

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 14 February 2002 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson (chairman), Beer, Connor, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder. Also present was one member of the public who attended for the whole meeting.

195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Corfield.

196 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

197 GOLDEN JUBILEE 2002

Cllr Hill reported that the leaflet to establish the number of souvenirs required had now been circulated with a requested return date of 28 February 2002. Cllr Dobson reported that the Golden Jubilee Committee had applied for funding and that they were looking into the possibility of a community art project involving 50 groups coming together to produce a commemorative work of art on tile or slab which could be sited in the village. Councillors unanimously **AGREED** to approve the idea with a site for the artwork being decided upon at a later date if the project goes ahead.

198 SANDBAG STORE

The clerk reported that, in response to letters from the parish council and Cllr Oakey expressing disappointment in the quality of the sandbag store, Canterbury City Council had advised that, although the sandbag store is the parish council's responsibility, on this one occasion they would arrange for the repair to be carried out by the contractor and would contribute 50% of the cost from the City Council Land Drainage budget.

199 STREET LIGHTING - PART-NIGHT CELLS

The clerk advised that a couple of manufacturers of the part-night cells had been contacted and they had confirmed that production of these units had now ceased and very few were now available from distributors. The clerk was requested to establish how many of the existing lanterns in the village would need replacing to accommodate the larger alternative photocell as this would enable the total probable future cost of replacing the existing units, as and when they fail, to be calculated.

200 MOLE TREATMENT

The clerk advised that Bounty Pest Control had been contacted regarding the increased activity at the recreation ground and treatment had been carried out. Weekly checks will be carried out by Bounty until the problem is cleared.

201 NEW MEDICAL CENTRE - 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Kent Highways have confirmed that the gateway and speed signs have been moved further back along Patribourne Road and that the coloured surfacing should hopefully be laid within the next few weeks depending on the weather.

202 RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATH

Cllr Dobson reported that a possible source of funding for refurbishing the footpath could come from Safer Routes to School. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to FPD Savills to ascertain whether they would have any objections to a new footpath being laid and asking when the original path was laid and by whom.

203 FIDELITY GUARANTEE

The clerk reported that the fidelity guarantee insurance could not be increased without confirmation that accounts would be checked monthly. It was **AGREED** that the existing amount of £25,000 with the current account checks was sufficient at this present time.

204 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

i) **Post Office Crossing** - Kent Highways are concerned that when vehicles are parked in the bus stop and the bus has to pull up beside the parked cars that pedestrians, especially children, think that the

bus has stopped at the crossing and start to cross. If vehicles waiting behind the bus pull out to overtake their view of crossing pedestrians is obscured and Kent Highways understand that there have been some near misses. Kent Highways solution to this problem would be to move the bus stop down by one bus length to give vehicles more visibility. It was unanimously **AGREED** that a compromise would be to move the bus stop down half a bus length which would still give vehicles passing the bus enough time to see the crossing and would enable the existing seat and paved area to be used by waiting passengers. **ii) White Horse PH Crossing** - with regard to the proposed zebra crossing at the White Horse PH Kent Highways are seeking confirmation of the parish council's continued support for it. It was **AGREED** that the parish council would continue to support this crossing and the clerk was requested to write to Kent Highways with the views of the council on both matters.

205 CONYNGHAM LANE

The clerk reported that a copy of a letter from Kent Highways to Cllr Oakey had been received in which Kent Highways advise Cllr Oakey that they could not support his recommendation for part time waiting restrictions in Conyngham Lane.

206 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
BVHMC	£7.50	Hire of Village Hall for Youth Meeting.
BVHMC	£22.50	Hire of Hunter Room.
BT	£51.71	Clerk's telephone and advance rental.
J Anderson	£25.00	Reimbursement for Jubilee Souvenir leaflet distribution.
M Gulvin	£17.15	Reimbursement for emergency repairs to sandbag store.

(b) Payments received: £304.28 VAT reclaim and £3.45 Seeboard wayleave payment.

(c) Concurrent Function Revenue Grant: The clerk advised that the bids for this grant for 2002/3 have been agreed by the Housing and Community Development Sub-Committee although the recommendations still have to be approved by full council on 28 February 2002. The bid of £7352.00 requested by the parish council has been agreed.

207 LAY-BY BELOW CHURCH COTTAGE

Cllr Anderson reported that the lay-by below Church Cottage is in a poor state and hazardous for pedestrians. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Kent Highways raising the parish council's concerns.

208 BOULES COURT - WESTERN AVENUE

Cllr Beer suggested that a suitable venue for a Boules Court could be the land in Western Avenue adjacent to Ford Close. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Kent Highways to seek their agreement to change the surface to a boules terrain before discussing the matter further. Cllr Beer also advised that the bench at this location looked in need of retreatment and that her husband had offered to carry out the work. The clerk was asked to find out what treatment should be used.

209 MILL TERRACE - ROAD REPAIRS

Cllr Beer reported that the road at Mill Terrace was in a very poor condition with potholes and it was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Canterbury City Council asking them to adopt the road at Mill Terrace and also at Bourne View.

210 ALLOTMENTS

The clerk was asked to write to chase up the request for a meeting with C Gooch of FPD Savills when he is next visiting the village to discuss the situation with the allotments.

211 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Dobson advised that she is preparing the next newsletter and any contributions from councillors should be forwarded to her as soon as possible. She also requested an article from the Planning sub-committee which Cllr Hill **AGREED** to write. A note will be included asking any parishioners who wish to purchase a Golden Jubilee souvenir mug at a cost of £3.00 to contact Cllr Hill.

212 PLANNING GREEN PAPER PROPOSALS ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS

It was **AGREED** that the Planning sub-committee would meet and complete the response to Government regarding their proposal to alter radically the way in which planning is carried out in England.

213 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Planning applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are being considered :
- CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - rooflights at Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School, Bridge.
 - CA/02/0015/BRI - First floor side extension to dwelling at 1 Bourne View, Bridge.
 - CA/02/0035/BRI - Conservatory to rear of dwelling at 10 Dering Road, Bridge.
 - CAL02/0018/BRI - Internal alterations to River House, 67 High Street, Bridge.
 - CA/02/0061/BRI - Single-storey front extension to dwelling at 53 Bridgedown, Bridge.
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:
- CA/01/1268/BRI - Porch to front and conservatory to rear of 4 Filmer Road, Bridge.
 - CA/01/1339/BRI - First floor side extension (renewal) at 2 Filmer Road, Bridge.
 - CA/01/1378/BRI - Conservatory to rear of Beech Cottage, Beech Hill, Bridge.
- (c) **Applications refused:** No planning applications have been notified as refused.
- (d) **Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area:** The following notice of proposed work has been received and is being considered:
- Fell Fir tree in back garden at 34 Conyngham Lane, Bridge.
 - Fell Blue Cedar tree at 9 Riverside Close, Bridge.

214 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Rural White Paper:** Cllr Anderson reported that the Youth Meeting organised by the sub-committee at the end of January was well supported by the youth of Bridge with representatives from youth groups, Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council, Wye Parish Council and Wye Youth Forum also attending.
- (b) **i) Footpaths:** Cllr Connor reported that he had walked most of the footpaths and there were no particular problems identified.
- ii) Trees:** Cllr Monk advised that the 10 new trees had been planted with the assistance of Rosemary Hall of Wye College and the clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to her from the parish council. Cllrs Monk and Gulvin **AGREED** to get together to update the tree map. A quote for £310.00 for various tree works has been received by Cllr Monk from Andrew Osborn and the clerk was requested to confirm acceptance in writing.
- (c) **Recreation Ground:** **i)** Cllr Gulvin reported on Canterbury City Council proposals to give up football grounds into free use and said the matter would be discussed at the AGM of the Bridge Village Sports Trust. **ii)** Cllr Walder advised that the record sheets for the monthly inspection of the play equipment had been set up and Cllr Gulvin **AGREED** to carry out the inspection for February. **iii)** The clerk reported that the contractors who carried out work on behalf of Seeboard have confirmed that their work was restricted to the public footpath and not the grass verge outside the recreation ground. Cllr Hill confirmed that bulbs were appearing in the grass verge and therefore it was **AGREED** not to pursue the matter further.
- (d) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** **i)** The clerk was requested to write to Kent Highways regarding the gully below the zebra crossing which is full of water and must therefore be blocked somewhere in the run. **ii)** Cllr Gulvin advised that he had instructed the contractor to replace the broken PVC pane in the bus shelter and the clerk was asked to confirm this in writing. **iii)** The clerk was requested to check whether the parish council had asked for no white lines to be painted by the contractor in the lay-by in Patrixbourne Road adjacent to the recreation ground and to write to the contractor asking for them to be removed if that was the case. **iv)** It was reported that the first pinch point of the traffic calming is not very visible especially at night and the clerk was requested to write to Highways to see if it could be painted white or have reflective strips put on it to make it more easily seen. **v)** It was reported that the white lines at the junction to the slip road to the A2 have faded or disappeared and the clerk was asked to write to Highways concerning this and to also ask for white lines down the centre of the slip road where it is two-way.

215 CANTERBURY COLLEGE RELOCATION

It was **NOTED** that an update had been received from PACE together with the receipt for the donation.

216 CODE OF CONDUCT/STANDARDS COMMITTEES

It was **NOTED** that the code must be adopted by 5 May 2002 and it was **AGREED** that this would

be adopted by the parish council at the April meeting and the clerk was requested to advise the Monitoring Officer of Canterbury City Council accordingly.

217 CHURCH CLOCK

Cllr Anderson reported that dissatisfaction had been expressed in the village about the quality of the church clock restoration and as the parish council had been a major contributor the clerk was requested to write to Smiths of Derby in support of the Parochial Church Council.

218 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

There were no new matters to report.

219 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) Parish News
- (b) Kent Police Authority News - January 2002
- (c) Canterbury District Community Legal Service Partnership - Strategic Plan

220 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 14 March 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....