

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 13 December 2001 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Beer, Connor, Corfield, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder. Also present were four members of the public one of whom attended for the whole meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman asked the members of the public to speak to councillors on the matter of Canterbury College Relocation. The meeting commenced at 7.20 pm.

149 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

150 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

151 GAS MAINS REPLACEMENT - PATRIBOURNE ROAD

Transco have confirmed that the no excavations took place by their contractor to the grass verge outside the recreation ground. Their location plan shows that the company's main was laid in the footpath or road only. They have visited the site to inspect the area and believe that the trench in the grass verge has been excavated by the contractors laying a new electric cable on behalf of Seeboard. The clerk was requested to write to the contractor requesting that the bulbs which have been disturbed by them should be replaced.

152 TRAFFIC CALMING AND PARKING ATTENDANTS

Kent Highways advise that the gully on the Canterbury side of the crossing will be adjusted by the contractor who is working on the footway to the surgery. They confirm that the grating which has been used is of a standard type and the closer gridded type is not used unless a gully grating is in a pedestrian area. They also advise that the outstanding works to the traffic calming, including the anti-skid surfacing, are due to be completed within the next few weeks. Cllr Anderson reported that 2 parking attendants were seen in the village on Monday evening issuing parking tickets.

153 GOLDEN JUBILEE 2002

Cllr Hill reported that he was still looking into the viability of a commemorative Golden Jubilee souvenir for the children of Bridge and it was AGREED that the matter should be deferred until the next meeting. The clerk advised that funding is available from Kent County Council for community events and grants of up to £500 can be applied for. The clerk has requested an application form and this will be passed to Cllr Dobson on its receipt.

154 SCIENCE PARK/LORRY PARK

It was NOTED that letters have been received from Canterbury City Council and Cllr Vye regarding the report in the Kentish Gazette. Canterbury City Council confirm that there are no such proposals in the local plan and therefore no details forwarded to the Parish Council.

155 ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that a letter from FPD Savills has been received explaining that the reason why the allotment project does not have a high priority is due to the costs involved. It was AGREED to discuss the matter further at the next meeting with a view to setting up a sub-committee. In the meantime the clerk was requested to write to Charles Gooch of FPD Savills to ask him to meet with councillors when he is next visiting Bridge.

156 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
District Audit	£253.80	2000/2001 Audit.
Ewart J Clough	£149.91	Christmas Trees
Deta Electrical Co Ltd	£189.36	Christmas Lights.
A Walder	£13.44	Incidentals to Erect Christmas Trees.
Gillett & Johnston Ltd	£111.63	Service of Village Hall Clock for Year 2002.
D Waters	£40.00	Clearing Bifrons Path and Recreation Ground.
J Monk	£9.70	Reimbursement of travel expenses to flood meetings.

(b) Payments received: £210.00 in donations for Christmas trees.

(c) Budget: It was unanimously AGREED to set the precept requirement for the year 2002/2003 at £8651.

(d) Brymore Football Club: Cllr Gulvin is to provide the clerk with the new secretary's details so that the ground fees can be requested.

157 CANTEBURY COLLEGE RELOCATION

It was AGREED following a vote to authorise a donation for the judicial review to challenge the Secretary of State's decision to grant planning permission to Canterbury College for outline planning permission for the relocation of the college under Section 137 of the 1972 LGA of £3500 it being in the interests of the inhabitants of Bridge so to do. The sum of £3500 was proposed by Cllr Gulvin, seconded by Cllr Walder and the motion carried by a majority of 7 to 1 with 1 abstention.

158 BRIDGE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & PLAY SCHEME & WOODPECKER NURSERY

Following receipt of a letter from Mr Curl of Conyngham Lane regarding the planning permission which has been granted by Kent County Council for a replacement building and the article which appeared in the Kentish Gazette, it was unanimously AGREED that the clerk should write to Mr Curl concurring with the Chairman's personal letter to him dated 6 December 2001.

159 CAR PARKING

Cllr Anderson reported that he had had a meeting with Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways to look at the feasibility of improving car parking in Western Avenue. Cllr Anderson had a copy of a rough draft which was NOTED. It was AGREED to defer discussion on the matter until the plan is available.

160 SANDBAG STORE

It was reported that the sandbag store door has been vandalised and it was AGREED that the clerk should write to Canterbury City Council for the details of the supplier so that the door can be repaired or replaced. The clerk was also requested to see if a notice can be supplied for the outside of the store stating its contents so as to avoid any misconception of the value of the goods held in it.

161 CONYNGHAM LANE

The clerk advised that Mr Curl of Conyngham Lane had written again to the Parish Council regarding various matters including street lighting, road holes, traffic congestion and garden wall damage. It was reported that the road hole at the end of Conyngham Lane has now been repaired. It was AGREED that the clerk should write to Mr Curl reiterating that the funding for a street light was in hand for 2003/2004.

162 STREET LIGHTING - PART NIGHT CELLS

The clerk reported that a reply had been received from Seeboard enclosing estimated costings for replacing the existing part night cells which are apparently no longer in production. If the existing lantern cannot accommodate the new photo-cell the lantern will have to be replaced at an estimated cost of between £150 and £200 plus VAT but if the lantern can accommodate the new photocell the cost will be £50 plus VAT. The clerk was requested to write to Canterbury City Council to chase a response to previous letters and to enclose copies of the correspondence from Seeboard.

163 BULB PLANTING - BEECH HILL

The clerk reported that Deacons has finally confirmed that the bulbs which should have been planted in Beech Hill last year had not been done and this was initially due to the wet weather conditions at the time. The clerk was requested to ask Deacons to carry out the planting as a matter of urgency.

164 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are being considered :

CAL01/1268/BRI - Porch to front and conservatory to rear of dwelling, 4 Filmer Road, Bridge.

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

CA/01/TEMP/L - Replacement Building at Bridge after School Club and Woodpecker Nursery, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

CA/01/1116/BRI - Change of use to garden and formation of new vehicular access on land adjacent to Field House, Station Road, Bridge.

CAL01/0095/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal and external alternations at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0675/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.

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

(d) Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area: The following notice has been received and is being considered:

Fell 2 Laburnum trees and one decaying crab apple tree at front, one to side and one to rear of 2A Meadow Close, Bridge.

A tree preservation order will not be served to control proposed work at Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

165 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rural White Paper: The sub-committee met in early December and Cllr Corfield reported that the Youth Meeting had been arranged for Thursday, 31 January 2002 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Representatives from Kent County Council, Canterbury City Council and Wye Parish Council had agreed to attend. It was hoped that circulation to all households could be carried out about 3 weeks prior to the meeting to promote awareness. Cllr Corfield asked the clerk to circulate the DEFRA Consultation Document to all councillors for discussion at the January meeting. Cllr Corfield also reported on a programme for continued training for clerks and councillors.

Recreation Ground: i) The clerk reported that she had received 3 telephone calls from mothers reporting the slippery condition of the ground adjacent to the footpath and the narrowness of the path to the school and requesting that it should be widened to avoid this problem. It was AGREED that a letter should be sent to the school asking if they are prepared to fund the widening of the path. ii) It was unanimously AGREED to make an ex gratia payment of £50 to David Waters for his work earlier in the year in clearing Bifrons Path and the recreation ground. iii) Cllr Gulvin formally reported to the Parish Council that the Exiles Cricket Club intend to hold a weekend tournament on 1st to 3rd June to which the Trust gave their support.

166 FLOOD MEETINGS

Cllr Monk reported that she had attended the last two meetings of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group and that Canterbury City Council have advised that the gullies in Bridge will not be attended to until April next year as money has run out.

167 CHRISTMAS TREES

Cllr Walder reported that the erection of the Christmas trees had gone well with the help of Cllr Gulvin, four venture scouts and a few villagers. Cllr Anderson thanked Cllrs Walder and Gulvin and their helpers for their hard work and also thanked all the villagers in the High Street who made donations.

168 COMMUNITY LIAISON

It was NOTED that a letter had been received from Inspector Ray Carver of Kent County Constabulary advising the changes in the supervision of and the way in which it deploys its tactical resources to deal with identified problems.

169 CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - FIRST DEPOSIT DRAFT

Cllr Beer and Cllr Monk attended the meeting on 12 December and distributed a few copies of the first deposit draft for councillors to read. Cllr Beer reported that Bridge

was not identified in the report as a green gap area and that the Bridge cycle route had not been included. Cllr Anderson agreed to petition Cllr Oakey to get the cycle route already submitted to Canterbury City Council by the Parish Council included in the local plan. Cllr Beer advised that the local plan is due to be finalised by November 2002.

170 ALL TOGETHER NOW

A meeting was held on 4 December to hear from local groups and organisations. No-one from the Parish Council was able to attend as notice of the meeting was not received in time.

171 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

There were no new matters to report as there had been no meetings since October.

172 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) Parish News
- (b) The Standards Board for England
- (c) NALC National Conference and Exhibition
- (d) Crime Prevention News
- (e) Modernising Hospital Services in East Kent 2001-2005

173 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 10 January 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman wished councillors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.