

Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 9 March 2017 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllrs A Atkinson (Chair), R Atkinson, Hodges, Davies, Dhaliwal, Dhillon, Fawke and Corfield.

Two members of the public addressed Council on parking restrictions and expenditure of monies on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

128/16-17 Apologies for absence There were none; Cllr Sole resigned on 23 Feb 2017.

129/16-17 Declaration of Interest & Lobbying and written Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - there were none.

130/16-17 The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 9 February 2017 were confirmed as a true record, signed and dated by the Chair.

131/16-17 Matters arising from the minutes not covered under item 7 of the agenda.

- The Zebra crossing safety report from KCC has now been received.
- The new swings and climber will be installed in the last week of April 2017.

132/16-17 Report from Canterbury City Councillor Simon Cook

- The next Rural Area Members Panel meeting will be held on Monday 13 March at 7.00 p.m. in the Guildhall, Canterbury to discuss the proposed Parish Charter and the enforcement of litter and fly tipping restrictions. The budget has been passed, though in future years it may prove impossible to protect front line services. Parking restrictions on Bridge layby (formally in Bekesbourne Parish) have been approved and need to be implemented once the necessary signage has been erected. Canterbury City Council has employed 11 more enforcement officers to deal with poor parking and fly tipping. Cllr Cook will look into refuse collection concerns raised by Cllr Davies.

133/16-17 Report from Kent County Councillor Michael Northey

- Councillors are preparing for the election campaign to start.
- Offers of secondary school places achieved over 80% of first choice requests on March 1 2017. He outlined the appeals procedure available to parents who are unhappy with their allocations. He undertook to look further into the decision not to provide white parking lines at the junction of Laurie's Way and Union Rd.

134/16-17 Disposal of business from the last meeting

Recreation Ground:

The list of jobs to be carried out was reviewed by Cllrs Davies and Hodges. A few items were added to the list. It was decided to consider the planting of more trees on the recreation ground at a future meeting (Cllr Davies to lead). It was agreed to engage a structural engineer if necessary to look into the safety of the bridge over the Nail Bourne which leads to the recreation ground. Expenditure of up to £700 on this work was sanctioned, if required.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Atkinson updated Council on the latest meetings held on January 17, January 20 and February 24. The minutes of these meetings are now available on the village website and the minutes of the meeting on 24 February will be added shortly. The Clerk explained the latest developments regarding a sustainability appraisal by AECOM. Council discussed the expenditure requested on a housing needs survey by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee which will be funded from the DCLG grant (due to end on 31 March 2017) provided to the Parish Council.

135/16-17 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies.

- Joint Transportation Board (28 Feb). Cllr A Atkinson reported that the Chair is well aware of the concerns expressed by Bridge villagers about the state of the drains. He is mindful of the fact that proposed drainage works may not have been fully completed.

136/16-17 Matters for discussion and action.

1. The Chair explained that **the Mill Centre lease** is now ready to be signed between the City Council and the Parish Council. The under-lease between the Mill Centre Management Committee and the Parish Council is still awaited. Both leases will be signed simultaneously. The Chair confirmed that the expenditure of Parish Council reserves on the Mill Centre project (having taken into account the legal costs already incurred which will be deducted from these reserves) will need to be addressed fully at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting.
2. A cultivation licence from KCC has been received for the **Green Court** proposals. The Parish Council is now seeking a licence from KCC to allow for the erection of a diamond railing around the Green Court area of the road island.
3. The current **financial regulations** had been circulated prior to the meeting. Having reviewed them, Council agreed to renew the regulations for the year ahead.
4. Having received two quotations from contractors to maintain the Recreation Ground for 2017-2018 it was decided to consult further with the contractor offering the lowest price. Cllr Hodges will meet with the contractor and report back to the next meeting.
5. Following a discussion about the practicalities of installing defibrillators and their cabinets, Cllrs Davies and Corfield agreed to prepare a set of options for consideration at the next meeting about the purchase of defibrillator(s) for the village. Villager David Waltham was thanked for participating in this discussion.

137/16-17 The Correspondence list for March 2017 was noted.

138/16-17 It was noted that in the absence of the relevant bank statements no receipts were recorded. The statements have now arrived and receipts for February will be shown at the next meeting.

139/16-17 The following items for payment were authorised:

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Philip Wicker	£611.44	Salary and Office allowance
Post Office	£171.52	Tax and NI
Alec Baptie	£516.00	Bridge repairs (ironwork)
Philip Wicker	£84.74	6 printer cartridges
Cllr A Atkinson	£240.00	Chair's allowance
Cllr R Atkinson	£120.00	Councillor's allowance
Cllr S Fawke	£120.00	Councillor's allowance
Ian Sargent	£170.00	2 cuts
Savills Client Account	£275.00	Recreation Ground Lease
Jim Boot	£692.85	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy
Softation	£120.00	Domain hosting and email
ACRK	£1201.20	Housing needs survey (Neighbourhood Plan)
Philip Wicker	£45.90	Petty Cash top up

140/16-17 Points of Information:

- Replacing Cllr Sole: Co-option can take place if no election is triggered by 24 March 2017. Council agreed to thank Cllr Sole through the Clerk for his contributions to the work of the Parish Council.
- Village litter pick (4 March 2017): Thanks were given to all villagers and councillors who took part.
- Summer event: Cllr Dhaliwal will propose a definite date at the next meeting once she has consulted further with key businesses in the village.
- Council noted the request made recently by a villager for assistance with the distribution of leaflets requesting funding for a judicial review of the Mountfield development in Canterbury. As yet, no request has been received by the Parish Council for a specific contribution towards this fund.
- Cllr Corfield distributed postcards for distribution prior to a Photographic Exhibition on May 7 2017.
- The Chair encouraged as many councillors as possible to attend the RAMP meeting on 13 March 2017 (see above)

The meeting concluded at 9.12 p.m.

**The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 13 April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall**

