

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 11th December 2003 at 7 pm in Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Beinder, Beesty, Corfield, Dobson, Edmonds, Esdale (chairman), Gulvin, Hill (vice-chairman), and Lewis

134. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

135. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2003

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2003 were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

136. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. It was agreed to approve the amended accounts produced by RBS accounting solutions at the next meeting.
- b. It was agreed to defer the decision about the trees at the recreation ground which back onto 9 Riverside Close until the trees have been inspected by Jon Lambourne.

137. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

- a. Mill Centre-** Cllr Gulvin reported that i) there is a problem with non-uniformed youth groups using the Mill Centre due to the terminology of the lease and ii) the Mill Centre Management Committee requires a chairman.
- b. Rural Youth Bus-** Cllr Dobson reported that rural youth bus is expected to be up and running at the end of January.
- c. Allotments-** It was reported that i) a draft tenancy agreement between Cantley Ltd and Bridge Parish Council for the allotment land has been received from Charles Gooch ii) KAPC have agreed to send the tenancy to the legal department of NALC for approval and iii) the shed bases would be laid in the spring, subject to the ground being dry enough.

138. Report from sub-committees

a. Streets Footways and lighting

- i. It was reported that Kent Highways have raised a works order to repair the 'hard standing' outside 100 and 102 High Street.
- ii. It was noted that Bridge Parish Council has been granted a capital-funding grant of £1395 for a streetlight outside 39 Conyngham Lane.
- iii. It was agreed to ask Maurice Smith, street monitor, to complete the questionnaire from Kent Highways about the service they provide in the Parish.

b. Recreation Ground

It was reported that David Townsend of SLP has been to inspect the wet pour at the recreation ground and that he cannot see a legitimate way of improving the area. It was agreed to fill the gaps around the edge of the wet pour with coal tar in the spring.

139. Insurance for Erecting Christmas Trees

Cllr Esdale reported that i) Allianz Cornhill would not insure the Parish Council to erect Christmas trees this year and that ii) a group of volunteers separate from the Parish Council had organised the installation of the trees. The Parish Council thanked all of the volunteers.

140. It was reported that Bill Oakey has resigned the City Councillor for the North Nailbourne Ward.

141. The receipt of a Kent Rural Strategy and Investment Framework questionnaire was noted.

142. The Parish Council agreed the distribution list for the Parish Council newsletter

143. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month (except August) in 2004 and that the Annual Parish meeting would be held on 25th March 2004.

144. Bifron's Street Light

- i. It was agreed to use the following contact address for Bridge Parish Council on the easement:
The Clerk, Bridge Parish Council, Bridge, Canterbury. Kent.
- ii. It was agreed to maintain any trees within a three-metre radius that might have an effect on the streetlight before and after installation.

iii. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale and the clerk would amend and agree the draft easement on behalf of the Parish Council.

145. It was agreed that Cllr Beinder should raise the issue of speed cameras at the next Police Parish Council Forum meeting.

146 Recreation Ground

i. It was agreed to ask KCC to undertake the grounds maintenance at the recreation ground for 2004/5. It was agreed that the clerk would ask Kent Highways to trim the grass verge by the lay-by along Patribourne Road.

ii. It was agreed to increase the level of visits from Bounty Pest Control at the recreation ground from 8 to 12 visits per year.

iii. It was agreed that the school could continue to use the recreation ground for sports sessions. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Allianz Cornhill to advise that the Parish Council would not make weekly checks of the recreation ground, as the prime liability rests with the school.

iv. It was agreed to reduce the fees from £150 to £75 for Bridge Football Club to £75 for 2003/4.

147. It was agreed to invite C.A. Metcalf from Canterbury City Council to a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss parking issues.

148. It was agreed that Cllr Hill would draft a resolution concerning local member allowances for approval at the next meeting.

149. Authorisation of the following items for payment (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque):

RBLI £30 (no cycling signs)

Tina Burchell salary November £308.78 and office allowance November £50 Total £358.78

Petty cash reimbursement £29.05

Seeboard Contracting Services £120.36 (street lighting maintenance November)

Seeboard Energy – £115.85 (£16.02 power October and £99.83 power November)

Southern Water £23.83 (water meter charges at allotments from 13th June to 28th November 2003)

Kent County Council £204.44 (grounds maintenance)

Ewart J Clough £227.36 (Christmas trees)

KCC Grounds maintenance £204.44 (grounds maintenance)