

Minutes of the open meeting for the PARISH of BRUISYARD held on Tuesday 6th July 2004, at 7.30pm in the Vestry, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.

Present:-

Jeremy Holland-Howes	John McKee	Peter Robinson
Rupert Wallis	Terry Gander	Michelle Gander
Robert Rous	Nicola Able	Oliver Hitchcock
Winifred Higgins	Bobbie Coe – Paragon Parts	John Handley-Paragon Parts
Shirley Smith	Jan Donegan	Shelly Donegan
Ian Berwick	Robert Smith	Wendy Brown
Thelma Barham	Brenda Percival	Jean Turner
David Smith	Mary Bassett	James Bassett
Eleanor Berwick	Anne Smith	

Apologies for absence:- Susie Marshall, Mark Marshall, Leslie Cullen, John Barham, Richard Pawle, District Councillor Colin Hart, Michael Wright and Bina Murray.

Address by Parish Council Chairman:- Mrs Eleanor Berwick welcomed all those present. She told the meeting that the Parish Council had been responsible for a number of changes in the village since its formation:- having Bruisyard signs erected at the parish boundaries, obtaining the Parish Park and being responsible for its upkeep, installing the village sign on the Pound and most recently supplying grit bins, in response to a request from residents of Rendham Road. Monitoring the condition of the roads in the Parish, liaising with the Highways Department and ensuring the continuation of a bus service for those who want it are other functions the Council carries out.

The idea of having a Village Plan and consulting with the residents is to determine what development those living in the village want. A Village Plan will show that the residents of Bruisyard consider themselves as one community and not two communities of Bruisyard Street and Bruisyard Church.

Suffolk Coast District Council are introducing a new Local Plan to be introduced in 2006 and at a workshop meeting attended by Councillors it became apparent that small villages like Bruisyard, with few facilities would not, in future, be allowed any development at all. The Council members, although not wanting large-scale development, felt that this was an unacceptable situation and a Village Plan will be taken into account by the local authorities when considering any local plans for the village. The village envelope will no longer exist. The Plan would determine if there is a need for affordable housing

At present there is no adequate meeting place to hold any social function and a Village Plan would find out if there was a need for a village hall. A hall could cater for youth groups, groups for children of all ages, a meeting place for the elderly, a computer group, evening classes, exercise classes and many other social functions.

There is funding to be spent on the play areas in the village, arising from the development of the vineyard buildings, the plan could determine how this is spent.

General Discussion:-

There then followed a general discussion with residents pointing out that what they liked about living in Bruisyard was its unspoilt character. The members of the Council clarified any queries about the above points. It was pointed out that if the village wanted to raise funds from charitable bodies to build a village hall or any other project, then having the Village Plan showing a need for facilities would greatly help the cause.

Volunteers would be required for a steering committee, with delivering and collection of questionnaires and with processing data.

Vote on Having a Village Plan:-

A vote was taken on having a village plan. There was a unanimous vote in favour.

Volunteers:-

John McKee, Wendy Brown and Michelle Gander volunteered to help with the village plan. The Parish Council will also support the plan.

The Chairman thanked everybody for coming and thanked the PCC for the use of the vestry. The Chairman then closed the meeting.