

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 13th May 2004 at 7.30 pm
in Bridge Village Hall

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Corfield.

2. Election of the Chairman for 2004-5

Cllr Lewis was proposed for the post of chairman by Cllr Esdale and seconded by Cllr Gulvin.

3. The Parish Council received Cllr Lewis's declaration for acceptance of office.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2004-5

Cllr Hill was proposed for the post of vice-chairman by Cllr Gulvin and seconded by Cllr Esdale.

5. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The following councillors and local people were appointed as representatives to outside bodies:

- a) Parish Council Police Forum- Cllrs Lewis and Esdale
- b) Kent Association of Parish Council- Cllr Beesty
- c) Village Hall Management Committee- Cllrs Beinder and Dobson
- d) Mill Centre Management Committee- Cllrs Gulvin and Dobson
- e) BVST- Cllr Gulvin
- f) Nailbourne and Little Stour River Management Group- Cllr Gulvin
- g) Allotment Association- Cllr Dobson
- h) Parish Plan- Cllrs Dobson and Hill
- i) Rural Area Member Panel Meeting- Cllr Esdale
- j) Parish Forum Meetings- Cllr Edmonds
- k) Rural Youth Bus/ Youth Group meetings- Cllr Dobson
- l) KRCC - Joan Monk
- m) Street monitor meetings - Cllr Esdale
- n) Cllr John Anderson's surgeries- Cllr Lewis

6. Appointment of Members of the Planning Committee

The following councillors were appointed as representatives to the planning committee:
Cllrs Beinder, Edmonds and Hill

7. Appointment of Representatives to Advisory Committees

The following councillors and local people were appointed as representatives to outside bodies:

Recreation Ground- Cllrs Beesty, Corfield and Gulvin
Streets, Footways and Lighting- Maurice Smith
Environment - Cllr Edmonds (footpaths), Joan Monk (trees) and Andrew Pearson (trees)

8. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2004 were confirmed and signed by the chairman

9. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. It was agreed to name the Alleyway between Union and Filmer Road 'Laurie' s Way'.
- b. Carol Baker has agreed to cover Tina Burchell's maternity leave. It was agreed to divert all calls to Carol's phone line from 1st July 2004. It was agreed formally write and offer Carol the post.
- c. It was agreed that Cllr Gulvin would apply for planning permission on behalf of the Parish Council for vehicular access to the allotments.

10. Reports from Advisory Committees

a) Environment: Footpaths & Trees

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served: The Willows, Patricbourne Lane Bridge- remove 3 pollarded lime trees causing structural damage to adjoining neighbour's wall. It was agreed to write to Jon Lambourne at Canterbury city Council accepting that the work is necessary but that the council would like to see the trees replaced in the next six months.

b) **Recreation Ground-** The Parish Council received the results of the recreation ground survey from Cllr Beesty.

11. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

a) The Parish Council received the Parish Council Police Forum report from Cllr Lewis dated 6th April 2004

b) Cllr Dobson reported that there have been problems with equipment and supplies belonging to the youth group going missing from the Mill Centre. It was agreed that this issue would be raised at the next Mill Centre Committee meeting.

12. It was agreed that the parish council would support any future walking bus schemes in Bridge initiated by the school.

13. It was agreed that no amendments were needed to the Parish Council Risk Assessment.

14. Budget 2004/5 and reserves. It was agreed increase the asset replacement budget to £4000 and the Allotment budget to £1784.76. It was agreed to reduce the contingency fund to £3500. It was agreed to pay £50 per term to the youth group to hire the Mill Centre. It was agreed to discuss capital projects and long term budgetary planning at the next meeting.

15. It was agreed to ask ROSPA to undertake the annual play equipment inspection at the recreation ground.

16. The Parish Council agreed their response to the following public consultation documents:
Proposed Changes to the Draft Regional Transport Strategy
Proposed Alterations to Regional Planning Guidance SE- Regional Minerals Strategy.
Proposed Alterations to Regional Planning Guidance SE- Regional Waste Management Strategy

17. Correspondence

a) It was agreed to write to Chris Maclean of the Plough and Harrow advising that the parish council would look into his request to remove double yellow lines from the High Street.

b) The reply from Colin Carmichael at Canterbury City Council about the concurrent functions funding grant for 2004/ 5 was noted.

c) A vote was held regarding the article 4.2 direction and it was agreed 5:2 not to object to the article 4.2 direction.

d) The receipt of letter from David Brenchley of Kent Police about parking problems in Bridge was noted. It was agreed to pursue the issue of parking in Bridge with Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways.

e) It was agreed to ask Martin Solis of Canterbury City Council to replace the green bins by the butchers and post office with black bins.

Cllr Hill departed at 10pm

f) It was agreed to place an item in 'On the Nail' about people illegally parking on the zigzag lines by the zebra crossings.

g) It was agreed that the Parish Council could take no further action about the condition of the road at Bourne View.

h) It was agreed to write to the school, Bob Pollard of parking services and Kent Highways about the parking problems along Riverside Close highlighted by Mona Butrous.

i) It was agreed to ask Mona Butrous to refer back to the Parish Council's letter of 16th February 2004 concerning the sycamore trees at the recreation ground.

j) It was agreed not to offer any funds to C4B for a feasibility study for the A2 road links

k) It was agreed not to sponsor poop a scoop bags.

17. It was agreed that the school could use the recreation ground for the school fete on 19th June provided that that both the weather and the ground are dry.

18. It was noted that Bill Oakey and David Daws have agreed to continue to maintain the flower planters by the allotments. It was agreed to pay for any bulbs and plants that might be needed for the planters.

19. It was agreed to ask KCC grounds maintenance if they would provide a quote to trim the grass between the river and the footway at the recreation ground along Patricxbourne Road 5 times per year.

20. It was agreed to ask JK Property services to install a notice board at Bridge Down, subject to permission being granted from Kent Highways.

21. It was agreed to review the Parish Council's insurance at the next meeting.

22. The Parish Council discussed the fence between 29 Brewery Lane and Church Meadow.

23. The receipt of £2565.65 from HM Customs and Excise (VAT reclaim Jan- March 2004) and £100 from Bridge Tennis Club was noted

24. It was noted that Interroute anticipates that remedial work on the expansion joint at the A2 Overbridge will take place in at the beginning of July 2004.

25. It was noted that SERCO has agreed to fix bin liner to the bin along Patricxbourne Road outside of the recreation ground.

26. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

The chairman signed the new Seeboard Energy Standing order of £108.21 per month for street lighting.

27. Authorisation of the following items for payment.

| PAYEE | AMOUNT | PURPOSE |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Allotment Association | £247 | Shed Insurance |
| Tina Burchell | £358.78 | Clerk's salary April 2004 |
| BVST | | As per budget |
| BVST | | Grant 2004/5 |
| Petty Cash | | To be calculated |
| Postage, paper, envelopes | | On the Nail |
| £100 | | Donation |
| D. Possee | £30 | Planters |
| Seeboard Energy | £99.83 | Street lighting- April |
| BVHMC | £37 | Hall hire charges |
| Seeboard Contracting Services | £127.14 | Street lighting May |