

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. June 2014 in Bridge Village Hall

- Present;** Cllrs Hodges (Chairman), Atkinson, Corfield (at item 7c), Edmonds, Hill, Moon, Ward, Wilmshurst, Wortham and CCC Cllr Cook
- 17/14-15** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from KCC Cllr Northey
- 18/14-15** Declarations of Interest and Written Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on agenda items.  
Cllr Hill declared an interest regarding agenda item 9c as a member of the Patribourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council.
- 19/14-15** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup>.May 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/14-15** **Matters arising;** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
- 21/14-15** **Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook;** Cllr Cook reported that the Canterbury Local Plan was out for consultation. He had recently taken up several matters of concern to Bridge regarding recent planning applications with the City Council. He would be speaking against the City Council's decision to stop notifying parish council directly of tree work in their parishes at the RAMP meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June and would propose an alternative automated system. Meanwhile Cllr Cook would alert the Clerk and Tree Warden to any new proposals via email
- 22/14-15** **Report from KCC Cllr Michael Northey;** (by email) Cllr Northey reported that KCC had produced a new Road Casualty Reduction Strategy and Cllr Northey had requested that it be made available on the KCC website.
- 23/14-15** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a** **Recreation Ground** – Cllr Ward had now taken over the inspection folder again. She reported that the broken window in the pavilion had been temporarily boarded up, the picnic tables had been put out and the wooden frames had been removed from the ground.  
Cllr Hodges reported that Serco had said they would no longer collect orange refuse sacks from the recreation ground and that green bins should be used instead. As the various working parties had generated over 50 orange sacks of refuse this year, this did not seem a practical solution. Cllr Hodges was pursuing this matter. **Action; Cllr Hodges**  
Cllr Hodges reported that children from Bridge Primary School had been working on the wild flower area of the recreation ground. They had invited her to the school to see their garden. There were photographs on the website. The sand bag store needed cleaning up and Cllrs Moon and Wilmshurst would also arrange a date to fix the replacement seat in the youth shelter. Cllr Moon had ordered some empty sacks for the loose sand in the store.
- b.** **Neighbourhood Plan –** Adrian Verrall, the City Councils Planning Policy Manager had attended the May meeting of the Committee and commented fairly positively about the Neighbourhood Plan. Bridge was the only village in the District drawing up such a Plan. Mark Esdale had revised the draft Plan and added photographs and this would be discussed at the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup>. June. The traffic survey returns were being processed.
- c.** **Mill Centre-** Mark Esdale reported that the City Council's Steering Group had rejected the Parish Council's bid to take over the lease of the Centre on the grounds that the plans did not provide enough value. As a result, the

executive would probably reject the application and the Centre site would be sold for housing development. The Mill Centre Management Committee would be meeting later in the month to see if there was any way the Centre might be saved. It was reported that some of the money from the sale of the site might be given to the parish towards another youth centre, however it had already been demonstrated that there was no land available in the parish for such an alternative Centre and there was no indication from the City Council as to when and how much funding might be available

- d. **Nailbourne Pollution** – Cllr Atkinson had circulated a detailed report. Around fifty flood alleviation projects had been identified in the area. Funding would be a problem and competition for money would be strong. It was suggested that Bridge might offer some contribution to fund flood alleviation schemes from its reserves. This might enable measures to protect the village to be implemented sooner. It was agreed to discuss some form of matched funding at the July parish council meeting. Meanwhile Cllr Atkinson had requested detailed costing of Bridge's proposed projects from the relevant engineers.

#### 24/14-15 **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

**Police Forum – 13<sup>th</sup>. May Littlebourne – Cllr Wortham (Report Circulated)**

It seemed unlikely that the Police Forum would be a regular event. It had been suggested that future discussion could take place via KALC.

There was some discussion as to the usefulness of the Police van, which periodically came to the Patricbourne Rd lay by. Suggestions of alternative more central sites had not been taken up by the police. The next visit would be on 8<sup>th</sup>. July from 4-5 pm.

Cllr Wortham also said that the local crime figures were available on the Police website.

#### 25/14-15 **Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **Bridge Village Sports Trust**; Cllr Wilmshurst reported that Emma Haynes had taken over as Treasurer. Attempts were being made to find other teams who wanted to use the ground. Neither Dayspring nor Bridge FC would be using the ground in future. The next meeting would be on 16<sup>th</sup> June. **Action; Cllr Wilmshurst**
- b. **New Parish Computer** – Cllr Corfield reported that, after discussion with the Clerk, it had been decided that the security risk of continuing to use the current system was minimal. It had therefore been agreed that a new computer would not be purchased at this time.
- c. **Patricbourne Church Burial Ground Extension**- Mrs Pauline Pritchard explained to the Parish Council that although Cantley Estates had given a new area of woodland to Patricbourne Church to extend the burial ground, the legal costs of the land transfer would be £750 plus vat. The burial ground was currently available to residents of both Patricbourne and Bridge. It was therefore agreed that in pursuance of the powers conferred by S.137 of the Local Government Act of 1972 , being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfied the requirements of that section, the Council approved the expenditure of £450 in respect of the legal costs of the Patricbourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Parking at Bridge School** It was agreed that Cllr Moon would be the parish council's liaison with Bridge Primary School on parking issues and would attend a meeting there on 26<sup>th</sup>. June. Councillors were asked to email Cllr Moon their thoughts about possible solutions to the problem before that meeting. **Action; Cllr Moon**
- e. **Bridge Emergency Plan**- Cllr Moon told the Council that Laurence Dunderdale had agreed to become a member of the Emergency Committee. Cllr Wortham explained that the Committee was adapting an Emergency Plan template from KCC and simplifying it for Bridge's needs. A list of volunteers with appropriate skills was being drawn up. It was aimed to complete the Plan by October and that it should be reviewed annually in March and presented to the Annual Parish Council. Cllr Hodges thanked the Committee for their work.
- f. **Snow Clearance**- Cllr Moon would not be able to take an active part in possible snow clearance this winter for family reasons. It was agreed that he would hold a

meeting of potential volunteers and try to identify a volunteer or volunteers to take over the organisation of any possible snow clearance this winter. **Action; Cllr Moon**

- g. First Aid Course-** After some discussion it was agreed that the Emergency Plan Committee would identify possible volunteers to attend Emergency First Aid Courses. It was decided that the most cost effective way of doing this was for volunteers to join scheduled courses at either St John Ambulance or Red Cross Centres. The Clerk would investigate the possibilities and relative costs. This would be a July agenda item

**Action; Emergency Plan Committee & Clerk**

**26/14-15 Correspondence – Noted**

**27/14-15.** The following receipts were noted;

HMRC – Vat Reimbursement - £115.44

Bridge Athletic FC – Balance of subscription for 2013/14 season - £125.00

**28/14–15** The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
AJL Garden Services	£259.40	Recreation ground maintenance April & May 2014 (£129.70 per month)
South Canterbury Alliance	£40.00	Subscription for 2014
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£663.89	Clerk's salary and office allowance for May 2014
Post Office Ltd	£145.56	PAYE & Employer NI Contribution May 2014

**29/14-15 Any Other Business**

- a. A paper copy and a disk of the Canterbury Local Plan had been received. Cllrs Hodges and Edmonds would attend a public meeting in early July. It was agreed that Cllr Edmonds would have the paper copy of the Plan on 25<sup>th</sup> June and Cllr Hodges on 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- b. Cllr Hill reported that the grass had been cut at the triangle at the top of the A2 slip road. He would write and thank KHS.
- c. It was agreed that Cllrs Wilmshurst, Edmonds and Hill would attend a meeting with Nackington & Lower Hardres parish representatives on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June regarding the proposed solar farm at Nackington.
- d. Cllr Wortham would attend the Rural Area Member Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup>. June at the Guildhall.
- e. Cllr Hodges said that Carol Davidson and her volunteers would be working on the recreation ground on 4<sup>th</sup>. September
- f. Cllr Hodges gave advance notice that there would be a working party on the recreation ground on 18<sup>th</sup> October

The meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. July 2014 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.