

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brundish Parish Council, held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in Brundish Parish Rooms.**

<b>Members present</b>	Tony St. Quinton, Anthony Bryant, Arnold Crudginton, Celia Drakard, Helen Gillingham,
<b>Other persons</b>	Sandra Apps, Clerk; Matthew Hicks (MSDC) ;Steve Long PCSO
<b>Apologies</b>	Mark Hitchings; Gerald Western
<b>Declaration of interests</b>	None
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of meeting of 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 were read, agreed and signed.
<b>Matters arising</b>	Suffolk Wildlife Trust request – their input not really needed, agreed to take it no further
<b>Finance</b>	Agenda items agreed Clerk's expenses – agreed to settle a quarterly amount to cover printing costs & depreciation of computer equipment - £18.00 per quarter agreed Suffolk Acre subscription agreed Risk assessments agreed; no change needed, all adequate
<b>Planning</b>	Farm access road application has been agreed subject to visibility issues being addressed and assurances as to the usage of the road. AB has spoken to planning dept and the matter has yet to be settled definitely.
<b>Street names</b>	AB has investigated costs and four cast signs will cost £700. Jane Lee has offered to pay for one in Church Lane. AB had a map showing where it is suggested that signs should go. Pressed plastic signs much cheaper - £1 per letter plus £30 for the stand. Other residents have suggested they may be willing to make contributions to costs. All agreed to go with the plastic; AB will organise. M Hicks mentioned that Eddie Alcock had just paid for signs in Worlingworth but AB suggested not to ask as other projects in village have also asked for cash from this source.
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	PCSO Long: is moving to other parishes. Dave Faulkner will be new PCSO. No crime this month, last crime of note was in June last year when church speakers were stolen. Have been hearing oil thefts at Metfield – a truck with a tank has been seen in the area, it's very old, with a dark green cab and a tank on the back with Butler's Fuels on – police will want to know if it's seen. 3 car break ins in the last three weeks, in Stradbroke and Hoxne believed to be particular group of teenagers. Issuing security packs to farms, and tackling issue of speeding in Fressingfield. Next priority meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> April in Redgrave community centre.
<b>Village Green</b>	Jubilee Tree – AB has spoken to Bartrums who agreed to collect and deliver the tree when necessary. Black walnut apparently not suited to the ground, nor copper beech. Suggested golden ash or weeping ash as being better for our soil, resistant to frost and wind; quick growing. Suggested will need some protection from deer etc. Agreed to get a golden ash, as large as possible, to a cost of around £100 – AB hopes to negotiate a discount. Dog mess complaint – noted but there is nothing more that can be done – already a bin and notices.

<b>Correspondence</b>	Was available for circulating
<b>MSDC councillor's report</b>	Matthew Hicks : Spoke about the Tier 4 reorganisation in MSDC and Babergh, details of which have been forwarded to councillors. Process is working and will save some money. MSDC had not raised council tax this year. Central govt funding has allowed this this year and it is hoped that it will next year.
<b>Any other business</b>	None
<b>Date &amp; time of next meetings</b>	Agreed to change day of meeting to Thursday Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 – Parish Council AGM & Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July Both at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.40 pm  
CD apologies for July meeting