

Minutes of

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2012 in Bridge Village Hall

- Present;** Cllrs Hodges (Chairman), Atkinson, Cook, Edmonds, Oakey, Wilmshurst and KCC Cllr Northey.
- 31/12-13** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Corfield, Hill and Ward.
- 32/12-13** **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**
There were no declarations of interest or lobbying on agenda items.
- 33/12-13** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 34/12-13** **Matters arising;** Cllr Cook reported that Canterbury City Council's Parking Department would send parking attendants into the village at school drop off and pick up times from the start of the September term.
- 35/12-13** **Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook**
Cllr Cook would be asking for feedback on the Lounge on the Farm event so residents were asked to pass their comments to him. The formal consultation on the Westgate Towers traffic scheme would take place in August and report in September. Any comments should be sent to the City Council. Cllrs Cook and Oakey had attended the Housing Review Panel that day and given their views to the Committee which was shaping future housing policy.
- 36/12-13** **Report from KCC Cllr Northey**
Cllr Northey said that because of an under-spend, KCC had £6 million available for road surfacing in Kent. He handed over a letter from KCC's Highways team explaining that because of the high rainfall during the past few weeks, they had been unable to carry out weed control spraying. Spraying had now resumed but the effects would not be seen until late July. The budget for this work had been reduced from £4.6 million to £3.2 million.
- 37/12-13** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a** **Recreation Ground-** Cllr Cook had the inspection folder. There had been more damage to the guttering round the pavilion caused by footballs being kicked against it repeatedly. It was proposed to bolt the guttering onto the fixing brackets in the hope of making it less likely to be dislodged. Digley Associates would carry out a safety inspection of the children's play area later in the month.
Cllr Hodges planned to spend £60 from the wild flower project funds on bulbs. Our PCSO had been carrying out foot patrols in Bridge and had the names of those suspected of being responsible for recent episodes of vandalism.
A proposal to allow St Lawrence cricket team to play a 'one-off' exhibition match on the recreation ground was approved. The Club would prepare the wicket. The Clerk would write to the Club and ask that they left the pavilion in a clean condition if they used it. Cllr Oakey to provide contact details.
Action; Cllr Oakey & Clerk
- b.** **Neighbourhood Plan –** Canterbury City Council had been formally notified of the Bridge Neighbourhood Plan area. It was reported that five members of Bridge's Neighbourhood Plan Committee had attended a very useful Government funded training day organised by CPRE. They had made good contacts with other village Neighbourhood Plan Committees in Kent. Bridge's plan was progressing as well as that of any of the other participants. A response on the three possible housing development sites would be sent to the City Council to meet its deadline of 28th September. An analysis of the questionnaires, which would form the basis of the response regarding possible sites was progressing. It would be necessary to hold an extraordinary parish council meeting in August to approve the response.

38/12-13 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Future Development of Canterbury 18th June – Cllr Wilmshurst

There had been discussion of possible future housing sites in the District. Adequate infrastructure would be crucial to any future developments.

Canterbury Branch of KALC Meeting 11th. July – Cllr Hodges

Cllr Gilbey and Adrian Verrall had addressed the meeting. The precept paid to parish councils would not suffer in the coming year. Several surveys had been carried out in preparation for the District Plan. The same officers were elected to the Canterbury Branch of KALC for the next year.

39/12-13 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Re-surfacing of Children's Play Area-** It was agreed to use wet pour to re-surface the children's play area. Four quotations had been received but the Clerk would obtain one further quotation before a decision on the preferred three companies was made by the recreation ground committee. Grants would be applied for, possibly from the Capital Grants Scheme and other potential donors. Cllr Northey thought that a small amount could be contributed from KCC's Members Fund. Councillors agreed to vire money from the skateboard fund in the parish reserves to part fund the wet pour because of the urgency of this work.
Action; Clerk
- b. **New Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors-** Parish Councillors approved the new Code of Conduct. The Code adopted by the parish council is the same as the Canterbury City Council Code. The city council would continue to administer the Code as it applied to parishes. Councillors were asked to complete 'Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest' forms.
Action; Councillors & Clerk
- c. **Revised Standing Orders-** Councillors adopted the revised Standing Orders required following the approval of the new Code of Conduct.
- d. **Appointment of Clerk as Proper Officer to receive applications for dispensations under the new Code of Conduct-** Councillors approved the appointment of the Clerk in this role.
- e. **Proposal for the re-building of the Mill Centre –** Cllr Cook outlined a proposal for a section of approximately 1/3rd the Mill Centre site to be offered to the parish council on a lease of at least 30 years in order to rebuild the Centre. The City Council would offer no financial contribution and the parish council would be responsible for finding funding for the new building. The proposal, which had not been discussed formally by the City Council's Executive, had been put to the Mill Centre Management Committee which had expressed interest in the idea. The parish council voted unanimously to support the idea in principle and confirmed that funds were available in the reserves for the Mill Centre that could be put towards a new building. (Cllr Cook abstained from voting as an interested party.)
It was reported that the Executive had voted to give the Mill Centre a new lease for a further two years. The clause restricting its use to uniformed organisations had been removed from the new lease.
Action; Cllr Cook
- f. **Speeding cars in Mill Lane-** Councillors agreed not to request traffic calming in Mill Lane. There was no possibility that Kent Highway Services would regard this matter as a priority for their limited funds.
Action; Clerk

40/12-13 Correspondence – Noted

41/12-13 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of £2,000 between Parish Council accounts

42/12-13. The following receipts were noted; Bridge Tennis Club fees - £125.00

43/12-13 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
BT Ltd*	£71.87	Telephone account calls from 14/3/12 & rental for June-Sept 2012 £59.90 + £11.97 vat
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£593.27	Clerk’s salary and allowances for June 2012
Post Office Ltd	£160.31	PAYE & Employer NI Contribution June 2012
AJL Garden Services	£200.00	Recreation ground maintenance June 2012
Patricbourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council	£200.00	Contribution to up keep of St Mary’s churchyard 2012/13
Digley Associates Ltd	£48.00	Playground safety inspection for July 2011 £40.00 + £8.00 vat – (Invoice submitted June 2012)
Bridge Village Sports Trust	£350.40	Grant for pavilion cleaning before the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2012

* Paid by Direct debit

44/12-13 Any Other Business

a. Cllr Cook gave his apologies for the September Parish Council meeting. He would be attending a meeting of the City Council Executive on that evening.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 13th. September 2012 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.