

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 11 January 2016, at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

Present: John Marten, Peter Robinson, Anne Smith, John McKee, Stephen Stow, Thelma Barham.

AGENDA

- 1. Public participation:** Paul Church has commented that the telephone box on Rendham Road needs to be painted as it is in a state of disrepair. The Clerk to contact BT to enquiry what can be done.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 3. Declaration of interests by Parish Councillors:** None.
- 4. Minutes of the last meeting:** John McKee proposed that minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record. Anne Smith seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
- 5. Matter arising:** Swings are the parish council's responsibility so they need to be cleaned. They are quite ok structurally. It has been agreed that Paul Church's children will do the cleaning. Church Lane has been repaired, the ditch has been done, but only half has been done.
- 6. Village Hall Committee Report:**
John McKee reported that bookings are coming in nice and steady. One booking had to be turned away, drums for August Bank Holiday as they were quite loud last year and caused a lot of disturbance as well as a certain number of complaints.

Fence and the gate will have to be re-done. New Year's Eve party was slightly disappointing with only 16 people showing up and £160 loss. But it is the first time the shortfall happened.

7. Financial Matters:

Peter Robinson reported that £62.61 was reimbursed to Village Hall because of VAT change – this needs to be reflected in the Village Hall spreadsheet.

Anne Smith has requested that when reporting on financial transactions the Clerk includes the date the transaction was entered onto the spreadsheet.

Precept will be set at £2500.00 no increase from 2015-2016 figure.

Anne Smith proposed that financial transactions a) to r) were all in order and John McKee seconded this proposal.

- a) Payment to Kindlewood for grass cutting of £72.00
- b) Payment to Kindlewood for grass cutting of £180.00
- c) Payment to Aiden Church for hedge cutting of £25.00
- d) Payment to Geoff Rogers for hedge cutting of £121.50
- e) Payment to Playsafety Ltd. for RoSPA playground inspection of £85.20
- f) Payment to clerk of £200.00
- g) Payment to Post Office Ltd. (HMRC) of £50.00
- h) Payment to E-On of £92.10
- i) Payment to B T McKee for cleaning of £45.00
- j) Payment to P Browning Electrician for lights installation, hand dryer fitting and kitchen lights replacement of £1040.00
- k) Payment to Kindlewood for grass cutting of £120.00
- l) Payment to S & C Roberts for food and wine tasting evening of £261.88
- m) Payment to Anne Smith for food and wine tasting evening of £70.28
- n) Payment to Scottish Power of £70.00
- o) Payment to Holmes Glazing for window replacement £104.40
- p) Payment to B T McKee for cleaning of £55.00
- q) Payment to C A S Insurance for Village Hall insurance of £549.36
- r) Payment to Scottish Power of £70.00
- s) At the last statement the Parish Council current account held £3511.74, the deposit account held £482.58 and the Village Hall account held £11157.19
- t) The Clerk reported that the budget for PC is slightly over budget because of the unexpected rise in the auditing fees of £180.00 in total from SALC and BDO. The Parish Council insurance with CAS has also gone up by £40.34 due to the fact that we added the new play area to the list of insured items. However, this covers public liability insurance only. We are under budget in all other expenditure fields.

8. Grass Cutting: It has been decided to award the contract for grass cutting in 2016 to Kindlewood again. Kindlewood has wrongly involved the VH £30 per cut whereas the price should be £20 per cut. It has been agreed that the outstanding amount of £150 (with one cut outstanding at the time of the meeting) will be credited towards next year's invoices. We will ask Kindlewood to do 12 cuts as standards with extra cuts requested on individual basis should they be required between May and September.

9. Election of a New Councillor: The notices for the vacancy have been displayed in the village for the required amount of time, there has only been one application from Paul Church. It has been decided that Paul Church will join the Parish

Council effective immediately. The Chairman welcome Paul Church as a new member of the Parish Council.

10. Date of the next meeting:

Monday 14 March 2016 at 7.30pm.

11. Any other business:

John McKee reported that the fence and gate at the entrance to the Village Hall needs to be spruced up. There are a couple of dead trees that need to come out. John McKee to organise.

Anne Smith reported that the newsletter will be coming out every other month. Ann enquired whether we could pay printing company, Leiston Press, for printing it. The cost will be £100 for 80 copies. Anne is having a meeting with Leiston Press and she will discuss it with them if there is any movement on price.

We need to email to those residents of the village whose emails we have asking them to do a speed test for their broadband and present the information to Dan Poulter and Better Broadband for Suffolk. Broadband speed in Bruisyard is unacceptably slow, and we need to push for this to be improved. The more people complain about the broadband speed the better.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50.