

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council, held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 12 April 2001 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Anderson (chairman), Beer, Connor, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder.

#### 178 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Corfield (holiday).

#### 179 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 March 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2001 were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

#### 180 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

- (a) **Red Lion Public House (Min 158 refers):** Councillors **NOTED** that letters of response had been received from both Southern Water and Ofwat.
- (b) **Buses (Min 173 refers):** Councillors **NOTED** that a letter of response had been received from Stagecoach.
- (c) **Recreation Ground Footpath (Min 162d refers):** Councillors **NOTED** that a letter has been received from Alison Hague expressing concern that the path is to be repaired but not widened.
- (d) **Allotments (Min 169 refers):** FPD Savills have sent the parish council a copy of their letter to Mrs Fawke which gave details of the work which has already been carried out and that which is planned for when weather conditions allow. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write and acknowledge the letter and ask FPD Savills to advise the parish council once the bottom allotments have been cleared so that a new estimate can be obtained for providing a water supply to the allotments.

#### 181 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- (a) **Authorisation of items for payment:** The following items were authorised for payment:

Payee	Amount	Purpose
J E Anderson	£97.91	Chairman's Allowance
FPD Savills Ltd	£225.00	Half yearly rents.
Kent County Council	£369.70	Memorial Bench for Mr & Mrs Worsley
The White Horse Inn	£173.50	Refreshments - Annual PC Meeting
G P McCombe	£1119.14	Clerk's salary, office and travel allowance
G P McCombe	£64.85	Postage, photocopying and stationery (envelopes)
Oakleigh Building Servs	£282.00	Repairs to Recreation Ground Footpath

- (b) **Payments received:** £200.00 for Parish Paths Partnership grant aid.
- (c) **Donation Request:** Barham Pre-School have requested a donation for their roof fund and it was **AGREED** not to make a donation and the clerk was requested to write to Barham Pre-School to this effect.

#### 182 GRASS BORDER

Cllr Anderson reported that the grass border near Conyngham Lane has been damaged by vehicles and is looking a mess. It was **AGREED** that any repairs and damage limitation works should be put on hold until after the school extension work had been completed.

#### 183 PLANTERS

Cllr Anderson reported that the planters outside The White Horse Inn were in need of renovation and planting. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the work be carried out as a matter of urgency. Cllr Anderson also advised that Mrs Possee was willing to plant the planters and the clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Possee and also to advise her when the planters were ready for planting.

#### 184 BUS SHELTER SEAT

Cllr Monk reported that the bus shelter perch seat needed repositioning as it was virtually

impossible to use it. It was **AGREED** to obtain an estimate for moving the seat forward into a better position.

#### 185 USE OF RECREATION GROUND FOR FETE

The clerk had received a request from Woodpeckers Nursery to use the recreation ground for a fete on 5 May 2001 and it was also reported that the PCC would like to hold a boot fair on 30 June 2001. It was **AGREED** that this would be acceptable subject to the condition of the ground and whether football fixtures were still in progress. The clerk was requested to find out if the football pitch was to be used on those days and the cut off date for the nursery should the ground conditions be poor due to bad weather. Cllr Gulvin **AGREED** to check the ground condition.

#### 186 ANNUAL FETE

Councillors expressed disappointment that the joint Fete by the church and the school was not going ahead this year as it had in previous years. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to both parties expressing disappointment and encouraging it to go ahead next year. Cllr Walder **AGREED** to attend the next PFA meeting to express the parish council's concerns and the clerk was requested send a letter to this effect. It was reported that the Festival Committee and the PCC were intending to put on a fete next year.

#### 187 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are in the process of being commented upon by the planning sub-committee:
- CAL01/0043/BRI - erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0331/BRI - erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0343/BRI - replacement single-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 5 Ford Close, Bridge.
  - CAL01/0048/BRI - internal alterations to The Red Lion PH, 75 High Street, Bridge.
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:
- CA/01/0119/BRI - first floor side extension to dwelling and single storey extension to rear of garage at 65 Riverside Close, Bridge.
  - CA/00/1330/BRI - conservatory and two storey extension to rear and alterations to front porch at 19 Riverside Close, Bridge.
- (c) **Applications refused:** No applications have been notified as refused.

#### 188 REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES

- (a) **Environment: i) Footpaths:** Cllr Connor reported that the footpaths were still closed due to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. **ii) Trees:** Cllr Monk said that there were no major problems to report but 3 trees at the top of Union Road do require pruning. Cllr Anderson **AGREED** to ask one of the villagers whether he would be prepared to carry out this work.
- (b) **Recreation Ground: i)** Cllr Gulvin reported that the ground had not been cut round the edge, under the trees or by the tennis court. The clerk was requested to ask KCC to contact Cllr Gulvin so that he can meet with them to sort out the problems. It was reported that the area by the school gate required cleaning up and Cllr Anderson **AGREED** to ask David Waters whether he can tidy it up as he did before.
- (c) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** Maurice Smith has reported the following direct to the City Council - **i)** potholes in Bekesbourne Lane which Kent Highways reported were filled on 22 March 2001 have appeared again **ii)** rubbish by the recycling bins and strewn up Town Hill **iii)** blocked drain outside the village hall **iv)** badly broken kerbstone in Western Avenue and **v)** missing road sign for Mill Terrace.  
**Drains:** Kent Highways report that the drain near 100 High Street is not blocked but full of water and this will be investigated once the water level has subsided.
- (d) **Village Sign and Parish Council Notice Board:** It was reported that the village sign and notice board are in need of repainting and it was **AGREED** to obtain an estimate to carry out the work.

(e) **Map Cabinet:** The clerk reported that the map cabinet has been replaced.

- 189 NAILBOURNE FLOOD COMMITTEE**  
Cllr Anderson reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss a flood action plan and Cllr Gulvin had produced a Bridge Parish Flood Action Plan. There is currently an enquiry in progress and villages are submitting their requirements which will be put together with all the villages on the Stour, Nailbourne and Little Stour to obtain a co-ordinated plan to alleviate the situation in the future.
- 190 SANDBAGS**  
Canterbury City Council have advised of a facility to recycle the village's current stock of sandbags into new bags but it was **AGREED** that this was not a viable proposition and the clerk was requested to write to the City Council to request the removal of unwanted bags once the danger of flooding was over .
- 191 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
The clerk reported that PC Ken Bradshaw had received a good response following his circulation of the closure notice. He is very hopeful of being in a position to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village and a meeting of the interested volunteers is planned within the next two weeks.
- 192 LORD MAYORS AWARD**  
The clerk reported that the winners of this year's Lord Mayors Award were Maureen Tappenden from Canterbury and Dixie Lee and Betty Rivers both from Whitstable.
- 193 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**  
Following receipt of the grant aid it was **AGREED** to wait until the footpaths were open again before making a decision as to the work to be carried out.
- 194 TRAFFIC CALMING**  
It was felt that the results of the traffic calming measures, together with the history of how the traffic calming plans came into being, should be published so that all villagers were aware of the results and background and Cllr Anderson **AGREED** to include this in his report to the local newspaper.
- 195 BENCHES**  
The clerk advised councillors that the bench behind the hedge east of the bridge, which had been thrown into the stream, was taken away by the Environment Agency who reported it to be beyond repair as one concrete end had cracked through and the wooden slats had rotted. It was **AGREED** that replacement of the bench would be put on hold.  
The clerk reported that the replacement bench for the Post Office had been delivered and would be installed in the near future.
- 196 MILL CENTRE**  
Cllr Beer reported that there was still vandalism occurring at the Mill Centre, that recent confrontations had been reported to the police and it was now felt necessary for two leaders to be present at scout meetings. Cllr Beer also reported that as a separate matter John Thackray would like to speak to the Parish Council regarding involving the scouts more in the community. It was **AGREED** to invite John Thackray to address the council at the May meeting.
- 197 CANTERBURY DISTRICT CYCLE STRATEGY**  
Canterbury City Council have written inviting parish councils to submit suggestions for new cycle routes or improvements to existing cycle routes. Cllr Gulvin reported that Bridge had previously submitted a cycle route plan to the council and the clerk was requested to write to the council advising them of this.
- 198 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS**  
Cllr Connor reported that he had attended a KAPC meeting on 11 April 2001 which was poorly attended. Matters under consideration included the development of Manston Airport, County transport strategy and concerns over heavy vehicles and the South Canterbury traffic problems which Cllr Martin Vye is involved in. Discussion also took place on the flooding and concerns

were expressed as to whether anything would happen due to the number of bodies and agencies involved.

**199 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION**

The following items had been received and were available for distribution:

- (a) Parish News No 272
- (b) Local Council Review
- (c) CPRE Voice
- (d) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (e) The Countryside Agency - New Rights New Responsibilities
- (f) The Nailbourne and Little Stour - Flood Newsletter
- (g) KCC Best Value Performance Plan
- (h) Canterbury City Council Best Value Performance Plan and Corporate Plan

**200 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 10 May 2001.

The Chairman thanked councillors for their support over the last year and there being no further business closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....