

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005, 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 Oliver Hitchcock and Mrs Shirley Smith. Mr John McKee and Mr Roger Kindred attended the meeting as members of the public.

AGENDA.

**1) Apologies for absence:-** Mr Colin Hart and Pc Kevin Miller sent their apologies

**2) Minutes of the last meetings:-** The minutes of the last meeting had already been circulated and read. Mrs Shirley Smith proposed that the minutes be accepted and Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

**3) Matters arising:-** No matters arising

**4) Replacement of Jan Donegan on the Council:-** Mrs Jan Donegan sent a letter of resignation to the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> February regretting that she was unable to serve as a Councillor for Bruisyard any longer due to personal circumstances and a move from the village. The required 10 electors have not given notice claiming an election in the prescribed period of 14 days and the Council can fill the vacancy by co- option.

Mrs Eleanor Berwick hoped it would be possible to keep the balance between male and female members and also the two ends of the village. Both Mr John McKee and Mr Roger Kindred were willing to serve as a Councillor if there was a difficulty in filling the vacancy. Mr David Smith was another candidate to be considered. The Chairman asked the members to think about who would be a suitable replacement.

**5) Financial Matters:- a)** The Clerk and the Chairman had studied the banking package offered by Abbey. The advantages are that the account is operated by post and the phone, they pay interest on all balances and there are no bank charges on transactions within limits the Council can work with. The Clerk will be the first applicant on the account with up to 6 Councillors mandated to sign cheques. Legally two Councillors have to sign cheques. Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed that the Council should change its account from Barclays to Abbey. Mrs Margaret West seconded this proposal and all were in favour. The Clerk will obtain the required identification documents and signatures from the Councillors and will open the accounts.

**b)** There has been no invoice submitted to the Council for grass cutting.

**c)** Mrs Eleanor Berwick has now received the wording and size of the signs for the Park gates and will ask Mr Nick Ashwell for a quote.

**d)** The Members agreed to support the Suffolk Accident Rescue Services again. Mr Peter Robinson proposed that £15 was an appropriate donation. Mr Oliver Hitchcock seconded this proposal and all agreed. A cheque was duly written and signed.

**6) Village Plan:-** The final draft of the village plan will be completed shortly. A meeting of the Parish Council was arranged to study and approve the village plan on 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7: 30. The Clerk will send the parish plan and agenda to all members by email well before the date.

**7) Planning Matters:- a)** Permission has been granted to convert and extend the existing barn to holiday accommodation at Bruisyard Hall. The members of the Council have not seen the revised plans the permission is based on and the Clerk will contact the planning department for a copy of the revised plans.

b) Permission has been granted for the amendments to the original approved plans for unit 3, The Winery Bruisyard.

c) Mr Peter Robinson and the Clerk attended a presentation on 7<sup>th</sup> March in Saxmundham outlining the draft version of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England drawn up by The East of England Regional Assembly. Suffolk has been designated to absorb a large number of houses between now and 2021, mainly around Martelsham Ipswich corridor and Felixstowe. Mr Peter Robinson expressed doubts that the jobs and the necessary infrastructure will be in place to justify this amount of expansion in the housing sector. Suffolk Preservation Society has circulated its objections to the plans and these correspond with Mr Peter Robinson's views, therefore he has endorsed their views as his response to the draft East of England Plan. Having studied Suffolk Preservation Societies objections the members agreed that the Clerk will also endorse their views on behalf of the Council as a whole.

d) The Clerk contacted SALC for advice on the problem of developers deviating from agreed plans. They confirmed that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council as consultees to the planning proposes to monitor any unauthorised changes. Mrs Eleanor Berwick expressed the opinion that she would not feel comfortable inspecting developments for planning deviations. The members will adhere to the procedures agreed upon at the last meeting for following up planning discrepancies.

**8) Highway Matters:-** Mrs Margaret West reported that a curb stone on the bottom end of Mill Lane was sticking out and 2 vehicles have punctured tyres on it. She has reported it to the Highways department. Mr Peter Robinson noted that a concrete post near the remains of the old milk table had disintegrated leaving 4 metal posts sticking out of the ground. The Clerk will contact the Highways department concerning the two previous problems. Mr Peter Robinson will also contact Mr Robert Rous to ask him if he could remove the remains of the milk table during his program of tidying up in that area.

**9) Parish Park:-** a) Suffolk Coast Services Limited is running a Spring-time anti-litter campaign. For any group organising a litter pick they will issue waste sacks and gloves and take the waste away afterwards. The Chairman suggested a litter pick be arranged for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 meeting in the Park to clear any debris brought up by the ditch clearance. The Clerk will fill in the form asking for gloves and sacks. An advert in the Parish newsletter and a poster on the board will advertise the event.

b) The Chairman has examined the gap in the Park hedge and found 3 posts in place. The clerk has wire and netting that will fill this gap temporarily until hedging plants can be obtained in the autumn.

**10) SCDC survey:-** Suffolk Coastal District Council's survey on communication between parish and District Council was filled in

**11) Date of the Next Meeting and AGM:-** This was fixed for 11<sup>th</sup> April to endorse the Parish Plan and the AGM to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005. The Parish Meeting will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 with a presentation of the Parish Plan.

**12). Any Other Business:-** The planning application for the wind farm at Parham was submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

There have been a number of break-ins and attempted break-ins to sheds in Dennington.

The stile on the footpath leading off Bruisyard Street has been removed there was a query as to why. The Clerk will contact the rights of way officer

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.