

Minutes of  
**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>.December 2012 in Bridge Village Hall

- Present;** Cllrs Hill, (Chairman), Atkinson, Corfield, Edmonds, Hodges, Moon, Oakey and Ward
- 92/11-12** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Wilmshurst, CCC Cllr Cook and KCC Cllr Northey
- 93/12-13** There were no Declaration of Interest & Lobbying and written declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on agenda items.
- 94/12-13** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup>. November 2012 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.
- 95/12-13** **Matters arising;**  
Cllr Oakey reported that he had had a good response to his call for volunteers to help with clearing snow and ice from the pavements. He would be meeting volunteers shortly. It was agreed to buy salt and any equipment that might be required to a maximum of approx. £100.00 **Action; Cllr Oakey**
- 96/12-13** Councillor Robert Moon was welcomed as a newly elected member of the parish council and congratulated on his strong election performance.
- 97/12-13** **Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook;** ( Via email) Cllr Cook reported that publication of the draft of the Local Plan had been delayed and it is due in March, although this had not been confirmed.
- 98/12-13** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. **Recreation Ground** – The old George Pratt memorial bench was in a poor state. It was agreed to replace it with the new George Pratt memorial bench which was presently situated by the lay by at the recreation ground. The spare parts for the larger swing bank had been received.  
**Action; Recreation Ground Committee**  
Cllr Hill commented on the excellent job that had been done in installing the new brackets at the pavilion to try to protect the guttering.
- b. **Neighbourhood Plan** – At the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee last month members had been asked to look at the results of the questionnaires again and identify areas that could be carried forward with the city council.
- c. **Diamond Jubilee Accounts** – A cheque for £670.42 had been paid into the parish council's account, being the balance of the Diamond Jubilee account. Cllr Oakey would now close the Diamond Jubilee account. Some coins remained to be sold. Cllr Hill commended the committee on containing the expenses for the event so well. **Action; Cllr Oakey**
- 99/12-13** **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**  
**KALC AGM Ditton 17<sup>th</sup>. November - Cllr Atkinson (Report circulated)**  
Cllr Atkinson reminded councillors that in future bus passes would be renewed automatically. Holders should ensure that KHS were informed of their current address.  
Cllr Atkinson also suggested that councillors should question the police on their response time statistics as they applied to rural areas whenever the opportunity arose. The tendency was for such statistics only to be quoted for urban areas.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Hodges (Report circulated)

**100/12-13 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation area**

The following proposals were noted;

20 Union Road, Bridge

Pollard lime tree in rear garden by 50%

The Close Communal Gardens, Union Road, Bridge

Pollard silver birch & copper beech on north side of property

Thin out crown of crab apple on south side by no more than 20

**101/12-13 Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **Review of List of Councillors' Responsibilities;** The responsibilities of the councillors were revised. (List attached)
- b. **Purchase of Plaque for Diamond Jubilee Tree-** Councillors decided not to opt for the more expensive brass plaque because of the cost and the danger of metal theft. It was agreed to opt for a less expensive alternative made from an artificial material. **Action; Cllrs Hill and Moon**
- c. **Sycamore tree on recreation ground –** It was agreed to authorise the tree work proposed for the sycamore tree on the recreation ground which had been recommended by the city council's Arboricultural Officer, i.e. reduce the height by 20% and inspect the cavities. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Bridge Village Sign –** Cllr Hill reported that the village sign was in need of refurbishment. It was agreed to ask a local tradesman to do the work. **Action; Cllr Corfield**

**102/12-13 Correspondence – Noted****103/12-13 Bank transfers:**

The council noted the transfer of £2,000 between Parish Council accounts

**104/12-13.** The following receipts were noted;

HMRC – Reimbursement of VAT payments - £161.21

Repayment of Diamond Jubilee loan - £670.42

Christmas tree donations - £901.00

**105/12–13** The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£581.07	Clerk's salary and allowances for November 2012
Post Office Ltd	£172.51	PAYE & Employer NI Contribution November 2012
AJL Garden Services	£	Recreation ground maintenance November
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£49.55	Petty cash
Cllr Terry Wilmshurst	£295.00	Reimbursement of cost of brackets, labour etc for pavilion guttering
Bounty Pest Control	£324.48	Annual service agreement 1/12/12 – 30/11/13 = £270.40 + £54.08 vat
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£63.48	Spare parts for A frame swing £52.90 + £10.58 vat
Ewart Clough	£836.40	87x 5' and 1 x 20' Christmas trees £697.00 + £139.40 vat
Mark Esdale	£279.52	Christmas tree lights & fixings £232.94 + £46.58 vat
Simon Gomm	£200.00	Bus shelter repairs
Gillett & Johnston (Croydon) Ltd	£164.40	Servicing village hall clock 1/12/12/ to 30/11/13 £137.00 + £27.40 vat
Cllr Alan Atkinson	£31.50	Mileage claim 70 miles @ 45p per mile Bridge –Ditton return for KALC AGM

**106/12-13 Any Other Business**

**a. Christmas trees** – Cllr Hill thanked councillors and residents who had helped to erect a record number of Christmas trees in the High Street on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The trees would be taken down on 5<sup>th</sup> January and it was hoped that many residents would come and help to do this.

**b. Twinning Sign** – Cllr Ward showed councillors the design of the new Bridge signs which would show that Bridge was twinned with St Andre, which the approved. The signs would be paid by St Andre from EU funding.

**c. Recreation ground fence** – Cllr Moon reported that the new fence would be erected on the recreation ground by the pavilion in the first week of the New Year.

The meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. January 2012 at **7.00** pm in Bridge Village Hall.