

Draft Minutes for

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2005 in Bridge Village Hall

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

Apologies: Edmonds.

105. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2005 were amended confirmed and signed by the Chairman

106. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. Notice Board Bridge Down –Cllr Esdale reported that there was a further delay.
- b. Bus shelter –Cllr Esdale had received a quote to replace all 4 broken/cracked panes of glass in the bus shelter. As this was in excess of the budget it was agreed to replace only 3 panes. Cllr Esdale is to obtain a revised quote giving a breakdown for the costs of each pane.
- c. Cross over at the Allotments – The work will start on Monday 14th February. Cllr Gulvin has already had a site visit with the contractor.
- d. Hedge/tree trimming – Laurie's Way, Cllr Gulvin confirmed that the work has been carried out.
High Street (near the bridge) The clerk has again contacted Highways.
- e. Overgrown hedges blocking pavements – Cllr Lewis had been unable to speak to the remaining householder.
- f. Tree overhanging streetlight on the junction with Bridge Downs and Higham Lane. The clerk has written to the landowner. The work has been carried out.
- g. Noted
- h. Capital Grant - No application was made. CCC have transferred funds from the Capital Grant fund to meet the costs of the repairs to the village hall included in the concurrent application for 2005-06
- i. Highways – Yellow lines in Western Avenue, now painted in the correct location.
- j. Transfer of Street Lighting to CCC –The clerk has sent all the information requested.
- k. Sue Roper had withdrawn her acceptance for the position of temporary clerk. Cllr Lewis will advertise again for the post.
- l. Cllr Esdale will contact Bt to enquire whether the telephone number for the Parish clerk can be frozen until a new clerk is found.

107. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

Verbal Report of CCC Rural Members Panel 24th Jan received from Cllr Hill
Verbal Report of CCC Rural Members Panel 27th Jan received from Cllr Hill
Verbal Report of Joint Meeting of the Rural Area Member Panel (North & South) received from Cllr Esdale; the clerk will circulate his report after the meeting.

Cllr Gulvin thanked Cllr Hill and Esdale for all the time they had given up attending these meetings.

108. Reports from Advisory Committees

Notice to Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area (for information only)

Note that Tree Preservation Order No 6 2004 – Land South East of “The Archways”, Conyngnam Lane Bridge, has been confirmed by the Development Control Committee (28/01/05)

109. **Matters of Discussion and Action**

- a. **Allotment Management** Cllr Gulvin reported that Charles Gooch had still not resolved the legal issues facing his company, and was not in a position to finalise the leases for the allotments. The clerk was asked to add the allotment sheds to the PC insurance policy as soon as possible.
- b. **Rural housing Trust** Cllr Dobson will contact Alison Thompson to ask her to carry out her survey in the village.
- c. **Filmer Road** Cllr Lewis had agreed a letter with Councillors after the last meeting, which had been circulated to the 11 residents. He had only received two replies. He will now contact Ruth Goudie of Highways to ask her for solutions to enable pedestrians to walk down the adopted highway.
- d. Cllr Esdale and Dobson had both obtained application forms for Bridge to enter the **ACRK "Kent Village of the Year"** competition. Cllr Esdale is to complete the application form and report back to the next meeting. The deadline to apply is 31st March.
- e. **Road closures** in the Parish for resurfacing. Noted.
- f. **Annual Traffic Review** from Highways agreed.
- g. **Newsletter** – draft amended and agreed. To be circulated by the end of the month.
- h. **Annual Parish** meeting on 24th March was discussed. The clerk to circulate the agenda for last years meeting. Cllr Dobson to invite Alison Thompson from the Rural Housing Trust to give a presentation about Affordable Housing. The clerk to invite Cllr Vye and Anderson to give talks at the meeting along with a representative from the Mill Center, Village Hall Trust and Fish Scheme. Michael Stewart to be invited to present the accounts.
- i. **Bench** outside the Londis shop. Cllr Esdale would approach the shop proprietor, however this was not in the budget for the next financial year.
- j. No action to be taken
- k. **Street Runner** Cllr Dobson referred to her report. Councillors agreed that they would be happy to pay for the hall hire for the Street Runner to continue, this will need to be added to the budget for next year.
- l. Item withdrawn

110. **Correspondence** (list attached)

Noted

111. Letter of authorisation to transfer funds of £1000 between the two bank accounts held by Bridge Parish Council.

112. Vat recovery of £1090.87 - Noted

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

PAYEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Carol Baker	£ 43.53	Petty Cash
Carol Baker	£369.08	Pay January
Bridge Village Hall	£ 18.00	Hall Hire for PC meetings Jan – March 05
Bridge Village Hall	£ 40.00	Hall hire for Street Runner Jan 8 th & Feb

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council is on Thursday 10th March 2005 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.