

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 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 District Councillor Peter Howard.

AGENDA.

**1) Apologies for absence:-** District Councillor Colin Hart sent his apologies.

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

**3) Matters arising:-** Mrs Eleanor Berwick and the Clerk have written to Suffolk Coastal District Council supporting Great Glemham and Parham Parish Council's objections to siting a wind farm on Parham airfield with the added concerns about the aviation hazard and the fact that the airfield would almost certainly have been mined in World War 2.

Mrs Eleanor Berwick attended a Rural Housing Seminar. She informed the group of the problems Bruisyard had had with Heritage Housing's lack of communication, resulting in a house being sold off before checking with the Council if there was a need for it. She was told that there is now a rural housing enablement officer to give help when required.

**4) Co-option of a new Councillor:-** The chairman said she wished to maintain the male/female balance of the Council and to this end she has approached Mr Oliver Hitchcock to be the replacement of John Orr. He has asked for a meeting with the Chairman to ascertain more information as to what is involved but unfortunately they were not able to find a mutually convenient time before the meeting. The members were all happy with the proposed co-option of Mr Oliver Hitchcock a Councillor to replace Mr John Orr.

Mrs Jan Donegan informed the meeting that Mr Edward Blowers has expressed an interested in the work of the Council and was willing to be called on to help with any event.

**5) Planning Matters:-** 1) The conversion of the stable block to a residential dwelling at Bruisyard Wines was considered by the Council's North Area Team Development Control Sub-Committee at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004. The Parish Council has not been informed of the outcome of this meeting.

2) A single-storey front extension to Mill House, Mill Lane, Bruisyard has been approved.

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

A letter was received from Suffolk Preservation Society, asking if members were interested in a planning training day, the cost would be £15 per delegate. The Clerk has informed them that Bruisyard would send a delegate to a planning training day. Interest was expressed by a number of Members.

**6) Village Hall:-** Unfortunately, the offer of the portable building from Cransford Hall has been withdrawn but Mr Peter Robinson has been looking into alternatives so the project of having a village hall can still go ahead. He has contacted Sam Jackson, at Suffolk Acre, who was very helpful and will guide the Parish Council through the process of fund raising. Great Glemham received a large lottery grant to rebuild their village hall and a grant from this

source could be forthcoming if there is proof of the need for the facility. It is hoped that the village falls in the category of a rural deprived area and so will qualify for a lottery grant.

Mr Peter Robinson has also approached Mr Robert Rous to ask him if he would be willing to let the Parish Council have sufficient land adjacent to the Parish Park to build a village hall on and create car parking, he was amenable to this. Details have to be gone into.

Windmill lodges are producing a building 15m by 5m to be used as a classroom but they are waiting for building approval for this product. It cost about £25000 and Mr Peter Robinson thought it maybe suitable as a village hall.

**7) Village Sign:-** The art work for the village sign is in the last stages of being completed by Anne Smith. A number of the Councillors have been to view the work and expressed their approval. The foundry cost will be between £600 and £1100 including the VAT and they will require a deposit of 50% before the work can begin. Mrs Eleanor Berwick proposed that it would be in order to issue a cheque for the 50% deposit if it was required before the next meeting. Mrs Jan Donegan seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

**8) Highway Matters:-** The Chairman, the Clerk and Mr Gander met with Mr Mark Kerridge of the Highways Department at Victoria Cottage to discuss the problem of lorries turning at the junction. It was agreed that the triangle of grass at the junction will be reduced in June or July when general maintenance is carried out. The replacement of the direction sign was also discussed along with the need for a bend warning sign.

A letter from Mr Kerridge has confirmed the grass will be reduced and the direction sign replaced with the addition of the way to the A1120. The erection of the bend warning sign has to have the approval of the Parish Council. Mrs Margaret West proposed that the Council should give its approval of the erection of the bend warning sign. Mr Peter Robinson seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

**b)** The Members did not feel that the need for Bruisyard to participate in Litter Action, Spring 2004.

**9) Financial Matters:- a)** The Precept for the next financial year has been fixed at £936 as agreed by the Members at the meeting in January 2004. The first instalment of £468 will be paid on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004 with a second instalment in September 2004.

**b)** The Clerk reported that the Council had £516 in the current account and £1,687 in the deposit account.

**c)** Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service requested the Council's financial support for this year. Mrs Shirley Smith proposed that a donation of £15 should be sent to this charity. Mrs Eleanor Berwick seconded this proposal and all were in favour. A cheque was written and signed.

A letter of thanks was received from the Disability Advice Service for the donation sent to them.

The Volunteer Centre based at Leiston, which covers the village of Bruisyard and has asked the Council for financial support. The Members wished to ask them for more information as to the services they offer the community before they could decided to grant them funds from the Parish precept.

**10) Parish Park:-** The Council is waiting for a quote from Mr Blowers for the eradication of moles. He sends his apologies for the delay but his computer has crashed.

The English Basketball Association have contacted Mrs Jan Donegan to inform her that they will carry out a maintenance check on the basketball facility on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004.

**11) Onesuffolk website:-** The Clerk has registered the Parish's interest in the Onesuffolk website but has not had any further information.

**12) Village Plan:-** The Members agreed that there was the need for the village plan as this would strengthen the case for funding the village hall project. Information from Steve Brown has been obtained as to how to proceed. Mrs Annette Grey of Suffolk Acre will give a talk at a public meeting outlining what is involved in putting together a village plan.

It was agreed to discuss the need for the village plan at the Parish Meeting in May and then arrange a specific meeting to set up the steering committee to carry out the questionnaire and draw up the plan. Unfortunately there is now no funding available from the Countryside Agency to help with the cost of carrying out the village plan.

**13) Date of the Next Meeting:-** This was fixed for 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

**14) Any Other Business:-** Mrs Jan Donegan Will represent Bruisyard Parish Council at the Alde Community Council at there AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> April if possible.

It has been reported that the business Paragon Parts has sold its premises in Bruisyard to company dealing in architectural salvage. It was not envisaged this would cause the village problems.

The phone box in Rendham Road is reported to be in a bad state of repair. Mrs Jan Donegan volunteered to contact BT to request that it is repaired. It was agreed that the style of the box should be maintained if possible.

An inspection of the swing area would be carried out before the next meeting to ascertain what was necessary to be done to block of the ditch at the far side of the area.

Mr Robert Rous has asked to be put in touch with Mrs Francis Hitchcock concerning the hedgerow survey.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30 pm and thanked the PCC for the use of the Vestry.

County Councillor Peter Howard addressed the meeting.

Mr Peter Howard gave the members a talk on the waste management of Suffolk.

The budget for waste management for 2004/ 2005 has gone up by 7% to £14 million and is projected to rise to £30 million in the next 8 years – more if there is an unexpected increase in waste.

The amount of recycling must triple to meet targets set for the County even though Suffolk was 11<sup>th</sup> in the countries recycling table in 2002 with 20% recycled. A large number of recycling centres have been set up around the County, including a landfill credit centre scheme at Parham, this takes advantage of a government grant allocation of £35/ ton tax credit rising to £55/ ton in a few years. Grants can be applied for from the landfill tax credit scheme for energy efficient projects.

Alternatives to landfill are being explored, including incineration, even though the County has 26 years capacity for landfill. There is an EU directive to reduce the amount of biodegradable material going into landfill by 60%. The East of England Development Agency has laid down a directive that Suffolk must obtain 12% of its energy requirements from renewable sources by 2010.

The Chairman thanked Mr Howard for coming to the meeting and for his talk on waste management.