

Draft Minutes for

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th December 2004 in Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Lewis, Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Dobson, Edmonds, Esdale, Gulvin and Hill

Apologies: None

88. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

89. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. **Notice Board Bridge Down** –Cllr Esdale confirmed that the Notice Board would be finished by the end of January, and we would have an update for the next meeting.
- b. **Dog bin ordered for the High Street.** Order has been given to CCC by the clerk.
- c. **Dog Bin in Beech Hill,** The bin has been re positioned on a post.
- d. **Christmas tree Lights** Cllr Esdale and Cllr Hill had worked with local residents to install the Christmas trees in the High Street. He had received donations of £420.00 and spent £303.75. Cllr Esdale thanked everyone for their help and Serco for carrying out their inspection.
- e. **Hedges/Tree trimming** – The Close; Cllr Gulvin had requested that the hedge is cut, and requested that residents tidy up the overgrown area. This has not been done yet.
Recreation ground The clerk has contacted Highways to request that the area adjacent to the river is cut back, and also the corner of Riverside Close.
Walnut Tree Cllrs Hill and Lewis are to replant the tree in the hole at the back of the tennis courts.
- f. **Recreation ground** moles. The clerk has renewed the contract for next year with Bounty.
- g. **Disabled Parking** space at the Post Office next to drive way entrance. The clerk had spoken to the Chemist and Postmaster both were in support of a disabled bay outside of the Post Office. The clerk to contact Highways.
- h. **Cross over at the Allotments.** The clerk had placed the order with PKR Services. The Builder had accepted the order and advised that he would not be able to start until the end of January.
- i. **Overgrown hedges** blocking the pavement. 5 Households had been identified. Cllr Lewis had contacted two households and the hedges have already been cut back. Cllr Lewis has cut back one of the hedges himself and still has two households to contact. An item is to be included in the next the Newsletter.
- j. **Tree overhanging the streetlight** on the junction of Bridge Downs and Higham Lane. Although the clerk has contacted Highways the work has not yet been carried out.

90. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

No reports received

91. Reports from Advisory Committees

Notice to Proposed Work to Trees In a Conservation Area (for information only)
69 Bridge Down, Bridge

92. Matters of Discussion and Action

- a. **Allotment Management** The clerk is to write to Charles Gooch.
- b. **Street Runner** Cllr Dobson had circulated her report.
- c. **Football Post** Not to be pursued.
- d. **Recreation Ground** Quote for tree work to be carried out to the willow tree at the entrance and the two maple trees and the cherry tree overhanging the gardens of 7 & 9 Riverside Close received from Andrew Osborn at a cost of £135.00. Councillors instructed the clerk to arrange for the work to be carried out.
- e. **Bus shelter** – Georgian glass damaged. The costs for the repair have been included in the budget for 2005-06. Cllr Lewis is to advise John Shirley
- f. **Bollards** or other obstacles at the top of **Filmer Road** to stop Parking. Cllrs discussed this suggestion, and decided that there was nothing that could be done as there would be no where for local residents to park. Cllr Lewis to advise John Shirley.
- g. **National cycle route 16 Dover to Canterbury.** Cllr Lewis will speak to John Shirley to clarify.
- h. **Emergency contact for the village.** Cllr Gulvin had had a request from Saxon Lodge to use the Village Hall in the event of an emergency, and or the need to evacuate their home. Cllrs agreed that the Village Hall and/or the school would be available in the interim until CCC took over.
- i. **Highways Traffic Plan for Bridge.** This was discussed, amended and prioritised. The clerk is to reply to Ruth Goudie
- j. **Concurrent funding application** The clerk was to increase the application from £9646 to £15046 to take into account the full cost of the repairs to the Village Hall roof and floor.
- k. **Parish Precept** for 2005-06 Cllr Esdale wished to reconsider the figure agreed at the last meeting. He was now aware that the full amount of the Concurrent Funding application will not be met by CCC, and a late request had been received from Patricbourne PCC to help with the upkeep of their open burial ground. A figure of £315 was suggested to be included in the budget. A revised figure of £18877.50 was agreed. This figure to be capped and reduced if the Concurrent Funding was paid at more than 57% of the sum requested.
- l. **Capital Grant Application** deferred to next meeting to consider tarmac for the play area and a Basket Ball hoop for the Recreation Ground. Cllr Gulvin to obtain quotes.
- m. **Christmas Tree donations** it was agreed that the surplus of £116.50 would be retained to buy replacement Christmas tree lights in the future.

93. **Correspondence** (The correspondence list was noted.)

94. **Sealing of documents**

Noted the receipt of £350 from Broomfield F.C.

95. **The following items were authorised for payment:**

PAYEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Tina Burchell	£332.90	Maternity pay November
Carol Baker	£358.78	Pay November
Bounty	305.50	Pest Control for Recreation Ground
Canterbury & District Neighbourhood Watch Ass	£100.00	Donation

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council is on Thursday 13th January 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.