

Draft Minutes for

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2005 in Bridge Village Hall

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

Apologies: Dobson.

96. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2004 were amended confirmed and signed by the Chairman

97. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. **Notice Board Bridge Down** –Cllr Esdale confirmed that the Notice Board would be finished by the end of January.
- b. Hedge/tree trimming – Laurie’s Way, Cllr Gulvin thinks the work has been carried out. High Street (near the bridge) The clerk has contacted Highways. Cllr Lewis has replanted the Walnut Tree.
- c. The clerk has spoken to Highways Department regarding a disabled parking space at the Post Office. Unfortunately a disabled bay can only be allocated for a specific disabled person, and is usually outside their house.
- d. Cross over at the Allotments – The work is to start on Monday 7th February
- e. Overgrown hedges blocking pavements – Cllr Lewis had spoken to one additional householder; they will cut back their hedge.
- f. Tree overhanging streetlight on the junction with Bridge Downs and Higham Lane. The clerk has contacted Highways, as this is private land they cannot cut back the tree. The clerk is to contact the landowner.
- g. Update from Chairman re items from John Shirley:
Bus Shelter – Councillors agreed to keep the bus shelter and to replace the 3 broken georgian glass panels. A quote is to be obtained.
Filmer Road – pedestrians cannot walk through Laurie’s Way with a pushchair or wheel chair because of cars parked in Filmer Road, which are blocking the entrance. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to all residents in Filmer Road asking them for solutions to the problem. Cllr Lewis offered to draft a letter for approval at the next meeting.
Signage from Cycle route 16 (Dover to Canterbury) to Bridge. Councillors thought this was unnecessary.

98. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

Cllr Beesty had attended a KAPC meeting and reported that Mobile phone masts had been discussed.

Cllr Esdale reported that there had been a Street Monitor meeting that he had been unable to attend.

99. Reports from Advisory Committees

No reports received.

100. Matters of Discussion and Action

- a. **Allotment Management** The clerk has written to Charles Gooch, but has not received a reply.
- b. **Rural housing Trust** Waiting results of Parish Plan. Deferred to the next meeting.

- c. **Street Runner** The clerk had experienced problems in arranging insurance cover for the new equipment received from CCC for the group. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would take on the liability for the items, as their value would probably not exceed the excess on the policy. Councillors also agreed that the items would be stored in the Hunter Room.
- d. **Recreation Ground** Councillors agree to accept the quote for tree work to be carried out to the willow tree at the entrance and the two maple trees and the cherry tree overhanging the gardens of 7 & 9 Riverside Close received from Andrew Osborn at a cost of £135.00.
- e. **Capital Grant application** –Cllr Gulvin is to give the information to the clerk, for her to complete the application for funds to tarmac the recreation ground and for a basketball hoop.
- f. Councillors agreed to pay an annual grant of £315 towards the upkeep of the graveyard in **St Mary's Patrixbourne**
- g. Councillors agreed to renew the **CPRE Subscription** of £25.00 per annum
- h. **Christmas Tree donations** agreed at the meeting last month
- i. **Parish Precept** for 2005-06 agreed at the meeting last month.
- j. **Yellow lines in village** - Councillors agreed to defer a decision until the kerb extensions were in place. The clerk to advise Ruth Goudie (her e-mail 13th Dec) Yellow lines in Western Avenue – Cllr Esdale reported that the yellow lines had been painted in the wrong place. The clerk is to advise Ruth Goudie
- k. Highways – A2 Slip road de-clutter all the road signs. No action required as this has been carried out.
- l. KCC Improving your Path Network – Cllr Edmonds deferred to March agenda
- m. Councillors discussed the transfer of the street lighting functions to the City Council. Cllr Lewis had carried out an inspection of the location of all the light posts and gave out a report. A response to CCC was agreed. The clerk is to send a reply after contacting the insurance company to check any previous claims in the last five years for street lighting.
- n. Councillors agreed to enter Bridge for the ACRK "Kent Village of the Year Competition" To be discussed at the next meeting.
- o. Cllrs Lewis and Hill had interview one applicant for the position of replacement temporary clerk to cover the remainder of Tina's maternity cover. They will wait for a further two weeks to see if there are any further applicants before making a final decision.

101. Correspondence (The correspondence list was noted.)

102. Noted the receipt of £ 3.45 from EDF Energy Networks plc

103. Letter of authorisation to transfer funds of £2000 between the two bank accounts held by Bridge Parish Council.

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

PAYEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Tina Burchell	£332.17	Maternity pay December
Carol Baker	£369.08	Pay December
Mill Centre	£ 50.00	Street Runner
Bridge Village Hall	£ 3.00	Tues 22 nd Nov Parish Plan Group
Gillett & Johnston	£121.03	Servicing the clock to 30/11/05
CPRE Subscription	£ 25.00	Annual renewal
Kent County Council	£572.15	Landscape Services 2 nd half yearly invoice for

		ground maintenance 2004
Seaboard Energy	£294.69	Electricity supply 01/10/04 – 31/12/04
EDF Energy	£ 80.80	Repairs to Higham Lane/Bridge Down (38)
BT	£ 46.65	Telephone Line Sept- Dec
Bridge Village Hall	£ 8.00	PC Meetings Jan – Mar 05 & Parish Plan 11 th Jan
Mervyn Gulvin	£153.75	Mervyn Gulvin – photocopy Jan 03 –Dec 04
Mark Esdale	£385.99	Bridge in bloom trophy and Christmas trees, lights etc

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