

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 11th March 2004 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Dobson, Edmonds, Esdale (chairman), Gulvin, Hill (vice-chairman), and Lewis

### 185. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hill and Lewis.

### 186. Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2004 were confirmed and signed by the chairman subject to amending minute reference 169bi to read 'The receipt of the Kent Police Community Speed watch Document was noted and it was agreed to publicise this in the newsletter' and minute reference 172 ii. to read 'It was agreed that the Allotment Association could apply for a grant from the Kentish Stour Project to plant a hedge around the allotments'.

### 187. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. It was agreed to write to Mona Butrous and advise her that the Parish Council is unable to provide a written guarantee that the sycamore trees at the recreation ground will never fall on her house.
- b. It was agreed to write to the owners of the Post office to ask for their opinion about the bus shelter outside the post office.
- c. It was agreed to contact Allianz Cornhill Insurers about the additional cost of insuring the allotment sheds. It was noted that the Allotment Association have already insured the sheds this year.
- d. It was agreed to defer a decision about undertaking weekly checks of the recreation ground and playground until further information has been obtained from Allianz Cornhill.

### 188. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

- a. The Parish Council received a report from Cllr Beesty about the KAPC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004
- b. The Parish Council received a report from Cllr Esdale about the meeting with Ruth Goudie from KCC Highways on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004.
- c. The Parish Council received a report from Cllr Gulvin about BVST meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2004. It was agreed to review the Bounty Pest Control contract in October, as their action so far seems to have had little affect on the moles. It was agreed to make a grant of £300 to BVST for 2003/4.

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

- a. **The Whitehorse Inn Bridge**-reduce T1 by 1/3 and reduce overhang from neighbours side, T11 reduce storm damage limb and reduce tree below tear and overhang, T15 dismantle large ash, T16 and T17 remove major dead wood from both trees, T18 sever ivy and remove dead wood and T19 cut back dense ivy growth and lift all round
- b. **17 Union Road**- fell two large conifers on rear of boundary

190. The receipt of party wall award for village hall was noted.

191. It was noted that a meeting to look at rural crime will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at Petham Village Hall

192. It was agreed that it would be unlawful to amend the standing orders to allow decisions to be made on resolutions that are not included on the agenda. It was agreed that the agenda should be delivered on the Friday before meetings to allow enough time for all councillors to include relevant items on the agenda.

193. It was agreed to accept the quotation from SERCO to clear litter from the recreation ground on a fortnightly basis at a cost of £20 plus VAT per visit for a trial six-month period. It was agreed to review this arrangement after six months.

194. It was agreed to order a wet pour kit from Wychwood repair services at a cost of £145 plus VAT.

195. It was agreed not to contribute £35 towards the Kent and Sussex Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.

196. It was agreed to circulate the information about protecting recreation grounds.

197. It was agreed to establish the ownership of the land between the river and the footpath by the recreation ground along Patrixbourne Road before making any decision about cutting the grass. It was agreed to ask Kent Highways for a quote to clear this land on a regular basis.

**198.** It was agreed to ask the Parish Plan Steering Group to consider applying for the Kent Village of the Year in 2004/5.

**199.** It was agreed to write to Colin Carmichael at Canterbury City Council about i) the shortfall in Bridge Parish Council budget 2004/5 caused by the delay in Canterbury City Council fixing the concurrent functions grant for 2004/5 ii) to ask for a grant to make up the shortfall in the budget or to ask if it would be possible to hand over some concurrent functions to Canterbury city council iii) to advise that the Parish Council will take advice from the financial ombudsmen if there is not some resolution to this situation. It was agreed to make up the shortfall in the concurrent functions grant of £3796 from Parish Council Reserves. It was agreed to give the Parish Plan Steering Group a £500 grant from the general reserves (section111).

**200.** It was agreed to write to the SRA and object to plans to reduce the number of train services from Bekesbourne and other rural stations. It was agreed to copy all correspondence to Jill Thomas, clerk to Bekesbourne with Patribourne Parish Council.

**201.** It was agreed to write to the police about the parking problems on the corner of Conyngham Lane highlighted by Davis Latham.

**202.** It was agreed that the clerk would obtain additional quotes for a notice board for Bridge Down.

**203.** It was agreed to write to Gomez at Highland Court Farm about the problems with TIR drivers not being able to find Highland Court Farm.

**204.** It was agreed to use RBS Accounting Solutions to prepare the year-end accounts for 2003/4.

**205.** The parish council received the report from Cllr Lewis about the Parish Scrutiny Panel. It was agreed to discuss the suggestion withhold payment for street lighting costs at the next Parish Council meeting.

**206.** It was agreed to write to Kent Highways about providing a grit bin for Bridge Down.

**207.** The receipt of the £4347 from Cantley Ltd towards the allotments sheds and £20 for Christmas trees were noted.

#### **208. Sealing of documents**

The Parish Council approved the BACS payments form from Canterbury City Council. It was agreed to seal the amended standing orders (minute reference 70) at the next meeting.

#### **209. Authorisation of the following items for payment.**

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
SLCC	£ 72.00	Membership
KAPC	£ 47.00	Planning information day- Cllr Beinder
BVST	£ To be agreed	Grant
Seeboard Contracting Services	£1217.72	Street light Conyngham Lane (note that quote was for £1395 plus VAT)
Seeboard Contracting Services	£910.38	Streetlight Western Avenue
Seeboard Contracting Services	£120.36	Street lighting maintenance March 2004
Andrew Osborn	£ 40	Fence panel at recreation ground
FPD Savills	£225	Recreation ground fees
Tina Burchell	£ 348.49	Salary and office allowance February 2004
Canterbury City Council	£ 572	Legal costs for Bifron's Path light (discount £200 as a goodwill gesture)
Wychwood Play Services	£170.37	Wet Pour Kit
BVST	£300	Grant 2003/4
SERCO		Litter collection April –Sept 2004