

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 12 March 2012, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Rendham Road, Bruisyard Street.**

**Present:** The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chairman), John Marten, John McKee, Jeremy Holland-Howes, Thelma Barham, and Susanne Marshall.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence:** James Ingmire
- 2. Minutes of the last meetings:** The minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated and read. Everyone agreed minutes of the last minutes to be accepted. John Martin agreed and Thelma Barham seconded this proposal
- 3. Matters arising:** Bridge railings have been painted. John Martin suggested that the village does it every year but John McKee pointed out that Highways Agency are responsible for it and should do it.
- 4. Appointment of Clerk:** Helen Fomenko, residing in Framlingham, has been appointed the new parish Council Clerk for Bruisyard. Helen's employment with the Parish Council commenced on 13 February 2012. Helen is to be paid by-monthly, by cheque at Parish Council Meeting.
- 5. Village Hall Sub-Committee Report:** Nothing to report, all in order. The weekend of 10 and 11 March the Village Hall played host to singers and dancers events which was well attended. However, only 4 people from Bruisyard were in attendance. Event was well advertised on the radio and in the papers.
- 6. Financial Matters:**

The following items have been approved for payment

- a. VAT refund of £496, where £225.43 has been paid by cheque to the Bruisyard Village Hall
- b. payment for the Jubilee mugs £206.40
- c. repayment of petty cash to Anne Smith of £9.71

John McKee proposed we pay the above items, John Marten seconded this proposal.

Graham Peck – District Councillor updated the council on the code of conduct. Standard order of conduct had been disbanded at the end of January 2012. Suffolk Coastal District Council is working on a new code of conduct. Parish Council is entitled to agree its own code of conduct, Parish Council can elect to follow District Council code of conduct. There will not be many changes but the Parish Council should be receiving information from the District Council. It should be more transparent and fair than it was in the past. Not much to worry about and the plan should be adopted at the end of July 2012.

Graham has also reported on the issue of pre determination. The council is asking for Parish councillors views on it and want to take us to task on it. Predetermination is worrying a lot of people and the reality is that we need a true and balanced view of it.

John McKee mentioned that number 2 Rendham Road belonging to Flagship Housing has still not been rented out. Graham reported that the issue of housing is going to come up at the scrutiny committee meetings. If the squatters were to move in then the due procedure will begin.

**7. Park:** Nothing to report at the moment but the grass will need cutting.

**8. Coming events and dates:**

Every Wednesday, Bruisyard Young People in the Village Hall from 6.00 to 7.30pm.

Saturday 14 April, Sausage and Mash at the Village Hall £6 an adult ticket, £4 children, family quiz, hoping to get 60 people.

Friday 11 May, Wine Tasting Evening in Bruisyard Village Hall.

19 September – country singer Frank McCaffrey is coming to Village Hall

A charity event takes place in Sweffling on Saturday in the early April to raise money for Dave Fordham's granddaughter treatment

**9. Premises Licence for The Barn at Bruisyard Hall:**

Peter Robinson declared a personal interest which was recorded in the declaration of interest book. Susanne Marshall declared prejudicial interest and was asked to leave the room. She duly did so.

Parish Council has received a proposal for the variation of condition 17 (hours of use) of planning permission C10/0061 to allow the use of the function room until 12.30am on any day of the week and until 2am on 10 occasions a year.

Peter Robinson has asked for the Councillors' opinions on the matter. John McKee had no objection to it as that is pretty much the standard. Peter Robinson asked Councillors to vote on the subject. The vote was unanimous in favour of agreeing with the variation of condition (application no C12/0391). Peter Robinson has asked Parish Clerk to advise SCDC of this decision.

Parish Council received another application from SCDC with the application to remove 18 metres of blackthorn hedge alongside road and either side of the drive to Bruisyard Hall. This is in order to facilitate the erection of cattle access gate and metal railings and gate to the Hall. The Councillors voted unanimously in favour of allowing this to be done.

**10. Date of next meeting:** Next meeting of the Bruisyard Parish Council and AGM takes place on Monday 14 May

## **11. Any other business:**

Grass cutting is required outside the Village Hall. It was agreed that John Marten will continue cutting the grass.

Annual membership with Suffolk Acre needs to be paid. All Councillors agreed unanimously.

John Marten updated that the Church Road ditch is going to be sandbagged to support the bank.

Susanne Marshall suggested that Robert Rous should join the Parish Council as one of the councillors as he always supports the village and always look after everything in the village. Peter Robinson pointed out that there is no vacancy for a new councillor at present. Susanne Marshall offered to resign to make a vacant position. Peter Robinson replied that he is keen to have Anne Smith as a member of the council.

Peter Robinson suggested that the council should buy a gift for Anne Smith and urged all councillors to think about it and bring their ideas to the next Parish Council meeting.

Spring clean Suffolk 2012 – Litter Action. Peter Robinson passed on information to John Marten.

Apache Approach at Framlingham College on Saturday 28 April 2-12 at 1pm. Susanne Marshall has invited councillors to attend and mention the event to other people.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm