

**Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Bruisyard Village Hall.**

**Present:** Mr Paul Church (PC) – Chairman  
Mrs Thelma Bartram (TB)  
Ms Jacqui Grimwood (JG)  
Mr John Mckee (JM)  
Mrs Anne Smith (AS)  
Mr David Goode (DG)  
Mrs Gill Owens , The Clerk

**AGENDA**

1. **Public participation:** None.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Mr John Marten
3. **Declaration of interests by Parish Councillors:** none.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Councillors reviewed minutes of the last meeting. PC proposed that minutes of the last meeting are accepted as a true record. AS seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
5. **Matter arising:** none.
6. **Co-option of Mr David Goode:** DG attended the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman and The Clerk with a view to being co-opted as a parish councillor to fill the remaining vacancy, as there had been no volunteers following the statutory advertising period. DG was invited to express his interest. AS proposed that DG was accepted onto the council and TB seconded the proposal. DG joined the meeting as a councillor.
7. **Village Hall Committee Report:** JM presented a report the main points being: -  
Takings down in August, reflecting the holiday period. Windows have been cleaned and Val Neilson is now the new cleaner at a rate of £10/hour and a commercial vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the hall. Preparations are underway for Harvest Supper and Bonfire night. Reference was made to an email received from Jaimie Page Pilates concerned that the hall was being used for dog training on Friday nights and that dog hairs/dirt might still be present at the start of the following week, which might not be pleasant for those attending Pilates barefooted nor for the cleanliness of Pilates equipment. After discussion the council felt that it was possible to book both dog training and Pilates in the same space and that the situation should be monitored over the next few months to ensure no problems arose.
8. **Financial Matters:**  
  
TB proposed that financial transactions a) to d) were all in order and PC seconded this proposal. All figures in £.

a) Karen Burch reimbursement for double booking of VH	224.00
b) PPL/PPS music licence	175.55
c) Kindlewood grass cutting	84.00
d) Scottish and Southern Electricity	128.88

**9. Parish Council and Village Hall Insurance:** The premium is due for renewal. This is the second payment of a five-year agreement, approved last year. The premium this year is £260.70.

**10. Planning – Suffolk Coastal First Draft Local Plan:** The publically available copy of this plan has been reviewed by AS and The Clerk. There does not appear to be any request from the county for Bruisyard to be provide plots for development and no reference to Bruisyard is made in the plan other than to re-iterate that the area immediately around White Cottage is in a conservation area and protected from development and that Bruisyard now appears to be “classified as countryside”. It was pointed out by AS that the local council knew of additional plots in the Rendham Road area of Bruisyard that they could use if they wanted to. A short discussion was held regarding the developments planned for Framlingham and Saxmundham and the general impact on Bruisyard residents.

**11. Playground audit:** Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents holds this every other year in September. The village hall playground and the Rendham Road swings are inspected. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should appoint a member to be responsible for following up any audit items. It was also suggested that the Parish Council should have its own checklist and undertake regular signed checks of the equipment. It was decided that the Parish Council would review the latest audit when it was available and devise a simple checklist following that. It was also decided that there should be signs indicating the presence and potential danger of the River Alde close by the Village Hall playground. AS volunteered to research the appropriate signs and The Clerk will research the appropriate wording. **Action: - AS and The Clerk**

**12. Hedge maintenance:** The hedges around the Village Hall need regular maintenance. Jeff Rogers, a contractor is paid to do this. JM will follow up to ensure that the hedges are cut appropriately. TB asked if the Parish Council was happy for her nephew to volunteer to clear the ditch and it was agreed that this was approved. The overgrown hedge on the B1120, which causes visibility problems when turning right onto Low Road from Framlingham, was discussed again. The Clerk observed that once again this has been reported to Suffolk Highways on their site, but it was felt that a more direct approach was required. PC is to contact Sonia Frost of Badingham Parish Council to try and encourage regular maintenance by the landowner. **Action: - PC**

**13. Grit Bins:** Suffolk Highways have recently stated that they will no longer provide heaps of winter grit, but that it will only be provided directly into a grit bin. This is to stop seepage of chemicals into the environment. Bruisyard has two grit bins and three heaps. It was agreed all were necessary and that we should apply for three grit bins to replace our heaps. These being at the following locations: - Triangle of Church Road and Low Road; opposite St Peter’s Church and on the corner of Mill Lane and Bruisyard Road. **Action: - The Clerk**

PC

- 14. Roadside Tree Survey:** The Clerk suggested that the council should be more proactive at reviewing the state of roadside trees in light of recent falls and the change in the size and nature of farm traffic entering the village brushing past overhanging trees. It was agreed that DG would undertake an observational survey of Bruisyard roads. **Action: - DG**
- 15. Maintenance of road signs:** It had been reported that the village name sign was missing from the far end of College Road. The Clerk said she had reported this on the Suffolk Highways "Report It" site and we await the replacement. It was noted that anyone can "Report It" and this should not wait for the next meeting of the Parish Council. AS stated that a number of signs were looking dirty and volunteers could wash them and that they would be insured to do so if they contacted Suffolk Highways first to state their intention. AS to clean the village sign. **Action: -AS**
- 16. Support of "CATS" – Coastal Accessible Transport:** A request has been made by CATS to all councils for financial gifts of whatever size as their funding has been cut by SCC. This has been a planned reduction in funding due by 2021, but additionally CATS is required to meet all the requirements of the licensing regime governing Public Service Vehicles and Private Hire Operators. This is a significant cost to CATS of £30,000 and hence the call for support. A discussion was held, but since no indicative donation sum was known and largely due to the constraints of the small precept collected by Bruisyard from its residents it was decided that the Parish Council would not make, what would be expected to be, an annual donation.
- 17. Date of the Next Meeting:** Monday 12 November at 7.30pm
- 18. Any other business:**
- (1) PC mentioned that he had formally asked permission from Mr. Robert Rous to hold the Guy Fawkes bonfire on land beyond the Village Hall car park owned by Mr. Rous. Mr. Rous expressed his thanks for being asked and asked that a careful watch was undertaken to ensure that neighbouring trees didn't catch alight.
  - (2) The availability of fibre broadband to those households on the Badingham exchange and, by December (hopefully) to those households on the Rendham exchange was discussed and universally welcomed. The Parish Council proposed (JG) and seconded (DG) thanks to Mr. David Smith for his dedicated personal involvement in pursuing fibre broadband for all residents of Bruisyard over the last few years. The Parish is very grateful for the time and energy spent by David to ensure that Bruisyard remained on the roll out agenda and his understanding of the technicalities of fibre broadband and his personal connections within the industry has been invaluable.
  - (3) Fireworks at Bruisyard Hall. There is concern that the Parish Council noticeboard is not effective at communicating to all residents that fireworks are planned at the Hall. DG volunteered to speak to the manageress at the Hall to find out if this information can be posted quarterly, in advance. **Action: - DG**
  - (4) David Smith has indicated a wish to pass Bruisyard.com on to a willing volunteer. JG agreed to ask her son whether he would be interested in running the website.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:40.