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**Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2005 in Bridge Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Hill (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Dobson, Edmonds, Esdale, Gulvin and Lewis

30. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies for absence.

31. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

32. Disposal of Business from the last Meeting

- a. Bridges over watermeadow-. KCC Public Rights of Way Dept have agreed to replace both the bridges. It is hoped this will be done in August. **Action:** Clerk
- b. Party Wall Notice 80 High Street – The Parish Council had appointed a surveyor to act in this matter. A corrected Party Wall Notice had been received and an Award document was awaited. It was noted that some tiles on the bus shelter need to be replaced. **Action;** Cllr Gulvin/Clerk
- c. Recreation Ground
 - i. Maintenance ; KCC Landscape Services had sent a verbal report to the clerk of the work carried out in June.
 - ii. It was agreed to fix the remaining picnic bench to the ground following the theft of the other picnic bench. **Action ;**Cllrs Beesty, Hill, Esdale and Gulvin.
 - iii. It was pointed out that the collapsed picket fence by the tennis court had been put up by the football club. It was agreed to remove it as it was in a dangerous state.
 - iv. The litter bin by the pavilion had not yet been replaced despite agreement by the City Council to do so.
 - v. It was reported that a dead tree near the tennis court needs to be removed.
- d. Affordable Housing /Housing Needs Survey – The Housing Needs Survey was being distributed by Councillors. The closing date for its return is 22nd July 2005.
- e. Response from A Gomez Ltd – The clerk had written to A Gomez Ltd as agreed. No reply had been received..
- f. Dog fouling – New notices warning dog owners of the penalties for allowing their dogs to foul the pavements had been put on lamp-posts in the High Street by the City Council
- g. Flood Map A flood map covering the whole of the village had been received. There will be a further report on this at the September Parish Council meeting. **Action;** Cllr Gulvin
- h. Signage at A2 Triangle and Slip roads. It was reported that there is no funding available to erect a sign to Canterbury at the A2 triangle. Kent Highways agreed that there were too many signs at the Bridge exit from the A2 but pointed out that this was the responsibility of the Department of Transport. They would be holding discussions with them about the signage and also the possible installation of 'rumble strips' to prevent further accidents at the junction.

33. Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Kent Association of Parish Councils Meeting – a verbal report was given by Cllr Beesty

It was agreed to ask Bridge Pharmacy to take part in the Data Link, a medical alert scheme supported by KAPC, by being a distribution point for data canisters containing medical details. The Fish Scheme would also be informed about the scheme. **Action;** Cllr Beesty, Cllr Edmonds, Clerk

34. Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Red Deer, Bridge Down, Bridge – No objection
Wayland, Town Hill, Bridge – No objection
Land opposite 2 Highland Court Cottages, Higham Lane, Bridge – No objection.
Action; Clerk

35. **Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **Report from the Planning Committee** Cllr Edmonds reported on the Planning Committee Meeting which had been held immediately prior to the Council meeting.
- b. **Parish Council Environmental Policy** – It was resolved in principle to adopt a Parish Council Environmental Policy. Councillors would submit ideas to Cllr Corfield who would coordinate them and report back to the September meeting. **Action;** Cllr Corfield
- c. **Promotion of Commercial Enterprises by the Parish Council** –It was agreed that the Parish Council should support local businesses where possible. The visiting times of the Mobile Library and the Fish and Chip van would be advertised in the next Newsletter. **Action;** Cllr Esdale
- d. **Launch of the 2006 By-Pass Action Celebrations & Bridge Village Festival Committee;** The council noted that the Bridge Village Festival Committee constitution had been accepted and adopted. The council had received their proposals for activities and the request for financial support with interest. The council support this initiative in principle but would need more concrete proposals with detailed information on expenditure before any commitment to funding could be made. The BVFC would be invited to submit this information before the October budget meeting. **Action;** Clerk
- e. **Recreation Ground leases** –The Conyngham Estate had been written to about a possible extension of the recreation ground lease but no reply had been received. It was agreed that they would also be requested to draw up and present the lease for the allotments. **Action;** Clerk
- f. **County Lengthsman Scheme** – Cllr Lewis agreed to be nominated as County Lengthsman Coordinator for Bridge **Action-** Clerk
- g. **Circulation of Correspondence** – It was agreed to try and reduce the amount of correspondence circulated to Councillors and also to try and ensure that papers were circulated more quickly. Non-urgent correspondence would be made available at parish council meetings only. **Action** - Clerk
- h. **Police presence in Bridge** – Following the recent speed trap exercise on Bridge Hill, it was resolved to write to thank the police and ask them for any information regarding traffic speeds the exercise had produced. **Action;** Clerk
- i. **Bus services** – Deferred to next meeting
- j. **Request from Bridge Primary School to use the recreation ground for parking on 20th & 22nd July** – Agreed with usual proviso regarding wet weather **Action** - Clerk
- k. **Footpaths** – It was reported that paths 297 and 298 by the A2 had become very overgrown. It was agreed to report this to the Public Rights of Way officer, Kent County Council. **Action** – Clerk
- l. **'Bridge in Bloom'** –It was agreed to allocate £50 for the purchase of plants to replant the bed at the first chicane on entering the village as it had become untidy. **Action;** Cllrs Edmonds, Dobson and Esdale
- m. **Request from the Exiles Cricket Club to erect nets on the recreation ground and for financial assistance.** It was decided to invite a representative from the club to address the September parish council meeting to explain the proposed siting of the nets and give further details about the proposals. It was felt unlikely that the council could offer funding for this project as other priorities had been identified. It was suggested that the Exiles sought funding from other cricketing bodies. The insurance position regarding the use of the nets by the public would be investigated. **Action ;** Clerk

Councillor Lewis left the meeting at 9.45pm

- n. **Rural Street Runner Group** – A paper was circulated by Cllr Dobson outlining possible options for continuing the very successful Street Runner Project after March 2006. It was noted that there is an urgent need for volunteers to help to run the project. Parents would be contacted and an appeal would be made in 'On the Nail' and on the village notice boards. It was agreed to seek funding to support a paid youth worker to work in conjunction with volunteers at each session. If no grant was forthcoming it was agreed that the parish council would employ a youth worker and this would be funded by a combination of parental contributions and a grant from parish funds. **Action**; Cllr Dobson
- o. **Acceptance of a quotation from Wicksteed Leisure for the repainting of the slide steps and spider.** – Agreed **Action** ; Clerk
- p. **Kent Village of the Year** – It was reported that Bridge had been short listed for this award. Two parish councillors had been invited to attend the award ceremony in Harrietsham on 8th September 2005. **Action**; Cllr Esdale
- q. **Pedestrian safety** – A letter had been received from a parishioner regarding pedestrian safety in the Dering Rd area. It was agreed to ask Kent Highways Department to suggest solutions to the issues raised. **Action** ; Clerk

36. **Correspondence** -Noted.

37. Letter of authority to transfer funds of £3,000 between the two bank accounts held by Bridge Parish Council - Agreed

38. It was noted that there had been no receipts in the past month.

39. The following items were authorised for payment (2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Christobel Seath	£380.31	May salary & office allowance
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£10.00	Hire of Hall for Council Meeting in June & July 2005
BVHMC	£60.00	Street Runner June, July & August 2005
Ordnance Survey	£55.81	Map Reproduction Licence £47.50 +vat
Christobel Seath	£60.00	KAPC Training Days 3 @ £20.00
BVHMC	£6.00	Hire of Hunter Room for Parish Plan June
BVHMC	£3.00	Hire of Hunter Room for Parish Plan 18 th July
JK Property Services	£755.53	Replacement glass panels in bus shelter £643.00+ vat

40. **Any Other Business**

- a. Cllr Corfield agreed to attend the Parish Forum in Littlebourne on 10th September if possible, in place of Cllr Edmonds.
- b. Cllr Esdale will reply to a letter from Mr Walder regarding rubbish collection

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th September 2005 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.12 pm.

