

**Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 14 March 2002 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Anderson (chairman), Beer, Corfield, Dobson, Gulvin . Also present was Cllr W Oakey who attended until 8 pm and one member of the public who attended for the whole meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the chairman invited Cllr Oakey and the member of the public to address the council. Cllr Oakey attended to answer any questions councillors had on the City Council.

**221 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Connor, Hill, Monk and Walder (holiday).

**222 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2002**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

**223 GOLDEN JUBILEE 2002**

The clerk reported, on behalf of Cllr Hill, that a total of 83 responses had been received to date, with 174 mugs requested for children. Cllrs Beer and Corfield both reported that several households had stated that they had not received the leaflet and it was **AGREED** that a further invitation for requests for mugs would be included in the Parish Newsletter to be distributed early next week.

**224 STREET LIGHTING - PART-NIGHT CELLS**

The clerk reported that following a discussion with Seeboard it appeared that approximately 40 lanterns could require replacing to accommodate the new units as and when the SS9 units fail. To date this year 6 units have been replaced by Seeboard with the same number the previous financial year. Incatron have advised that they do not refurbish the SS9 unit as it is a sealed unit which has to be broken and cannot be resealed by them. Cllr Gulvin **AGREED** to meet with a member of the lighting department at the City Council to investigate the matter further.

**225 RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATH**

Cllr Dobson advised that to date she had received two quotations to lay a 1.8 metre footpath from the junction at Bifrons Path to the school and that a request for funding under Safer Routes to School had been sent to the Highways Department. The clerk advised that FPD Savills could not confirm who had laid the original footpath but they believe it was probably one of the developers who built the adjoining houses. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to the school requesting a donation towards the cost of the footpath and that details of the proposal should be sent to FPD Savills in order to obtain the Landlord's consent for the work to be carried out.

**226 ALLOTMENTS**

The clerk advised that Charles Gooch of FPD Savills had not yet advised of a new date for when he would next be in Bridge to meet with councillors. The clerk was asked to write again to Mr Gooch requesting a date for a meeting.

**227 NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Dobson provided copies of the final draft of the newsletter which was approved by councillors subject to the inclusion of the invitation for requests for mugs. Cllr Anderson advised that the previous distributor was now no longer available and it was **AGREED** that the newsletter would be distributed early next week by councillors. For future distribution it was **AGREED** that Cllr Anderson would approach John Thackeray to see if the scouts would be interested in carrying out the distribution for a donation to their funds. It was also **AGREED** that extra copies of the newsletter would be printed and that the Post Office, Bridgeway Stores and Bridge News would be asked if they would display these for any villagers who do not receive a copy via the normal distribution channel.

**228 LAY-BY IN PATRIBOURNE ROAD**

The clerk advised that according to the previous minutes it had not been agreed to send a written request to the contractors not to paint white lines in the lay-by and it was therefore **AGREED** not to pursue the matter further. It was confirmed that the street light was now working.

**229 MOLE TREATMENT**

Cllr Gulvin reported that further treatment had been carried out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**230 LAY-BY BELOW CHURCH COTTAGE**

Kent Highways have made arrangements for this to be inspected in due course and for any remedial repairs necessary to be carried out.

**231 MILL TERRACE AND BOURNE VIEW**

Kent Highways advise that these could not be adopted in their present form and they both would have to be improved in terms of geometry and construction, with turning heads added, before adoption could take place. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to Kent Highways asking when this work could be done.

**232 GULLY BELOW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Kent Highways advise that the drainage system is designed to allow water to pass beneath the build out. With a view to future connections to the drainage system an initial investigation to the highway drainage in the High Street has recently been carried out. The results of this investigation will lead to a programme of works during the 2002/2003 financial year and the flow of water down the hill is one of the areas to be addressed and will provide the opportunity to improve the drainage at the footway build out for the zebra crossing. It was **AGREED** that a copy of the letter from Kent Highways would be sent to Mrs T Carr who has been affected by the excess water at the crossing.

**233 BENCH AT FORD CLOSE**

The clerk confirmed that the bench at Ford Close was maintenance free and did not require any further treatment.

**234 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Seeboard Contracting Services	£73.14	Street lighting repairs.
KAPC	£348.77	Annual subscription.
FPD Savills Ltd	£225.00	Half yearly rents.
AC Osborn	£310.00	Tree work.

(b) **Payments received:** no payments have been received.

**235 CAR PARKING**

i) Cllr Anderson presented a draft plan and artists impression for improving car parking in Western Avenue and Green Court and it was unanimously **AGREED** that Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways should be requested to prepare an actual scheme for public consultation.

ii) Cllr Anderson presented a plan for improving car parking in Conyngham Lane and it was unanimously **AGREED** that this idea should be forwarded to the school for their consideration and that the parish council would fully support and encourage any decisions made to improve the car parking problems in Conyngham Lane.

**236 FOOTBRIDGE AT MILL LANE**

Cllr Gulvin presented a drawing of a date stone to mark the erection of the replacement footbridge in the Golden Jubilee year. It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the date stone and aim to have it in place ready for unveiling on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Cllr Anderson agreed to obtain a quotation from a local stone mason to supply and fit the date stone. The clerk was requested to write to Kent County Council to obtain their permission to site the date stone in the footbridge brickwork.

**237 VILLAGE SEATS**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that any offers of donations of seats would be accepted and that the parish council would be more than willing to find suitable sites within the village.

**238 BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Gulvin reported that at the recent Annual General Meeting of the BVHMC it had been agreed to slightly increase the fees and finish off the painting of the hall with professionals as the use of probationers to carry out the work had been a disaster. The plans for a disabled access were still ongoing and a new secretary had been appointed.

**239 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Anderson would ask the Red Lion to quote for providing refreshments for the meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2002.

**240 TRAFFIC CALMING - TOWN HILL**

It was **NOTED** that a letter from Mr M Wise had been received and the clerk was requested to write to him acknowledging his concerns. It was **AGREED** to take up the police's offer for the mobile speed camera to be used in this area and the clerk was requested to arrange this. Cllr Anderson advised that Cllr & Mrs Oakey and Mr David Daw had kindly agreed to carry out the planting of the two traffic islands.

**241 CONYNGHAM LANE - STREET LIGHTING**

It was **NOTED** that a letter had been received from Mr G Curl with a request for its contents to be noted for future deliberations on the issue of street lighting.

**242 BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE**

The clerk reported that a request had been received from the school to use the recreation ground for car parking on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June for the village fete and it was unanimously **AGREED** to allow this subject to care being taken to avoid using the football pitch and goal area.

**243 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **Planning applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are being considered :

CA/02/0015/BRI - Minor Amendments for information only on First floor side extension to dwelling at 1 Bourne View, Bridge.

CA/02/0267/BRI - Single-storey extension to front of bungalow at Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

(b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CAL01/0127/BRI - Erection of conservatory at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/1065/BRI - Erection of conservatory at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/0061/BRI - Single-storey front extension; link wall and gate between dwelling and garage at 53 Bridge Down, Bridge.

CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - rooflights at Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School, Bridge.

(c) **Applications refused:** No planning applications have been notified as refused.

(d) **Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area:** The following notice of proposed work has been received with no intention to serve a Tree Preservation Order:

Pollard small Lime tree outside front of house at 51 High Street, Bridge.

Clean out crown of mature beech tree between Great Pett Farm and Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge.

**244 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Rural White Paper:** Cllr Corfield reported that a meeting had been held on 5<sup>th</sup> March and they were looking at how best to move forward with the matter of a parish plan. The subject of holding further open meetings had been discussed with the next open meeting being on planning and conservation. It was **AGREED** that the next open meeting should be held in May.

**Trees:** Cllr Anderson advised that the tree at Mansfield Court had been looked at by Jon Lambourne of the City Council and no further work is required at present.

**Recreation Ground:** i) Cllr Gulvin reported that he had carried out the inspection of the playground equipment in February.

**BVST:** Cllr Gulvin reported that the AGM of the BVST had been held and currently they did not have a chairman or treasurer although Cllr Gulvin is acting as treasurer until a replacement is found. He reported that the accounts are healthy, the clubs are still functioning and the ground had been able to be used throughout the year. A mini sports for all is to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 with times yet to be advised. A plaque for a roll of honour is planned. Following earlier vandalism a new high security lock has been fitted but there is still damage to the windows. The guttering is in need of repair but otherwise the pavilion is in good condition. Subject to the agreement of the parish council the cricket club plan to erect a secure compound to house their mechanical roller next to the sandbag store and it was **AGREED** that this could be erected.

**245 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS**

There were no new matters to report.

**246 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION**

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

- (a) Parish News
- (b) Kent Police Authority News - February 2002
- (c) CPRE Kent News Spring/Summer 2002
- (d) Local Council Review - March 2002
- (e) CPRE Voice - Spring 2002
- (f) Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2002
- (g) Kent Downs AONB Interreg II Project
- (h) Kent Fire Bridgade Update

**247 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 11 April 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.