

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th June at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Dobson, Edmonds, Esdale, Gulvin and Hill

29. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lewis.

30. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2004 were confirmed and signed by the chairman

31. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. **Bridge Down Notice Board**- It was agreed to obtain a revised quote from JK Property Services to build a notice board. It was agreed to obtain a quote from SERCO to install the notice board.
- b. **A2/ M2/A249 Route Management Strategy** -It was agreed that the clerk would advise BABTIE that the Parish Council supported option E of the suggested actions to improve the Canterbury Slip Road (at junction with A2)
- c. **Capital Projects and Long Term Financial Planning** It was agreed to move £1000 from the contingency fund to recreation ground reserves. It was agreed to move £1469.38 from the general reserve to pay the outstanding costs for the Bifrons Street Light. It was agreed to obtain quotes for a basketball hoop and skateboard area at Bridge Recreation ground.

32. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

- a. KAPC- the parish council received the KAPC report from Cllr Lewis
- b. Parish Plan Group- It was noted that the group would have a stall at the school fete on June 19th 2004. It was noted that the Parish Plan Group intends to send out questionnaires in the autumn.
- c. BVST- it was noted that a questionnaire has been received from the rating office.
- d. Mill Centre- The Parish Council received the minutes of Mill Centre meeting on 25th May 2004. It was agreed that Cllr Gulvin would attend the meeting on 21st June, as there are possible plans to sell the Mill Centre.

33. Reports from Advisory committees

a. Environment: Footpaths & Trees

i. Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served

- Eastbridge House, Bridge Hill- reduce and reshape 4 yew tree by 30%, to remove overhang above road and above lawn drive but to maintain hedge like appearance to continue screening from the road
- 15 The Close Union Road Bridge- remove one leylandii on left hand boundary and two conifers on right hand boundary

34. Bifrons street Light

It was agreed to pay the bill for the Bifrons street light of £1352.02 including VAT at the July meeting.

35. It was agreed to consider any suitable candidates for the Kent Volunteer Awards 2004.

36. It was agreed to adopt the amendments to the agreements with clubs using the recreation ground suggested by NALC. It was also agreed to include an additional clause in the agreements stating that this lease would not override the head lease between Bridge Parish Council and Cantley Estates Ltd.

37. It was agreed that Cllr Hill would attend the Parish Contributions Scrutiny Review meeting on 17th June.

38. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to supply a ledge to stub out cigarettes at the High Street bus shelter, but the quote of £265 plus VAT (which included delivery and installation) for the Cigarette bin was too high.

39 It was agree to order two 6 ft soft wood picnic benches from Britannic Outdoor furniture Ltd provided that delivery could be arranged in the next few weeks. It was agreed to fix the benches to the ground with 4 stakes.

40. It was agreed not to pursue the installation of a grit bin at Bridge Down until a suitable location could be found. It was agreed to investigate the costs of residents storing bags of grit in their own garage during the winter months.

41. Correspondence

- a. It was noted that Kent Highways have offered to pay for and install a 'Laurie's way sign at each end of the Union Road /Filmer Road Alleyway. The Parish Council agreed the positions of the each sign.
- b. The Parish Council agreed with the suggestions by David Spenser to resolve some of the parking problems along Dering Close and along the High Street.
- c. It was noted that Kent Highways have approved parking restrictions along Western Avenue but as yet there are no available funds. It was also noted that Kent Highways are considering further parking restrictions at Conyngham Lane, Dering Road and Riverside Close. It was agreed to write to Kent Highways to object to the implementation of parking restrictions along Riverside Close and to pursue outstanding parking improvements around the village.
- d. The Parish Council noted the response from the school about parking along Riverside Close.
- e. The response from Canterbury City Council about street lighting in Bridge was noted.

Cllr Gulvin left the meeting at 9.30pm

42. It was agreed that the 5 on 1 team could use the recreation ground on i) Mondays 10-11.45 during the summer holidays to run youth sessions for 5-11 year olds and also ii) 1st July for a family day.

43. It was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake weekly checks of the recreation ground. It was agreed to ask KAPC about the liability of individuals undertaking the checks. It was agreed that the clerk would devise a suitable checklist.

44. It was agreed not to investigate residents only parking and limited parking along the High Street

45. The receipt of £15,228 (concurrent functions and precept) from Canterbury City Council was noted.

46. **Sealing of documents** – It was agreed to defer the signing of Carol Baker's contract until the next meeting, until both Carol and the parish council had been given the opportunity to make any amendments.

47. It was noted that the parish accounts 2003/4 would be available for inspection by the public at 92 High Street Bridge from 18th June to the 19th July 10-1pm

48. The following items were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	Cheque no.	PURPOSE
Parish Plan Group	£500	1025	Grant
SERCO	£113.88	1026	Bench installation
Tina Burchell	£369.08	1027	Salary May 2004
Seeboard Contracting Services	£45.04	1028	Street light Higham Lane
Seeboard Energy	£99.83	1030	Lighting costs
Allianz Cornhill	£1756.41	1031	Insurance
Bridge Youth Group	£50	1032	Mill Centre fees
KAPC	£3.88	1033	
Petty Cash	£24.36	1034	Postage, envelopes
SLCC	£24	1035	Clerks manual update with legislation up to March 2004
RBLI signs	£3.97	1036	Clips for signs at the recreation ground
Seeboard Contracting Services	£18.93	1037	Maintenance June (part paid by SO)