

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 11 April 2002 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson (chairman), Beer, Connor, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder (from 8.05 pm). Also present was one member of the public who attended for the whole meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the chairman asked for one minute's silence in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

248 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Corfield.

249 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

250 BOULES COURT - WESTERN AVENUE

It was **NOTED** that a letter had been received from the Kent Highways manager advising that he is not aware of a mechanism by which he could license the playing of boules on public land. He also raised concerns about the parking such a use might attract and the potential for disturbance to neighbours and thought the recreation ground would be a far better place for such a facility.

251 STREET LIGHTING - PART-NIGHT CELLS

Cllr Gulvin reported that he had had a meeting with Canterbury City Council and had been advised that there is a fully electronic astronomic time switch which could be fitted at the base of the lamp post which had part-night capability. The clerk reported that the first estimate for replacing an old lantern with a new top-entry lantern had been received in the sum of £144.61 and it was **AGREED** that part-night lighting should be maintained in the village wherever possible and the clerk was asked to contact Seeboard to obtain an estimate using the time switch.

252 RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATH

Kent Highways have agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of upgrading the footpath as part of the County Council's Safe Routes to Schools initiative. It was **AGREED** to proceed with the upgrade subject to the Landlord's consent.

253 MILL TERRACE AND BOURNE VIEW

It was **NOTED** that a letter received from Kent Highways advised that they were not indicating that the highway authority might carry out the work. If the residents and/or landowner undertook the work or paid for its design and implementation, in both cases to the highway authority's specifications, then adoption could follow.

254 FOOTBRIDGE AT MILL LANE

Cllr Anderson advised that the engraving of the date stone was in hand and the clerk was requested to chase Kent County Council for their agreement to place the stone in the brickwork as this had not yet been received.

255 TRAFFIC CALMING

The clerk was requested to write to Kent Highways regarding the matter of highlighting the kerb extensions to make them more visible as no reply had yet been received. It was **NOTED** that Mr A Walton had written to the City Council regarding his concerns that the proposed second zebra crossing might increase the risk of flooding at the White Horse during heavy rain. Kent County Constabulary have confirmed that they are asking the local authority to obtain up to date speed data at Town Hill and that the officer who operates the 'speed camera' visits the area periodically at school times but will visit at other times to review traffic speeds.

256 GOLDEN JUBILEE 2002

Cllr Hill reported that he had now closed the boxes for the requests for souvenir mugs and once the numbers were collated would be placing the order. The matter of distribution of the mugs was discussed and it was suggested that they could be collected from the village hall on a couple of Saturday mornings. It was **AGREED** that a letter should be sent to the Queen congratulating her on her Golden Jubilee.

257 ALLOTMENTS

As the clearing of the allotments was not moving forward very quickly Cllr Dobson put forward a suggestion that those who wished to have an allotment could form a group to clear the land but before considering alternative options it was **AGREED** that the clerk should write again to FPD Savills requesting a meeting to discuss the matter.

258 RUBBISH - TOWN HILL

Cllr Anderson reported that he had received a copy of correspondence from Bekesbourne with Patricbourne Parish Council to Canterbury City Council regarding the rubbish that accumulates around the re-cycling bins in Town Hill and the possibility of removing them or re-siting them on land at the Bridge allotment site. It was **AGREED** that the parish council were against both options and that a letter would be sent to the City Council requesting that a sign be erected asking people to take their rubbish home and to also investigate the possibility of putting up a camera as a deterrent. It was also **AGREED** to write to Cllr Oakey requesting his support.

259 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group	£50.00	Contribution to running expenses.
Seaboard Contracting Services	£77.94	Repairs to Street Lights in Ford Close & Beech Hill.
Oakleigh Building Services	£89.30	Repair to Bus Shelter (missing window).
D R Possee	£30.00	Supplying plants & maintenance of planters.

G P McCombe	£991.10	Clerk's Salary £841.10 & Office Allowance £150.00.
G P McCombe	£138.71	Travel Allowance.
G P McCombe	£59.83	Postage, copying Jubilee Mug leaflet & leaflet holders
Seeboard Contracting Services	£45.79	Repair to Street Light PL 47 Bridge Down.
Seeboard Contracting Services	£36.98	Repair to Street Light PL 57 Churchill Close.
The Red Lion	£160.00	Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting.
Seeboard Contracting Services	£114.79	S/O for Street Lighting Maintenance 2002/03.
KAPC	£47.00	Clerks Information Day.

(b) Payments received: £73.14 refund from Seeboard Contracting Services for duplicate invoice.

(c) Funding for 2002/03: Concurrent Function Grant confirmed at £7352, Precept at £8651 and Capital Bids accepted for 2002/03 are for Village Hall £2800 and Playground Equipment £1160.

260 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

It was **AGREED** that the annual accounts should continue to be prepared in accordance with the requirements of District Audit but that Mr Michael Stewart's offer to translate the accounts into a more easily understood format should be taken up.

261 CODE OF CONDUCT

It was unanimously **AGREED** to adopt The Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils and the Standards Board for England will be notified accordingly. The KAPC and Canterbury City Council are holding training on the Ethical Framework on Monday 22 April and three councillors and the clerk have put forward nominations to attend.

262 LIGHTING - BIFRONS PATH

A request has been received from the Manager at Mansfield Court on behalf of all the residents for lighting in Bifrons Path. It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with installing lighting and the clerk was requested to obtain the relevant estimates.

263 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications received: No new planning applications have been received.

(b) Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CAL02/0018/BRI - Internal Alterations at River House, 67 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/0015/BRI - First-floor side extension to 1 Bourne View, Bridge.

CA/02/0035/BRI - Conservatory to rear of dwelling at 10 Dering Road, Bridge.

(c) Applications refused: No planning applications have been notified as refused.

(d) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area: The following notice of proposed work has been received:

Reduce Conifer in rear garden by 5ft and tidy crown at 10 High Street, Bridge.

(e) Beech Tree at The New Close Residential Care Home: A request has been received from Kent Community Housing Trust for the Parish Council's views on the tree. It was **AGREED** that the parish council would oppose any suggestions to remove the tree or reduce its crown by 30% and that they would seek an expert

opinion on its condition and life expectancy. The clerk was requested to advise the housing trust accordingly.

264 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Footpaths: Cllr Connor reported that there were no known problems with the footpaths.

Trees: Cllr Hill reported that the Oak tree planted in place of the diseased Cherry tree in the recreation ground was too close to the tennis courts and needed moving.

Recreation Ground: i) Cllr Gulvin reported that there had been more vandalism at the pavilion in the form of spray paint and graffiti.

ii) Cllr Walder confirmed that he had carried out the inspection of the play equipment and reported that a hole had appeared in the surface by the swings, that moss and grass were also growing on the surface and the spider needs repainting. The clerk was requested to obtain quotes for the work to be carried out and to find out how best to treat the moss and grass growth.

Streets, Footways and Lighting: i) The clerk reported that Maurice Smith continued to monitor the streets and report to the City Council on any work needing to be carried out and the clerk was requested to write to Maurice thanking him for work he carries out on behalf of the parish council. ii) Cllr Hill reported that the pathway at the A2 slip road required attention and the clerk was requested to arrange this. iii) The clerk reported that the worn road markings at the junction of the A2 are to be renewed together with the centre markings on the two-way section.

265 ART IN BRIDGE

Cllr Dobson reported that the group had had an AGM to form a committee and constitution in order to obtain grants and that it had been suggested that the parish council have a member on the committee. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr Dobson should represent the parish council on the committee.

266 PARKING - CONYNGHAM LANE/HIGH STREET JUNCTION

Cllr Anderson reported that he had received a letter from Mr D Latham regarding parking at the junction of Conyngham Lane with the High Street and it was **AGREED** that the matter would be looked into and Mr Latham advised accordingly. It was also pointed out that there had been a lack of wardens in the village recently and the clerk was asked to write requesting more presence in the village.

267 CAR PARKING

It was **NOTED** that a letter had been received from Ms M Stevenson against the draft plan for improving car parking in Western Avenue and Green Court.

268 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

Cllr Connor reported that he had attended a KAPC meeting the previous evening at which there had been a report from the Manston Airport Committee. It was reported that there had been an 11% increase in cargo flights but domestic flights had not increased and that flight paths had been altered. Other matters discussed were the Canterbury District Local Strategic Partnership on which Cllr Connor had received substantial information and he requested that the clerk circulate this to councillors.

269 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) Pfizer Newsletter April 2002

- (b) CPRE Planning Update March 2002
- (c) KCC - Kent & Medway Structure Plan March 2002
- (d) Flooding Scrutiny Panel Update as at March 2002
- (e) KRCC Rural News March 2002

270 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 9 May 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.