area Team Development Control Sub-Committee on 18th August 2004. Members were informed of this meeting by email.

7) Highway Matters:- Suffolk County Council has a duty to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan and as part of the assessment stage a questionnaire is being sent to parish councils to gauge opinions in the parishes. The Members filled in the questionnaire and it will be returned to the County Council.

The hedge to the White House, Badingham is still causing visibility problems on the B1120. The Clerk has tried to contact Mr David Thompson by email and phone and asked him to reduce the height of his hedge. Residents of Bruisyard concerned about this problem have contacted Highways. Mrs Eleanor Berwick will try and speak to Mr Thompson on behalf of the Council.

8) Steering committee for Village Plan:- The steering committee have produced a draft questionnaire and asked the council members for comments. Mrs Eleanor Berwick asked for the question dealing with a proposed play area in Bruisyard Church to be dropped as she felt that the Parish Council would have difficulties funding and maintaining this. The other members agreed with this view and felt any resources available would be best spent on existing facilities.

A question on schooling should be added to ascertain which schools the children were attending and whether parents were able to send children to the school of their choice.

9) Village Sign:- The cast aluminium design of St Clare has been collected from the foundry with screw fittings for the original frame.

10) Parish Park:- The hedges have not yet been cut and the ditch has still to be dug out. Mr Peter Robinson has carried out an assessment of the play facilities for the suitability for disabled users and made a report. This is to comply with new regulations, which come into force on 1st October 2004.

11) Dates of Next Meeting:- The date for the next meeting was fixed for 16th November.

14) Any Other Business:- An ambulance had difficulty locating the correct address in the last two months. Mrs Margaret West was asked if she could reissue grid references for every household in the village.

The Environment Agency is undertaking a review of authorisations for the disposal of radioactive waste issued to British Energy Generation Ltd. This review includes Sizwell B. At the end of the review, analyses and then consultation new limits for radioactive discharges may be set.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry

Pc Miller addressed the meeting:-

He was happy to have his contact phone number at Framlingham Police station (01728 723666) circulated and advertised on posters.

The only crime to report was that a lady's car bodywork was scratched while parked on Rendham Road. There are no leads at present.

Over the summer months he has not spent as much time on duty in the area due to being on secondment to Felixstowe and Aldeburgh divisions.