

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th.December 2014 in Bridge Village Hall

- Present;** Cllrs Hodges (Chairman,) Atkinson, Corfield, Hill, Moon, Ward, Wilmshurst and CCC Cllr Cook.
- 87/14-15** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Edmonds, Wortham and KCC Cllr Northey
- 88/14-15** **Declarations of Interest & Lobbying and written Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on agenda items.** There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
- 89/14-15** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th.November 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 90/14-15** **Matters arising;** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 91/14-15** **Report by CCC Cllr Simon Cook;** Cllr Cook reminded councillors that the small grants fund was available until February. Applications should be made direct to the City Council. Several gifts had been distributed in Bridge from the Mayors' Christmas Fund. The Canterbury Local Plan had been submitted for inspection and it was expected there would be a response shortly before the Election in May.
- 92/14-15** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a** **Recreation Ground;** The mole problem on the football field was being dealt with by the contractor.
Work on refurbishing the pavilion was continuing and the garage had been cleared out. Herne Athletic would be asked to identify any equipment that belonged to them. Bridge Athletic had removed their property but had not yet returned the keys. It was agreed to replace the locks on the pavilion once the refurbishment had been completed, as there were no accurate key holder records.
It was agreed to charge Fitness in the Park £60 for the use of the pavilion & ground between May and September 2015. This sum could be adjusted once the revised fee levels had been agreed. **Action; Clerk**
Some rubbish was still on the recreation ground beside 15 Riverside Close. Mr Harris had been asked to pursue this as Chairman of the Residents' Association and Cllr Hodges would remind him. **Action; Cllr Hodges**
Cllr Hodges commented that the tennis club had been sweeping leaves from the tennis court onto the children's wild flower area. Cllr Hodges would ask them to purchase a compost bin. **Action; Cllr Hodges**
A problem was reported in the willow tree by the recreation ground gate. Telephone wires were becoming entangled in the branches and this was affecting residents' telephones. The Clerk would look up who was responsible for the tree's maintenance. **Action; Clerk**
Bridge Junior FC had complained that the grass outside the pavilion was too long. They had asked to be allowed to bring their own equipment to cut it. This was to be discouraged because our contractor complained that grass was being cut when it was too wet and this could damage the ground.
- b.** **Neighbourhood Plan** Cllr Hodges reported that the closing date for responses from residents to the draft Plan was Monday 15th. December. The response date for businesses and landowners was later. The balance of the grant from the Community Development Foundation had to be returned to

them because the expiry date was the end of the year and they had refused requests to extend the deadline.

- c. **Nailbourne** – Cllr Atkinson had circulated a report. Ground water levels were rising rapidly. The prediction was still ‘Flow not Flood’ but heavy rain before April could result in the flood defences being deployed. The City Council was running a test of defences later this month. Ted Edwards would be leaving the City Council in March. Councillors agreed that he had worked hard for Bridge.
- d. **Community First Responders** SECAMB had been put in touch with two potential volunteers. Publicity material was being updated by CFR but would be provided for the village as soon as it was available.

93/14-15 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

KALC AGM Ditton 22nd November – Cllr Wortham – Report circulated
Police Forum 25th. November 2014 – Cllr Hill- Report circulated
Community Resilience & Emergency Training Canterbury 18th November
Cllrs Wortham, Atkinson & Moon

The course had been useful. Cllr Moon had some booklets on what to do in an emergency to distribute to those most at risk initially but he hoped to have more later. It was possible that First Aid Courses would be run by this group.
Village Hall Committee.

It was hoped to circulate minutes of this meeting later. There had been discussions about a unified booking system for the village hall and pavilion once the pavilion had been upgraded. The fees for hire had been held until September. Some redecoration was planned. Jenny Vye was now the Chairman

94/14-15 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Bus shelter.**- After discussion it was decided to take no action. It was thought that fitting a back to the shelter would make the bench unusable.
- b. **Retirement of Charlie Gooch, Agent for Cantley Estates-** It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Charlie Gooch on his retirement. **Action; Clerk**
- c. **Parish Newsletter-** It was agreed to produce a Parish Newsletter in February. Items were suggested and Cllr Corfield asked contributors to let him have their drafts as early as possible.
- d. **Pay award for Clerk** – It was agreed to implement the 1% national pay award for Parish Clerks with effect from 1st January 2015
- e. **Section 137 Payment** – The Section 137 first payment to Canterbury City Council towards flood alleviation schemes in the village was approved. The balance would be paid in the next Financial Year.

95/14-15 Correspondence – Noted

96/14-15 Sealing of Documents
Agreement between Bridge Junior Football Club and Bridge Parish Council for 2014/15 season was signed

97/14-15 Receipts

The following receipts were noted;
Christmas trees - £741
Bridge Junior FC fees - £100

98/14-15. Bank Transfers

The transfer of £13,500 between parish accounts was noted

99/14–15 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£663.89	Clerk’s salary & allowance for November 2014
Post Office Ltd	£145.56	PAYE and Employer NI contribution for November 2014
Mrs V White	£25.46	Plants & compost for village planters
AJL Garden Services	£64.85	Grounds maintenance for October 2014
Bridge Village Sports Trust	£200.00	Football bonds returned from defunct clubs
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£25.00	Purchase of 5 sacks for secure file disposal
Bounty Pest Control	£324.48	Pest control contract 1.12.14-30.11.15 £270.40 + £54.08 vat
A P Electrical	£33.90	Electrical work - pavilion
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£41.85	Petty cash
Mervyn Gulvin	£43.84	Postage & stationery costs for business & agency consultee circulation (Neighbourhood Plan Acc)
Ewart Clough	£741.00	Christmas trees £617.50 + £123.50 vat
Community Development Foundation	£4,992.96	Return of balance of grant towards Neighbourhood Plan costs.
Mobile Glass	£108.00	Remove & replace window glass in pavilion £90.00 + £18.00 vat
Canterbury City Council	£6,500	Section 137 payment Construction work for flood gates & flood alleviation ancillary work Brewery Lane – First payment
Cllr Atkinson	£31.50	Travel claim Dec- Oct 2014 70 miles @ 0.45p per mile

100/14-15 Any Other Business

a. Christmas trees – Cllr Hill thanked all those who had helped with the erection of Christmas trees this year and in particular Mark Esdale who had spent so much time and effort in making the display possible again.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 8th.January 2015 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.