

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 13 July 2017 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllrs R Atkinson, Hodges, Davies, Fawke (Vice Chair and Chair for this meeting in the absence of the Chair), Ferguson, Dhaliwal, Dhillon, Shirley and the Clerk (P Wicker)

A villager addressed the meeting on the issue of speeding traffic in the High St. As a result, Cllr Dhillon was able to confirm that participation in the Speedwatch scheme can be extended to interested villagers.

Cllr Shirley signed his declaration of acceptance of office and was duly congratulated by all on having been elected unopposed to the Council with effect from 13 July 2017. His request for a dispensation from pecuniary interests was accorded by the Council (on same basis as for all other councillors outlined in minute 13/17-18 of the May 2017 meeting of the Parish Council).

29/17-18 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Atkinson and from County Councillor Northey and City Councillor Cook both of whom were due to attend meetings elsewhere.

30/17-18 Declaration of Interest & Lobbying and written Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. There were none.

31/17-18 The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 8 June 2017 were confirmed as a true record, signed and dated by the Chair.

32/17-18 Matters arising from the minutes not covered under item 7 of the agenda.

- 1) Cllr Dhaliwal noted that the Fayre on 8 July had been a great success, both socially and financially. Council resolved not to require any repayment of the £1,000 loan from the Parish Council used to underwrite the event. A vote of thanks to Cllr Dhaliwal was passed and the destination of any surplus revenue will be decided at the September meeting once all outstanding expenses have been paid.
- 2) Cllr Fawke stated that the installation of “wi-fi” in the village hall will be raised with the Charitable trust management committee in November 2017. **(Action Cllr Fawke)**
- 3) Cllr Fawke suggested contacting KCC, Sustrans and Ashford Futures over a potential new footbridge. **(Action: Clerk)**
- 4) It was decided to order a picnic bench from Earth Anchors (similar to the ones purchased last year for the children’s play area) to replace the broken concrete bench near the wild flower area. **(Action: Clerk)**
- 5) Fly-tipping: Tyres remain uncollected from the road to Lower Hardres. **(Action: Clerk)**
- 6) A compendium of parish council policies will be available soon through Dropbox **(Action: Clerk)**
- 7) ID badges have been ordered and will be ready for the next meeting **(Action: Clerk)**
- 8) Land ownership issues remain to be resolved near the Higham Lane bus stop **(Action Cllr Davies and Clerk)**
- 9) The Clerk at Bekesbourne reported no adverse comments from councillors there about the size of no parking notices in Bridge lay-by.
- 10) The Affordable Housing survey will be uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan website page. **(Action: Clerk)**
- 11) The Clerk has yet to purchase to necessary cable to link projector and Parish Council laptop. **(Action: Clerk)**

33/17-1 Report from City Councillor Simon Cook (read in his absence by the Clerk)

The City Council is working with Serco to sort out the recent problems with bin collections. There are several possibilities for the long term, but in the short term the Council is concentrating on making sure the bins get collected as they should. Please let Cllr Cook know of any continuing issues.

The first stage of consultation on the community governance review finishes on 14 July 2017. Villagers are asked to feed into this as the Council wish to hear as many points of view as possible.

Cllr Cook has spoken with the new Chief Inspector at Canterbury police about a number of things, but in particular for Bridge, to ask his officers to keep an eye on rural parking by lorries - especially in dangerous places like the Coldharbour Lane A2 on-slip.

Canterbury City Council continue the focus on fly tipping. Please report incidents so they can be cleared up as quickly as possible.

34/17-18 Report from County Councillor Michael Northey (read in his absence by the Clerk)

KCC is ticking over as usual with a countywide campaign to discourage people from using mobile phones while driving, which is still surprisingly prevalent.

35/17-18 Disposal of business from the last meeting

Recreation Ground:

Council agreed (by six votes to 2) to remove the youth shelter and to donate it to the primary school.

The parish council will redesign and print the publicity leaflet advertising the Pavilion for hire.

The list of jobs was reviewed and updated and will be sent to all councillors. The Recreation Ground file was handed to Cllr Dhillon.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The Clerk outlined the discussions of the most recent NP committee meeting held on 28 June, using the draft minutes which were circulated as a prompt. (These minutes are now on the NP webpage). The Clerk stated that to his knowledge no work has yet been done regarding infrastructure and village hall funding: minute 23/17-18 (k) of the last Parish Council meeting refers.

36/17-18. Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting for local Parish councils on the Community Governance review. The commitment to this review was made by the City Council a number of years ago. All of the slides shown to parish councils at the meeting held on 26 June are available at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say/consultations/community-governance-review/faqs>

Alliance of Canterbury Residents Associations June 13-minutes circulated on 22 June 2017

37/17-18 Matters for discussion and action

- a. Cllr Fawke suggested to all councillors that they should log the **poor state of the road surface** on Town Hill and adjoining roads **(Action: All)**
- b. A report on the **trees in Churchill Close** has been drawn up by Cllr Davies and will be sent to Cllr Fawke for consideration. Council agreed to fund up to 50% of a replacement road sign (total cost £166.64) to be placed at the end of Western Avenue to replace the sign that has gone missing. **(Action: Cllr Fawke and Clerk)**
- c. Council decided to agree a strategy proposed by the Clerk for dealing with the **proposed works in Green Court** if no suitable tenders are forthcoming by 17 July, using local contractors.
- d. The school PTA has responded positively to the request from the Parish Council to provide guarantees regarding the restoration of the grass playing surface after the **fireworks event**. The PTA are now able to publicise the event-since the landowner has agreed in principle, on the basis that insurance and health and safety arrangements are of the same standard as in 2016.
- e. Councillors decided to investigate the possibility of **installing a see saw in the children's play area**. The bid for any capital item Parish Capital Grant funds needs to be submitted by 2 October 2017, with implementation in the course of the financial year 2018-2019. **(Action: All)**
- f. Following the very positive response shown by Council, Cllr Ferguson agreed to organise and publicise **monthly drop-in surgeries** starting in September 2017 for parishioners to raise any issues regarding the parish which lie within the remit of Bridge Parish Council. **(Action: Cllr Ferguson)**
- g. The Clerk will draft a **strategic plan and objectives** for the remainder of the Parish Council's cycle and circulate to all Councillors for revision. This is in response to the Council's agreement

that such a document should be drawn up as proposed in a motion by Cllr Ferguson. **(Action: Clerk)**

38/17-18 The Correspondence list for July 2017 was noted.

39/17-18 Receipts as indicated on the agenda were noted

40/17-18 The following items for payment were authorised:

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Philip Wicker	£617.71	Salary
The Post Office	£173.53	Tax and National Insurance
Mrs Vicki White	£31.39	Plant for planters
Lionel Robbins	£75.00	Independent internal auditor
P K Dosanjh	£70.00	Village fayre poster
Kiran Dhaliwal	£82.74	Raffle tickets fro Fayre (8 July)
<i>BT</i>	<i>£128.45 (of which £21.40 is VAT)</i>	<i>Direct Debit</i>
KALC	£1716 (of which £286 is VAT)	ZOLL AED Plus fully automatic defibrillator and AIVIA 200 Outdoor/Indoor AED cabinet c/w Alarm and Heating and 3D steel outdoot wall sign
Kiran Dhaliwal	£93.20 (of which £3.78 is VAT)	Goods ordered from Amazon for Fayre
Philip Wicker	£5.00	Printing paper from ASDA
Philip Wicker	£31.08	Goods from Toolstation for 8 July Fayre
Dynamic Production Solutions	£115.20 (of which £19.20 is VAT)	Staging for 8 July Fayre (for 6 July)
Arthur Hyam	£262.50	Childrens entertainer 8 July fayre
Richard Nicholson (trading as the Neo- tones)	£100.00	Extra music required for 8 July
Philip Wicker	£89.99	McAfee 2 year anti-virus protection
KALC	£72	Training fee for Cllr Ferguson 8 July
Ian Sargent	£230	2 cuts and strimming

Council agreed to provide salary and tax/NI cheques for the Clerk in the course of August when no formal meeting takes place.

41/17-18 Points of Information:

1. Cllr Davies asked about monthly police reports-are they forthcoming?
2. Cllr Hodges offered to replace John Corfield as Art in Bridge Representative on Bridge Parish Council.
3. The Planning Committee are raising concerns about the protection of trees by Canterbury City Council.
4. Council was encouraged to ensure kerbs are dropped on Riverside Close and to see that passing space is guaranteed at the site of Roger's garage.
5. Cllr Ferguson recently attended a KALC conference (8 July) and will attend the next branch meeting of the CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England).

The meeting concluded at 9.24 p.m.

**The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 14 September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall**