

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 8th January 2004 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Beesty, Dobson, Esdale (chairman), Gulvin, Hill (vice-chairman), and Lewis

150. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beinder, Corfield and Edmonds.

151. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2003

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2003 were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

152. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

a. It was agreed to request another copy of the accounts produced by RBS accounting solutions for 2002/3.

b. Local Member Allowances

i. It was agreed that the Chairman should be entitled to an allowance of up to £100 per Council year and that members of the council would be entitled to reimbursement of expenses and mileage allowance, in accordance with the casual user scale published by the NALC from time to time, incurred in connection with authorised Council business.

ii. It was agreed that payment would only to be made on production of the appropriate vouchers or receipts.

153. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

a. **Mill Centre-** Cllr Gulvin reported that Canterbury City Council has agreed to amend the Mill Centre lease to allow non-uniformed groups to use the Mill Centre.

154. Report from sub-committees

a. Environment: Footpaths & Trees

It was agreed that the clerk would contact East Kent County Environmental Management about i) a tree blocking pathway (CB304) that runs from the Flint Cottage to the disused railway line ii) cutting back the edge of pathway (CB304) before the spring.

b. Streets Footways and lighting

i. It was noted that the Highland Investment Company Limited has agreed to keep the gap clear between the fence and the pavement outside 2 and 4 Riverside Close along Patricbourne Road.

ii. The receipt of a questionnaire from Kent Police was noted.

iii. The receipt of the Stakeholders consultation on the open spaces strategy and play strategy was noted.

c. Recreation Ground

i. It was noted that SERCO have agreed to carry out a one off clearance of rubbish from around the recreation ground.

ii. It was noted that the clerk has sent Broomfield Football Club a reminder for its fees of £350 for 2003/4.

155. **Parish Plan.** It was agreed that the Parish Plan Steering Group would meet next on 29th January in the Hunter Room.

156. Accounts

i. It was noted that Steve Sutton has approved the accounts from 1st April to 30th September 2003.

ii. The receipt of the accounts for 2002/3 in layman's terms produced by Michael Stewart was noted.

157. Cllr Esdale reported that i) BT has set a target for broadband in Bridge by Easter and that ii) Shepherd Neame have installed a broadband system in the Plough and Harrow as a test site. The tests should start in mid-January and last until the end of March.

158. It was agreed to adopt the phone mast policy produced by the planning committee.

159. It was agreed that the youth group could use part of the grant supplied by the Parish Council to stock its tuck shop.

160. The Parish Council accepted the revised quote from KCC of £1519.41 for ground maintenance for 2004/5 at Bridge Recreation Ground.

161. It was agreed that the clerk would invite Ruth Goudie to a site meeting about the parking issues at Western Avenue with Cllr Esdale. The Parish Council agreed with the suggestion from Kent Highways to

paint an access highlight across the path at the Union Road end of the footpath between Union and Filmer Road.

162. Concurrent Function Funding: It was agreed to repair the safety glass at the bus shelter by the Post office and to repair the loose board at the shelter at near Higham Park. It was agreed that BVST would obtain quotes for repainting the sports pavilion.

163. It was agreed to obtain a quote from Plough and Harrow for providing the drinks at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to invite the following speakers Cllr Vye, Cllr Anderson, a representative from the Youth Club, the Allotment Society Chairman, the village hall booking secretary, and the new superintendent DCI Joanna Young. It was agreed that if DCI Young is not free then Amanda Sparkes of Canterbury City Council should be invited to speak about the rural youth bus

164. Authorisation of items for payment: The following items were authorised for payment:

Gillett and Johnson £116.33 (village hall clock annual service)

Seeboard Contracting Services- £120.36 (maintenance December)

CPRE £25 (annual membership)

BVHMC £749.30 (village hall maintenance grant 2003/4)

Tina Burchell £369.08 (salary and office allowance December 2003)

Petty Cash £44.93

BT £52.66 (clerks phone line)

Seeboard Energy £99.83 (December)

P Coker £44.36 (youth group grant) and £85.94 (youth group grant)

Bounty Pest control £82.25 (pest control- increase visits to 12 per year)