

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 11 July 2002 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson (Chairman), Beer (from 8.40 pm), Corfield, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder. Also present was one member of the public who attended for part of the meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman invited Mr Michael Parkes to address councillors on the matter of the proposed Highland Court development. The meeting commenced at 8.05 pm.

53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Connor.

54 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

55 GOLDEN JUBILEE 2002

The Golden Jubilee events held on 22 June were reported to have gone extremely well and provided an excellent day for the village. Councillors thanked Bridge Festival Committee for their efforts and the clerk was requested to write to the Committee accordingly. Councillors were pleased to note that the £750.00 the parish council had donated to cover any shortfall had been repaid as the event had been self-funding. Cllr Hill reported that the distribution of the mugs had gone well, although the replacement mugs from the supplier are still awaited, and he thanked Cllrs Dobson and Anderson for their help with the distribution.

56 CAR PARKING

Cllr Anderson advised that he had met with David Howells, Chief Executive of Kent Community Housing Trust, to look at the site with a view to improving the access to the school which will require the use of some land owned by the Trust. Mr Howells will be recommending to his Board that they give it serious consideration and their surveyor will look at some initial draft schemes to see what is feasible.

57 RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATH

The clerk confirmed that written consent for the refurbishment of the recreation ground footpath had now been received from Mr C Gooch of FPD Savills. The clerk was requested to send a copy of the quote and specification to Jon Lambourne at Canterbury City Council.

58 BEECH TREE - THE NEW CLOSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

The clerk advised that, although no definite date has been agreed for the felling of the Beech tree, Kent Housing Community Trust believe the work could be carried out during the first week of the school summer holiday.

59 ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that a request for an allotment had been received from Mr John Thackray of Riverside Close who had also offered his assistance to clear the land if required. Cllr Dobson reported that a proportion of the residents requesting allotments would want to grow their produce organically and the proposed clearance of the land by the landowner is to include treatment with a weedkiller. It was **AGREED** that there was room for compromise and to investigate whether an alternative organic weedkiller was available and whether enough people would be prepared to commit to forming a working party to clear the land at the final stage.

60 TREE WARDEN

Cllr Dobson reported that Mr Simon Knights of Riverside Close had expressed an interest in becoming a tree warden and it was **AGREED** to accept his offer. The clerk was requested to write and thank Mr Knights and Cllr Monk agreed to arrange for the relevant information to be sent to him.

61 DEPOSIT DRAFT LOCAL PLAN (2001-2011) FIRST REVIEW & CANTERBURY DISTRICT CYCLE STRATEGY

Canterbury City Council have acknowledged receipt of our representation submitted as part of the

public consultation and this has been logged and will be available for public inspection at the City Council Offices.

62 PLAYGROUND SURFACE

Wicksteed have advised that their Wet Pour Manager will be inspecting the hole in the surface by the log swing this week and that they will report back next week as to whether they consider it can be repaired under guarantee.

63 SANDBAG STORE

Cllr Gulvin reported that the sandbag store had now been removed. The clerk advised that the new store would be installed shortly and filled with replacement bags.

64 CODE OF CONDUCT

The clerk advised that the copies of the Members Interests book had been returned by Canterbury City Council as they now required the information to be recorded on official forms. The completed forms are to be returned to the Legal Department as soon as possible.

65 FLORAL COMPETITION

Cllr Walder reported that two judges had now been appointed to judge the floral competition, Margaret Jones and Ann King, and that judging would take place during the last two weeks in July.

66 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Bridge Festival Committee	£750.00	Golden Jubilee Events (to cover shortfall in funds).
G Daley	£287.00	Supply & fit Date Stone at Footbridge at Mill Lane.
BVHMC	£6.50	Hire of Main Hall for distribution of mugs.
G P McCombe	£991.10	Clerk's Salary £841.10 & Office Allowance £150.00.
G P McCombe	£106.70	Travel Allowance.
G P McCombe	£21.25	Postage

(b) **Payments received:** £750.00 refund of payment made to Bridge Festival Committee to cover shortfall in funds.

67 HIGHLAND COURT

Following the presentation by Mr Michael Parkes of Michael Parkes Chartered Surveyors Property Consultants councillors discussed the proposed plan and several areas of concern were raised. The proposal is currently at the consultative stage and other parishes have yet to be consulted before the final plan is formulated.

68 STANDING ORDERS AND CHAIRMANSHIP

Cllr Corfield reported that the new Standing Orders and Chairmanship had now been received and he proposed that in principle the parish council adopt them. It was **AGREED** that the matter would be discussed by full council at the September meeting by which time Councillors would have had an opportunity to study them.

69 CENTRAL COMMUNICATION

Cllr Anderson requested that councillors report any matter they were dealing with either to himself or the clerk so that central communication could be maintained.

70 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **Planning applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/0737/BRI - Extension and porch to front of dwelling at 64 Bridge Down, Bridge.

CA/02/0738/BRI - Replacement of 20 metre monopole and equipment cabinets in existing compound at Highlands Court Farm, Bekesbourne.

CA/02/0739/BRI - Dormer window to rear of dwelling at 22 Windmill Close, Bridge.

CA/02/0756/BRI - Replace flat roof with pitched roof to rear of dwelling at 18 Union Road, Bridge.

CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - insertion of 3 windows on the south west elevation at Bridge & Patixbourne CE Primary School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

(b) **Planning applications granted: No planning applications have been notified as granted.**

- (c) **Applications refused:** No planning applications have been notified as refused.
- (d) **Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area:** The following notices of proposed work have been received:
 - Fell three Yew trees situated on east boundary of property at Beechwood, Higham Lane, Bridge.
 - Fell row of nine Leylandi trees situated at rear of back garden at 1 High Street, Bridge.
 - Fell Magnolia tree situated at right hand side of house at Lynton House, 83 High Street, Bridge.
 - Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows:**
 - Reduce height and clean out crown of Ash tree on front boundary at Renville Farm, Renville, Bridge.
 - Fell one dead Pine and reduce Lime tree next to proposed extension to previous pollard points at Sharnwood, Bridge Hill, Bridge.
- (e) **Public Speaking at Development Control Committee:** Canterbury City Council are now considering how to manage the process in view of the growing interest in planning generally and the increasing numbers of people wishing to speak which, on several occasions, has meant the committee has struggled to complete its business on the night. An all day session is planned for Friday 26 July in order to discuss the issue and members will hear representation from various persons on ideas they may have for managing the public speaking process.

71 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Trees:** Cllrs Walder and Dobson agreed to take a look at two trees which are reported to be dead and leaning over the recreation footpath near the school gate and deal with them accordingly.
- (b) **Recreation Ground:**
 - i) Cllr Hill advised that there was nothing to report on the playground.
 - ii) Cllr Gulvin reported that further serious vandalism had occurred at the pavilion involving damage to the metal screen at the windows although there was no evidence of entry or internal damage and that repairs to the guttering, roof and windows are in hand.
- (c) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:**
 - i) Maurice Smith has reported that the pedestrian crossing light was off and this has now been repaired. He has also reported the mess left at the top of Town Hill where the tree ripping machine has exposed rubbish to the City Council. Maurice chased the City Council regarding the road signs which they have not yet been to view and he gave them examples of signs where the pole is totally rusted. He advises that the City Council are not concerned about the appearance factor of the road signs, although where there is obstruction to the sign they promised to take action.
 - ii) Kent Highways confirm that they have inspected the repaired steps at Bridge Down and agree that the tread is not satisfactory and their contractor will be attending to it shortly. They advise that the steps and handrails are in a satisfactory condition and will be regularly inspected and any defects found will be rectified.
 - iii) Cardy have advised that Seeboard have changed the new light in Patricbourne Road to a part-night light and Cllr Corfield agreed to confirm that this was the case.
 - iv) Cllr Anderson reported that he had received a copy of a letter from Giles Rooke to the clerk of Bekesbourne and Patricbourne Parish Council regarding the road signing in Town Hill. Cllr Hill agreed to consult a map to establish the correct location for signage for Town Hill before the clerk responded to Giles Rooke's letter.

72 PROGRESS WITH YOUTH IN VILLAGE PROJECT

Cllr Corfield reported that he had attended a meeting of the Canterbury and District Forum in May which dealt the matter of Rural Young People. Canterbury City Council have a Community Development section who have funding available for youth projects and who are interested in doing a pilot study of the interests of the youth in the village. It was **AGREED** that they should carry out the study. Cllr Corfield also reported that two meetings with the youth group had taken place and although the questionnaire to establish the requirements of the youth had not yet been done it was hoped that this would be completed during the summer holiday. The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Canterbury and District Forum is on Wednesday, 13 November at 7 pm.

73 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

As Cllr Connor was unable to attend this month's meeting there was nothing to report.

74 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) All Change in the Council Chamber
- (b) Environment Agency - Fact File No 4
- (c) CPRE Kent Voice - Summer 2002
- (d) Vital Villages Update
- (e) Canterbury & District Local Strategic Partnership Executive Board - Minutes
- (f) KCC Annual Plan 2002/03
- (g) Local Council Review - July 2002
- (h) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (i) Parish News
- (j) Regional Transport Strategy Consultation Draft

75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 12 September 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....