

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11 November 2013, at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

**Present:** John Marten, Peter Robinson, Anne Smith, Thelma Barham, John McKee, The Clerk

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Participation:**

Ms Maria Langlois of 3Vicarage Cottages has taken to the floor with the following questions:

What is the purpose of this Council?

Is it improper that parish councillor gains employment because he is a parish councillor?

Have the Parish Council got any rights to monitor Ms Langois and interfere in her business?

If dogs and cats are coming into gardens why don't the residents put litter trays out?

Paul Rous of Bruisyard Hall has confirmed that the Hall is hosting Christmas drinks reception at the Hall on Sunday 22 December at 4.30 and everyone in the village is welcome to attend.

**2. Apologies for absence:** none. Absent: James Ingmire.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:** Anne Smith proposed that minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record. John McKee seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

**4. Matter arising:** None.

**5. Councillor vacancy:**

Four candidates put themselves forward to fill in the vacancy: Paul Church, Paul Rous, Roger Ley and Stephen Stow. After careful and thorough consideration John McKee suggested that Stephen Stow is appointed as the new Councillor. Peter Robinson seconded the proposal. Stephen has some experience of the planning process so the Council suggested that he could be the head of the Planning Committee.

**6. Village Hall Committee Report:**

There is on going discussion about replacing current heating maintenance provider Sapphire Heating. Work has been started on the path. Councillor Burroughs confirmed that £1100 will be contributed to it. The remainder of the sum will come from locality budget. Water bill for £178 for 6 months has been received from the Essex and Suffolk Water. Peter Robinson will query it as it appears to be too high. Perhaps, the meter is faulty.

**7. Report from Suffolk County Councillor:**

He is currently locked down in combat with the planning department about the way forward for the planning process. The housing association is not performing as well as it ought to. Broadband speeds are really poor. There are no superfast speeds in the county, and definitely not in rural areas. The Council is working on it but the cost of doing fibre in isolated areas is prohibitive.

**8. Financial Matters:**

John Marten has been asked to leave the room while discussing items 8c and 8d on the agenda. He filled in 'Declaration of Interest' book. Anne Smith proposed that financial transactions c) to d) are approved and John McKee seconded this proposal.

John Marten has been asked to return to the room to discuss the remainder of transactions. John McKee proposed that financial transactions a), b) and e) to i) are in order and Peter Robinson seconded this proposal.

- a) To have paid £45.11 to SCDC for use of land at Rendham Road
- b) To have paid £23.90 to Anne Smith for two ink cartridges
- c) To have paid £195.00 to John Marten for grass cutting
- d) To have paid £132.00 to John Marten for grass cutting
- e) To have paid £522.73 to Suffolk Acre Services for Village Hall insurance
- f) To have paid £16.75 to E-on
- g) To have paid £156.00 to Sapphire Heating
- h) To have paid £30.00 to Teresa McKee for cleaning
- i) To have paid £125.00 for ACC deposit refund

**9. Park and dog bins:**

At the last council meeting it was decided to leave this till spring, then as John Marten was cutting the grass he discovered that dog fouling is still going on. CCTV was on and we need to have a look at tapes. Review this issue in March.

**10. Portholes and grit bins:**

If we want portholes to be filled in we need to contact Richard Callum at the Highways Agency. It will take a week to two weeks. Grit bins: last time John Marten checked the bins they were not filled up. The grit bins will definitely be filled up before Christmas.

**11. Low Road sign:**

A village resident has asked John Marten where Low Road is. Perhaps we could do something about the signage in the Village. Speak to Councillor Burroughs to see if there is some funding available. Traffic has increased through the village with the increase of internet shopping.

**12. Grass and Hedge Cutting in 2014:** John Marten might get a full time job so it might go to tender. Anne Smith will contact Geoff Rogers to the quote for the hedge cutting.

**13. Speeding along Church road at 30mph limit:**

The only way to stop speeding is the sleeping policeman, but who is going to enforce it.

**14. Play area:**

Contact Play Space in SCDC and Awards for All. Quote from Proludic has been revised. The Clerk has asked Anne Smith to send a revised quote to the Clerk.

**15. Date of the next meeting:** Monday 13 January.

**16. Any other business:** None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05.