

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 14 June 2001 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson (chairman), Beer from 7.35 pm, Connor, Corfield, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder. John Roberts attended until 8.15 pm and Cllr Bill Oakey for the entire meeting.

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

27 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

28 BUS SHELTER SEAT

A quotation of £260.00 + VAT to re-position the seat has been received from Oakleigh Building Services. As the cost seemed high, it was **AGREED** that Cllr Gulvin would meet with the contractor to discuss whether an alternative, less expensive, option could be found.

29 NEW SURGERY

The Parish Council have received notification of a meeting to be held at the City Council on 20 June to discuss proposals for a footpath and lighting in Patricbourne Road. It was **AGREED** that the footpath was required but, in view of the fact that there is other lighting in the vicinity, a vote was taken as to whether the lighting was actually necessary. The results of the vote were 4 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstained. The chairman used his casting vote and the motion was passed in favour of the lighting. Cllr Gulvin volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. The contractor, as a goodwill gesture, has offered to resurface the car park area in Patricbourne Road and it was **AGREED** that this could be done but without white lines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.10 pm and the chairman invited John Roberts to address the council on the matter of his planning application. The meeting reconvened at 8.18 pm.

30 MINI FESTIVAL

Cllr Walder reported that the mini festival planned by The White Horse Inn is going ahead. The Parish Council will support the function as individuals but will not be sponsoring it. It was reconfirmed that the PFA and PCC are hopeful that the Annual Fete will take place next year.

31 FOOTBRIDGE AT MILL LANE

A letter has been received from Kent County Council with reference to the proposed replacement bridge. They have considered the Parish Council's proposal and estimate the additional cost over replacing like with like to be £30000 and additional land will also be required to accommodate the arch. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Kent County Council to request details of the design of their proposed replacement prior to its installation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.25 pm and the chairman invited Cllr Oakey to address the council on the matter of the footbridge. The meeting reconvened at 8.30 pm.

32 RECREATION GROUND

Padlocks: Cllr Gulvin reported that a new padlock and 8 keys had been purchased for the gates in Patricbourne Road and the clerk had obtained copies of the key to the padlock on the gates between the school and the ground.

Incident: It was reported that there had been an incident at the Tennis Club on 3 June 2001 in which the padlock to the tennis courts had been removed and the police had had to be called in. The police responded within 20 minutes and the matter was speedily dealt with. It was reported that without the prompt action of the police the Tennis Club would have been vulnerable because of the free access to the courts and pavilion and would also have incurred substantial expense in replacing the lock and 70 keys. The clerk was requested to write to the police to thank them for their prompt action.

33 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Dobson provided councillors with proofs of the first newsletter which is to be circulated in the near

future to all households in Bridge. It was **AGREED** by the council with some minor amendments. The chairman thanked Cllr Dobson for the work she had done in producing the newsletter.

34 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Corfield provided the names of the co-ordinators in Bridge who are Frank Sochachi (Bridge East), Selwyn Lewis (Bridge West) and Ann Clewer (Bridge Down). He also reported that the scheme was now fully operational and had already dealt with several reports. Cllr Corfield advised that PC Bradshaw could supply Bridge with 10 new Neighbourhood Watch signs at a cost of £10.00 per sign and it was unanimously **AGREED** that the council would pay for these.

35 ART EXHIBITION

Cllr Corfield reported that an Art Exhibition is to be held on 20 October 2001 with profits going to the Disabled Access Fund for the Village Hall. Entries to the exhibition would be open to people living or working in Bridge. A leaflet is currently being produced and it was **AGREED** that this will be distributed at the same time as the newsletter.

36 TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr Monk reported that the traffic calming measures and the pedestrian crossing were taking an unacceptable length of time to complete and that in the case of the pedestrian crossing it was dangerous as it looked as though it was in operation but is actually not yet working, which is confusing to both pedestrians and cars alike. The clerk was requested to write to the Highways Department expressing the council's concerns and to find out when the works, which were due to be finished by 31 March 2001, will be completed.

37 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Les Barleycorn	£163.00	Painting village sign and staining PC notice board.
Cornhill Insurance	£19.95	Additional policy premium for insuring village sign.
Seeboard Trading Ltd	£106.27	Street lighting maintenance (Apr s/o not paid by bank).
Seeboard	£187.74	2 month's electricity charge (Apr-May) not paid by s/o.
Seeboard Standing Order 01-02	£93.87	New standing order for monthly electricity charges.
KAPC	£41.13	Fee for Councillors' Information Day - Cllr Dobson
D Waters	£20.00	Maintenance of trees in recreation ground.

An invoice from H W Sladden & Co Ltd. in the sum of £800.00 for works to the heating system at the Village Hall has been forwarded to Canterbury City Council for payment from the Capital Grant for 2000/01.

(b) **Payments received:** £302.04 VAT reclaim and £425.00 insurance claim (bench).

38 ALTERATIONS TO BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Gulvin provided councillors with copies of the proposed plans for the disabled access to the village hall and it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council as owner would make the planning application to the City Council. Quotations for carrying out the work have yet to be obtained but it is hoped that funding can be provided by way of a Capital Grant and Cllr Oakey has offered his support to the Parish Council's grant application.

39 MOLE TREATMENT

The clerk was requested to contact Bounty Pest Control to establish whether the two areas of activity recently re-treated are the areas in front and behind the pavilion and by the boundary fence adjacent to the field which still appear to be active. If further treatment is required it was **AGREED** that this should be carried out.

40 RURAL WHITE PAPER

Following the distribution of Chapter 12 of the Rural White Paper it was **AGREED** that, as the subject matter is complex, a sub-committee should be set up to look at the implications in the paper and how they affect parish councils and to put forward proposals to the council for consideration. Cllrs Corfield, Dobson and Monk volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

41 CAR PARKING

Cllr Monk reported that car parking in the village was a problem especially in the High Street and Western Avenue and that the new traffic calming measures together with the parking in the High Street

were sometimes making it difficult for the buses to pass through. It was decided to discuss the car parking issue at a later date once the effects the opening of the new surgery had on parking could be established.

42 FLORAL COMPETITION

Cllr Anderson advised that the floral competition had now been advertised in the local paper and the categories include both domestic and commercial premises. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Monk would arrange for a judge to be appointed and will notify the council as to when the judging will be taking place.

43 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Applications received:** The following new applications have been received and are being considered:
- CA/01/0487/BRI - Single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0071/BRI - Single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0075/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.
 - CA/01/0511/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0076/BRI - Demolition of redundant chimney to rear of dwelling at 69 High Street, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0077/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metre high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.
 - CA/01/0532/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metre high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0081/BRI - Slab reinstatement to basement floor at 67 High Street, Bridge.
 - CA/01/0557/BRI - Conversion of three agricultural buildings to four dwellings and erection of garage/store (revised scheme) and erection of two additional dwellings at Renville Farm, Renville, Bridge.
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:
- CA/01/0331/BRI - Erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0043/BRI - Erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.
 - CAL01/0048/BRI - Internal alterations at The Plough & Harrow PH, 86 High Street, Bridge.
 - CA/01/0343/BRI - Replacement single-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 5 Ford Close, Bridge.
- (c) **Applications refused:** No applications have been notified as refused.
- (d) **Notice of Intention:** The following notice of intention has been received and will not have a Tree Preservation Order served by Canterbury City Council:
Fell one Leylandi and reduce Leylandi at Dearnley, Bekesbourne Road, Bridge.

44 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Environment, Footpaths & Trees:** i) **Footpaths:** Cllr Connor reported that, following the Foot and Mouth Outbreak, restrictions have been partially lifted and some footpaths are now open. The code of practice for walking on public rights of way is that footpaths adjacent to, or through, fields of sheep, cattle or other susceptible livestock or land regularly grazed by livestock should not be accessed. ii) **Trees:** Cllrs Monk and Dobson reported that David Waters had cleared the areas around the trees in the recreation ground and Cllr Monk advised that she has an oak tree grown from an acorn to be planted.
- (b) **Recreation Ground & Sports:** Cllr Gulvin reported that a window was opened in the pavilion, graffiti had been painted on the inside and outside of the pavilion and one of the new keys had disappeared. Broomfield FC has a new contact who is Andy Cox and the clerk was given his details. The Sport for All morning on 2 June, with helpers from all the sports clubs, was quite successful with a substantial number of 9-12 year olds attending and taking part and congratulations were extended to the sports organisations for its success.
- (c) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** Maurice Smith has reported the following new items direct to the City Council: i) Broken kerbstone and road near entrance to Union Road and rusty stop sign at junction with High Street, ii) Broken concrete edge to bridge at Riverside Close. He has also made a complaint regarding the recent repair to 2 kerbstones in Western Avenue as these have

been incompletely filled with the wrong mixture. **Bench:** Cllr Walder reported that the new bench in Western Avenue looked as though it could need staining but the clerk reported she had previously confirmed with the supplier that it was already treated and no further treatment should be necessary as in time it would naturally turn to a silver-grey colour.

45 PLANTERS

The chairman thanked Cllr Dobson for the work she and her husband had done on renovating the planters opposite The White Horse Inn. The clerk also reported that she had received a call from a parishioner saying how nice the planters looked now they had been treated and planted.

46 SANDBAGS

It was reported that the sandbags had been collected by the City Council this week. Cllr Anderson reported that he had received details of the sandbag storage container and the clerk was requested to write to Canterbury City Council accepting the container and to obtain a delivery date. It was **AGREED** that councillors would investigate possible suitable sites for a decision to be made in the future.

47 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

Cllr Connor reported that no meetings had been held in the last month. A meeting of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group was due to be held on 16 June at 10.00 am at Littlebourne Village Hall but he was unable to attend. Cllr Corfield volunteered to attend in his place. Cllr Connor reported that at the last meeting of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group he had obtained a list of riparian owners of land adjacent to the Nailbourne.

48 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) London Manston Airport - Masterplan
- (b) CPRE Voice - Summer 2001
- (c) Oast to Coast
- (d) Local Council Review - May 2001
- (e) Periodic Electoral Review of Canterbury: Final Recommendations
- (f) Parish News

49 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 12 July 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.05 pm and the chairman invited Cllr Oakey to address the council on the matter of traffic calming. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.

Chairman.....

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