

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 12 July 2001 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllr Beer (Vice-Chairman) who chaired the meeting and Cllrs Connor, Corfield, Dobson, Hill and Monk. Three members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the vice-chairman invited members of the public to address the parish council on the matter of vandalism. The meeting commenced at 7.50 pm.

#### 50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Anderson (Chairman), Gulvin and Walder due to holidays.

#### 51 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June were confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

#### 52 BUS SHELTER

Cllr Gulvin met with Oakleigh Building Services with reference to the quote received for bringing the perch seat forward and it was decided that Cllr Gulvin would have a look at undoing the bolts himself to move it forward to a better position. It was reported that the bus shelter had been damaged by fire on 23 June and the incident had been reported to the police. An estimate for repair has already been requested and it was unanimously **AGREED** that, as there is no meeting in August, Cllr Gulvin would be consulted for a decision on the estimate and that the cost of replacing the glass with armoured glass should also be looked at. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to the City Council and request that the bus shelter be swept at the same time as the roads.

#### 53 NEW SURGERY

Cllrs Gulvin and Anderson attended the recent meeting at Canterbury City Council and put forward the views of the parish council as agreed at the last meeting. It is understood that Cardy have written to Canterbury City Council acknowledging that the lay-by, where the proposed footpath and lighting is to be installed, is owned by Kent County Council and confirming that they will fund the construction of a new footpath and provision of a new street lighting column. Cardy have also agreed to re-surface the lay-by area beyond the new footpath.

#### 54 NEWSLETTER

The first newsletter has now been printed and delivered to all households and Cllr Dobson thanked everyone for their help in the distribution. In his absence the clerk passed on Cllr Anderson's thanks to Cllr Dobson for her hard work in producing the newsletter. Several positive comments have also been received from parishioners who wish to see the newsletter continue.

#### 55 TRAFFIC CALMING

Following letters from the Parish Council and Cllr Oakey to Kent Highways with reference to the delay in the completion of the traffic calming this has now been finished and is in operation. A parishioner has highlighted the nuisance caused to the neighbouring properties by the floodlighting of the zebra crossing and has asked whether this could be turned off at 10 pm. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to Kent Highways to find out whether this is possible. It was reported that although the traffic calming has been completed it looks unkempt and it is understood that Kent Highways have no plans to plant this area. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to Kent Highways to obtain their agreement to the planting of shrubs or trees to make these areas more attractive, especially as they are at the gateway to the village. It was also **AGREED** to request the provision of priority signs to make the right of way clearer to traffic. In his absence the clerk passed on Cllr Anderson's thanks to Cllr Monk who attended Cllr Oakey's surgery.

#### 56 MOLE TREATMENT

Although a further treatment had been carried out by Bounty Pest Control and there should have been no

further activity it has been reported that the moles have been very active. The clerk was requested to contact Bounty Pest Control to arrange for further treatment.

**57 SANDBAG STORAGE**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that a suitable site for the proposed sandbag storage container would be on an area of land at the recreation ground where there is already a laid base which could be extended if necessary and the clerk was requested to contact Canterbury City Council to arrange a site visit by their engineer. Cllr Monk agreed to meet with Peter Brooks from the council to sort out the details.

**58 INCIDENT AT TENNIS CLUB**

Following our letter of thanks to Kent Constabulary for their quick response and action to the reported incident at the tennis club the parish council has received a letter of appreciation from Superintendent D M King.

**59 RURAL WHITE PAPER**

The Rural White Paper sub-committee met this week to look at the recommendations the paper contained. The committee suggested that they should produce a parish plan to put before the Parish Council and it was **AGREED** that this should be done.

**60 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
H W Sladden & Co Ltd	£800.00	Heating at village hall.
G P McCombe	£841.10	Salary.
G P McCombe	£150.00	Office allowance.
G P McCombe	£106.70	Travel allowance.
G P McCombe	£70.90	Reimbursements - photocopying and 3 keys cut.
G P McCombe	£10.07	Postage.

(b) **Payments received:** £800.00 capital grant for heating to village hall.

**61 ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Dobson reported that there are several parishioners who would like an allotment but FPD Savills had advised that there would be none available until next year when the Parish Council had completed their work with regard to the water supply. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would contact Savills to establish whether the land had now been cleared so that the council could go ahead with the installation of the water supply. It was also **AGREED** that the clerk would advise Savills that now the upper allotments have been cleared they would like to consider using this land for a woodland area.

**62 CONYNGHAM LANE**

A resident in Conyngham Lane has written to the parish council expressing concerns regarding the lack of street lighting, the fact that only one new light is proposed and the traffic congestion experienced by residents especially at school times. The parish council are currently awaiting confirmation from Canterbury City Council that their application for a grant for one street light in Conyngham Lane for 2003/04 has been accepted but the clerk advised that this confirmation is not expected to be received until the end of the summer. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to the City Council to establish whether any further funding was available to increase the number of lights to be installed. With regard to the traffic congestion it was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to the school expressing the concerns of residents.

**63 VANDALISM**

It was reported that there been a greater police presence recently in the village following incidents involving vandalism and that parishioners are extremely concerned with the increase in acts of vandalism. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr Beer would raise these concerns at the next Police Form meeting in July and would invite the police to attend a meeting of villagers to address them on this problem. Cllr Corfield **AGREED** to contact the neighbourhood watch co-ordinators to ask them to be vigilant and make everyone aware of the problem and request that all acts of vandalism are reported to the police.

**64 YOUTH GROUP**

Cllr Beer reported that Paul Filmer is looking at the possibility of starting a youth group in the village and it was unanimously **AGREED** that he would be invited to address the parish council at the next meeting in September to put forward his ideas and advise councillors of what support he would like

the parish council to provide.

## 65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Applications received:** The following new applications have been received and are being considered:
- CAL01/0095/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal & external alterations to dwelling at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0675/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal & external alterations to dwelling at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.
  - CAL01/0071/BRI - Minor amendments to demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0487/BRI - Minor amendments to demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0701/BRI - Replacement porch including pitched roof over garage at 55 Bridge Down, Bridge.
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:
- CAL01/0075/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0511/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.
  - CAL01/0076/BRI - Demolition of redundant chimney to rear of dwelling at 69 High Street, Bridge.
  - CAL01/0077/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metres high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.
  - CA/01/0532/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metres high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.
  - CA/00/0036/BRI - Erection of two-storey doctors' surgery with associated parking and formation of new access on land adjacent to the recreation ground, Patribourne Road, Bridge.
- (c) **Applications refused:** No applications have been notified as refused.
- (d) **Applications withdrawn:** The following planning application has been notified as withdrawn:
- CAL00/0061/BRI - Illuminated and non-illuminated signage, floodlights and lanterns at The Red Lion PH, High Street, Bridge.
- (e) **Notice of Intention:** The following notice of intention has been received and will not have a Tree Preservation Order served by Canterbury City Council:
- Fell approximately 50 Leylandi around perimeter of garden at The Old Forge, 49 High Street, Bridge.

## 66 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Environment, Footpaths & Trees:**
- i) Footpaths:** Cllr Connor reported that, following the Foot and Mouth Outbreak, restrictions have been lifted. Kent County Council advise that almost all public rights of way are open from 9 July 2001. The only exceptions are 15 farms which fall within the DEFRA (MAFF) "Form A" category and 16 because there are irreplaceable rare breeds. Notices advising closure and opening of rights of way will be dated 9 July 2001.
  - ii) Trees:** Cllr Dobson reported that there was space available on the recreation ground for further tree planting and it was **AGREED** that she should draw up a tree planting plan for the parish council to consider.
- (b) **Recreation Ground:** Cllr Dobson reported that she had cleared the pathway to the school of the overhanging vegetation. The clerk reported that she had written to KCC Landscape Services with regard to the damage caused to some of the trees by strimming and requesting that extra care should be taken.
- (c) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** Maurice Smith has reported 10 faulty or dirty signs to the Highways Department. Kent Highways have advised that signs which have been obscured by overhanging vegetation are the responsibility of the land owner. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would produce a notice which could be delivered to the householders concerned requesting that the vegetation be cut back.
- (d) **Land at Ford Close, Windmill Close & Greencourt:** The unsightly condition of these areas of land has been brought to the attention of the parish council and it was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to Canterbury City Council and ask them to adopt these areas of land and accept responsibility for their upkeep.

## 67 KRCC/KAPC MATTERS

Cllr Connor attended a recent KRCC meeting which was addressed by a member of the Countryside

Agency and where the Rural White Paper was the subject of discussion. Cllr Connor advised that the government is going ahead with the recommendations in the Rural White Paper. A 'vital village pack' is to be issued by the Countryside Agency but Cllr Connor advised that this was not yet available. The pack will provide information on the introduction of the Rural White Paper and its implications to parish councils. Cllr Connor also attended the KAPC meeting on 11 July where the topics were the vision for Kent and the London Manston Airport Masterplan.

**68 LITTLE STOUR AND NAILBOURNE RIVERS**

Cllr Corfield attended the June meeting of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group and reported that they are, together with the Environment Agency, trying to get a question asked in Parliament about prevention or reoccurrence of the flooding problems and to try to get Critical Ordinary Water Course status for the river so that it would come within the remit of the government. Cllr Connor had delivered information to the riparian owners for them to reply to the Environment Agency. The next meeting is Saturday 14 July but no-one from the parish council is able to attend.

**69 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION**

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

- (a) KCC Consultation on Proposed Management Protocol for Unauthorised Encampments on Local Authority Land in Kent and Medway
- (b) Report by the Policy and Resources and Strategic Planning Scrutiny Committees on Flooding in Kent.
- (c) CPRE Planning Update - Issue 3 - June 2001
- (d) Clerks & Councils Direct Issue 16
- (e) Local Council Review
- (f) Draft Housing Strategy 2002-2007 (available on the Canterbury City Council website - [www.canterbury.gov.uk](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk).)
- (g) Parish News - July 2001 (circulated with the minutes)

**70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 13 September 2001.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.58 pm.

Chairman.....

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