

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 9 February 2017 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllrs A Atkinson (Chair), R Atkinson (arrived 7.34 p.m.) Hodges, Davies, Dhaliwal, Fawke, Sole and Corfield.

115/16-17 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Corfield and KCC Councillor Michael Northey

116/16-17 Declaration of Interest & Lobbying and written Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - there were none.

117/16-17 The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 January 2017 were confirmed as a true record, signed and dated by the Chair.

118/16-17 Matters arising from the minutes not covered under item 7 of the agenda.

- A safety report on the Zebra crossing is awaited from KCC.

119/16-17 Report from Canterbury City Councillor Simon Cook

The budget for 2017-2018 will be voted on 21 February 2017, with no cuts anticipated to front line services. The business case for the creation of an East Kent Council is available on the Canterbury City Council website. More litter and parking enforcement staff have been appointed. There is much greater enforcement of fly tipping taking place now in the Canterbury area. The modifications to the Local Plan requested by the government inspector are now out for consultation. Cllr Cook expects the plan might be adopted by Summer 2017. Recent changes to the wording of aspects of the plan concerning primary schools on the Mountfield site are semantic and do not represent any change of published policy.

120/16-17 Report from Kent County Councillor Michael Northey

Cllr Northey's written report stated that KCC is setting the annual Budget on 9 February. In spite of cuts in government grants, rising demand and inflation costs, KCC is maintaining services. The base budget is £907 million, down £200 in the past five years. KCC's spending power has been severely cut but the budget is balanced. The proposed council tax rise is just under 4% which is made up of 1.99% general plus 2% reserved for Adult Social Services.

121/16-17 Disposal of business from the last meeting

Recreation Ground:

Council agreed to pay for the pollarding of 3 willow trees and the crown reduction of maple trees mentioned at the previous meeting. The likely cost will be in the region of £1,750 + VAT. Cllr Davies updated the current list of jobs for completion. Council agreed to call on Canterbury City Council enforcement officers at weekends if dogs continue to be on the Recreation Ground, especially after football matches. The community warden might also be involved. No working parties are needed this Spring due to the excellent work already carried out by volunteers. A sensory garden will be created at the instigation of Mr and Mrs Bray-using funds allocated to the wildflower project. (A small digger will need to be employed for this work).

Neighbourhood Plan

Joe Connor outlined the contents of the meeting held on 6 January of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. The information event held in the village hall on Saturday 21 January attracted many comments and approximately 140 visitors-over 10% of the village electorate. A further meeting has been held with Mr Boot by members of the Neighbourhood Plan committee, focussing on the tasks which need to be completed to bring the plan to fruition, hopefully by late Spring 2017. Cllr Davies commented that he thought elements of the housing plans are contradictory.

122/16-17 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies.

BVST 13 December 2016 . Cllr Davies spoke about the main points from the minutes which had been circulated previously.

KALC 17 January 2017 Cllr Hodges spoke about the main points from the minutes which had been circulated previously. These included proposed rationalisation of hospitals in East

Kent, the proposed parish charters and problems with the new planning portal on the Canterbury City Council website.

123/16-17 Matters for discussion and action.

1. Council asked Cllr Dhaliwal to present some costed proposals for a **Summer Country Fayre** to be scrutinised at the next meeting. The date of the event may well fall in late August or early September (Cllr Dhaliwal left at this point as previously agreed at the start of the meeting).
2. **Bridge Lay by.** Council resolved to support the proposals for a weight limit restricted to 7.5 tons contained in the current annual parking review consultation published by Canterbury City Council. This limit will need to be enforced regularly. If it does not have the required deterrent effect, the council resolved to revisit the issue of installing concrete planters in the layby-in association with Bekesbourne with Patricbourne Parish Council.
3. **To receive an update on the Mill Centre lease.** The Chair informed the meeting that the lease is now ready for signature by himself and Cllr Fawke. The Clerk read out the contents of the email from the PC solicitor dated 9 February which suggests that the final wording will satisfy the PC and the Mill Centre Management Committee.
4. **Green Court proposals.** Recent correspondence from KCC soft landscaping department was noted. It will be copied to Pam Dobson for comment and implemented as soon as possible once a cultivation licence has been obtained.
5. Prof Stephen Packham of the University of Kent will be invited to address the **Annual Parish meeting** (7.00 p.m. April 27 2017) about traffic and air pollution.
6. Of the options presented, Council voted unanimously to support Option 3 from the Wicksteed offer. The current **flat bed swings and “spider” climbing frame** will be replaced at a cost of £4,626 for the Parish Council, once section 106 and RAMP grants are taken into account.
7. **Governance issues and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.** The Parish Council approved the following motion proposed by Cllr Sole and seconded by Cllr Dhillon with 5 votes in favour and two abstentions: “Non-councillor members of Bridge Neighbourhood Planning Committee should be required to complete declarations of pecuniary interest”.

124/16-17 The Correspondence list for February 2017 was noted.

125/16-17 **The following receipts** were noted: £522.15 insurance payment for pavilion vandalism; £55 for Christmas Trees; £3.27 bank interest.

126/16-17 **The following items for payment were authorised:**

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Philip Wicker	£611.44	Salary and Office allowance
Post Office	£171.52	Tax and National Insurance
Mervyn Gulvin	£248.00	Neighbourhood Plan display photocopying
Savills Client Accounting	£275.00	Recreation Ground lease
Jackson's fencing	£35.10	Lock for children's play area
Cllr P Davies	£21.17	Plants
Claire Tester	£750.00	Neighbourhood Plan report
Philip Wicker	£44.98	Mouse and keyboard for parish computer
Jim Boot	£650.50	Neighbourhood Plan consultant
Road Safety Systems	£240.00	Week of measuring road usage and traffic speeds.

127/16-17 Points of Information:

- 3 March 2017: Police webinar for all villagers interested in discussing police work in the local community.

- 4 March 2017: Village wide litter pick starting at 9.30 by the pharmacy, ending at the pavilion on the recreation ground at 11.30 where refreshments will be served.
- There are minor highways works still to be carried out in the village (Cllr Davies)
- Cllr R Atkinson questioned the positioning of a new road sign regarding HGV's.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

**The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 9 March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall**