

Minutes of  
**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. July 2014 in Bridge Village Hall

- Present;** Cllrs Hodges (Chairman), Atkinson, Edmonds, Hill, Moon, Ward, Wortham and KCC Cllr Northey
- 30/14-15** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Corfield, Wilmshurst and CCC Cllr Cook
- 31/14-15** There were no Declarations of Interest & Lobbying and written Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on agenda items.
- 32/14-15** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup>. June 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 33/14-15** **Matters arising;** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
- 34/14-15** **Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook;** (By email) Cllr Cook reported that the City Council's Executive had voted to sell the Mill Centre site for housing development after a one year extension of the current lease. He also said that the City Council planned to remove the recycling point from Town Hill next year and were unable to reinstate the large wheelie bins because they could not be emptied by the SERCO street cleaning vehicle. CCC had offered to install an additional bin if the Parish Council requested it. Cllr Ward confirmed that another bin was required at the recycling point. She also suggested that, as the recycling point was still well used, any decision to remove it should be postponed.
- 35/14-15** **Report from KCC Cllr Michael Northey;** The KCC Road Casualty Reduction Strategy had been published on the KCC website. KCC were not routinely made aware by the police of road accidents that did not involve personal injury. Therefore residents were encouraged to report such accidents to KCC so that an accurate picture could be built up of the true situation concerning dangerous locations.  
A meeting had been held with Mike Harrison, KCC Flood Awareness, and the Environment Agency. The EA seemed more aware of the need for vegetation clearance along the Nailbourne.  
Cllr Northey would investigate the possibility of making the whole of the road from the Valley Road junction to Higham Lane a 40mph restricted area.
- 36/14-15** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a **Recreation Ground** – Cllr Ward reported that two clips had come undone on the pavilion guttering and a small piece of tile had been dislodged. The remaining picnic bench was still intact. The Clerk reported that Bounty Pest Control were increasing their visits because of the mole activity. Cllr Moon reported that he was still waiting for empty sandbags before the sandbag store could be emptied. The youth shelter seat would be replaced when Cllr Wilmshurst returned. Cllr Hodges reported that in future the parish council would have to pay CCC for any orange rubbish sacks it used on the recreation ground for extra litter and weed clearance. The PCSO had visited the recreation ground and talked to parents and children to discourage climbing on the picnic table and youth shelter roof.
- b. **Neighbourhood Plan –** Prof Connor reported that members of the Committee were now drafting sections of the Plan covering various headings. The next meeting would be on the following evening.
- c. **Mill Centre-** Mark Esdale reported that CCC's Executive had voted to close the Mill Centre and sell the site for housing development. The Centre would

be given one year's extension to the lease to wind up its affairs. There would be a meeting of the Management Committee in the next few days to discuss options but buying the Centre could be a possibility. Cllr Hill thanked Mr Esdale and his committee for working so hard to keep the youth centre open over the past 7 years.

- d. **Nailbourne Pollution** – Cllr Atkinson reported that ground water levels were higher than at the same time last year. Southern Water was re-starting work on the programme they began last year on pipes and the pumping stations. The Environment Agency was beginning a work programme over the summer to reduce obstructions along the Nailbourne. Engineers were currently looking at flood defence scheme options and would meet on 5<sup>th</sup> August. The LSNRMG would meet again on 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- e. **School Parking** – Cllr Moon had attended a meeting of the School Parents Council at which parking was discussed. There was a possibility that the two school buses would be withdrawn by KCC. Cllr Moon would liaise with Cllr Northey when the situation became clearer. The PCSO had advised that cars obstructing driveways should be reported to the police. Various other options were under consideration including the reintroduction of the 'walking bus', part funding of a parking enforcement officer, installing 'concrete children' and making the school road 'pedestrians only'. Cllr Moon would continue to pursue this issue. **Action; Cllr Moon**
- f. **Bridge Emergency Plan** – Cllr Wortham reported that Laurence Dunderdale had joined the Committee. The work of contacting other village organisations and identifying skilled people was continuing and the Committee was on track to have completed an Action Plan by October
- g. **First Aid Courses** – It was agreed that Cllrs Atkinson and Moon would initially undertake first aid training with Cllr Wortham to be included at a later stage. The Clerk would investigate the possibility of using Mission Training, a local firm. **Action; Clerk**

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**Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Rural Area Member Panel 16<sup>th</sup> June – Cllr Wortham – Report circulated  
Bridge Village Sports Trust 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 – Cllr Wilmshurst – Report circulated  
South Canterbury Alliance – 30<sup>th</sup> June – Cllr Hill  
Open Space Strategy Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> July Herne Bay – Cllr Hodges – Report Circulated

38/14-15

**Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **Canterbury District Local Plan** – There was wide ranging discussion regarding the draft of the Canterbury District Local Plan response and some textual amendments were agreed. The response, which would be addressed to HM Planning Inspectorate, would be submitted before the deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> July. **Action ; Clerk**
- b. **Recreation Ground Lease** As the current lease for the recreation ground would expire in June 2023 and the landlord had not been willing to negotiate any extension, it was agreed to set up a working party to explore options for retaining the ground for the village. Cllrs Atkinson and Hill volunteered to be on the Committee and it was agreed to ask Cllrs Corfield and Wilmshurst if they would be interested in being included. **Action; Cllr Hodges**
- c. **Contribution to Flood Alleviation Projects in Bridge** – Cllr Atkinson had circulated a paper setting out the argument for making a contribution to flood alleviation projects in Bridge. This would show commitment and could encourage necessary work to be done locally as a higher priority. After discussion it was agreed to set aside up to £10,000 from parish reserves should engineers provide an appropriate, fully costed local scheme that would benefit Bridge. **Action; Cllr Atkinson**
- d. **Use of Recreation Ground for Fun Run** – Luke Bicknell outlined plans for a 5 KM Fun Run starting from the recreation ground on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Councillors agreed to the use of the ground for this purpose. Parking would be available elsewhere.

- e. **'Lights Out' project-** Canon Lloyd had circulated an email outlining Bridge's participation in the 'Lights Out' project to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War. Councillors agreed to the use of the recreation ground for a picnic on 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was also agreed to invite Canon Lloyd to the September meeting of the parish council.

**Action; Clerk**

**39/14-15 Correspondence – Noted**

**40/14-15. Bank Transfers**

The transfer of £4,000 between parish accounts was noted

**41/14–15** The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
BT Telephone *	£91.48	Telephone account April/ June & Plan costs to Sept.14. £77.57 + £13.91 vat
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£663.89	Clerk's salary and office allowance for June 2014
Post Office Ltd	£145.56	PAYE & Employer NI Contribution June 2014
Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group	£20.00	Donation towards expenses for 2014
Patixbourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council	£450.00	S 137 payment towards cost of legal fees for transfer of land from Cantley Estates to extend the burial ground at St Mary's Church Patixbourne
Joe Connor	£35.00	Copy of Canterbury Local Plan – Neighbourhood Plan budget
Mrs V White	£34.00	Compost and plants for village planters
KALC	£72.00	Dynamic Councillor workshop, Lenham 19 <sup>th</sup> . July Cllr Wortham £60.00 + £12.00 vat
AJL Garden Services	£154.70	Grounds maintenance for June 2014

\* Paid by Direct Debit

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. September 2014 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.