

128/09 –10 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposal was noted;

The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge

Fell one large conifer too large for its location & too close to the house

129/09-10 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Hire of Skateboard Ramp** – After some discussion a majority of councillors voted in favour of hiring a skateboard ramp for the holiday weekend at the end of May at a cost of £1,080. Councillors agreed this would be a trial before deciding whether to commit to possible funding for a permanent ramp at some future date. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- b. **Emergency boxes** - It was agreed to authorise expenditure on the contents of two emergency boxes at a cost of £100. **Action; Cllr Gulvin**
- c. **Spring Parish Newsletter** - The next edition of the Parish Newsletter would be distributed at the end of April. Cllr Corfield would compile the newsletter and councillors were asked to send their contributions to him. **Action; Cllr Corfield**
- d. **Canterbury City Football Club** – The council declined a request from Canterbury City Football Club to play friendly matches and train on the recreation ground during the closed season. The contract stated that no training or matches should take place between 1st June and 15th August. The club would be asked to remove the goal posts at the end of the current season. **Action; Clerk**
- e. **Bridge Fete** – The council agreed that parking would be allowed on the recreation ground at Bridge Fete on Saturday 26th. June. However, the school would be asked to ensure that there was a marshal directing parking and that steps would be taken to prevent cars from parking on the wild flower area, which had been damaged by cars during the previous year's fete. **Action; Clerk**
- f. **Speedwatch** – It was agreed to start using the Speedwatch equipment borrowed from Lower Hardres on a regular basis this month. A request for volunteers would be put into the Spring Parish Newsletter. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- g. **Bridge Village Initiative** – It was decided to take no further action on this proposal.
- h. **Working towards a Sustainable Canterbury Meeting 14th. April**- It was agreed to ask a member of the Bridge Energy Saving Team to attend this meeting. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- i. **Clerk's salary** – It was agreed that the clerk's salary should progress to LC20 on the anniversary of her appointment from 1st April.
- j. **Bridge in Bloom Competition** – The competition would take place again this year and additional marks would be awarded for gardeners who adapted their planting to the drier climate. **Action; Cllr Edmonds**

130/09-10 Correspondence – Noted

131/09-10 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of £1,500 between Parish Council accounts

132/09-10. The following receipts were noted;

Bridge Junior Football Club fees £50.00

Kentish Gazette Fee for Parish Notes Jan – March 2010 - £23.64

133/09–10 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
BT*	£68.37	Telephone account 8.12.09 –8.3.10 £58.61+£9.76 vat
Simon Gomm+	£365	Mill Centre Repairs
Mark Esdale+	£82.25	'Softation' Domain hosting, spam filter & web site maintenance April 09 to Mar 10

		£70.00 + £12.25. vat
KALC	£497.62	Annual subscription April 2010 – March 2011 £425.74 + £71.88 vat
Post Office Ltd	£31.69	Employers National Insurance Contribution to end of financial year
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£671.45	Salary and allowances for March 2010
KALC	£25.00	Copy of Standing Orders for Local Councils

* Paid by Direct Debit

+ Paid in 2009/10 financial year

134/09-10 Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Beinder announced that Bridge Primary School would hold a parade through the village on St George' s Day morning 23rd May.
- b. Cllr Lewis reported that there was a lot of litter along the path through the fields from Mill Terrace. It was agreed to discuss possible action at the May Parish Council meeting.
- c. Cllr Esdale informed the council that details the parish reserves would be circulated later this month and discussed at the May Parish Council meeting.
- d. The clerk advised that notification had been received that the parish insurers Allianz had been taken over by AON. This should not result in any alterations to the terms of business. Cllr Hill would look over the proposed new policy.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 13th. May 2010 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.