

Minutes of  
**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Bridge Village Hall

**Present;** Cllrs Esdale (Chairman up to item 5), Edmonds (Chairman from item 6 onwards) Beesty, Gulvin and Lewis

1. **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Councillors Beinder, Bennett, Corfield and Hill.
2. Neil Anstrall, Operations Director, Stagecoach in East Kent, answered questions on the local bus service put to him by councillors and parishioners. A leaflet explaining the new bus travel concessions for pensioners would be put on the village website and was available from the Clerk.
3. **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** There were no declarations of interest.
4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Election of the Chairman for 2006-7**  
Councillor Ann Edmonds was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Gulvin, seconded by Cllr Lewis and elected unanimously.
6. **Election of Vice Chairman for 2006-7**  
Cllr John Hill was proposed as Vice- Chairman by Cllr Esdale, seconded by Cllr Beesty and elected unanimously
7. **Appointment of Representative to Outside Bodies**  
The following were appointed as representatives to outside bodies;
  - a) Parish Council Police Forum -Cllrs Lewis & Esdale
  - b) Kent Association of Parish Councils – Cllr Bennett
  - c) Village Hall Management Committee – Cllrs Beinder & Esdale
  - d) Mill Centre Management Committee – Cllrs Gulvin & Beesty
  - e) Bridge Village Sports Trust – Cllr Gulvin
  - f) Nailbourne & Little Stour River Management Group – Cllr Gulvin
  - g) Allotment Association – Cllr Gulvin
  - h) Rural Area Member Panel Meeting – Cllrs Esdale and Hill
  - i) Parish Forum Meetings – Cllr Edmonds
  - j) Bridge Youth Group – Cllr Esdale
  - k) KRCC- Cllr Corfield
  - l) Street Monitor Meetings – Mrs J Jarman and Cllr Esdale
  - m) Art in Bridge Committee – Cllr Bennett
8. **Appointment of Members of the Planning Committee**  
The following were appointed as members of the Planning Committee;  
Cllrs John Hill (Chairman), Beinder and Lewis
9. **Appointment of Members to Advisory Committees**  
The following were appointed to advisory committees;
  - a) Recreation Ground – Cllrs Beesty, Beinder, Corfield & Gulvin
  - b) Streets, Footways & Lighting – Mr & Mrs Whitten
  - c) Environment – Cllr Edmonds- [footpaths] Cllr Lewis [trees] Joan Monk [trees]
  - d) Affordable Housing Committee – Cllrs Edmonds, Esdale & Hill
10. **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
  - a. **Recreation ground**  
The councillors agreed to put out the picnic tables near the play area. It was agreed that a working party would fix them to the ground by a chain and ring to

try and prevent their removal. The bench awaiting repair was in the pavilion. Cllr Gulvin would contact Mr Mortley to find out when it was to be repaired. Cllr Edmunds would consult Cllr Hill on the positioning of the bench. **Action Cllrs Gulvin & Edmonds**

Cllr Lewis reported that he was continuing to remove the concrete blocks which had been placed at the base of one of the trees on the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed that Amanda Sparkes and Sue Radcliffe would be invited to the June Parish Council meeting to discuss the proposal for a Youth Shelter. **Action; Clerk**

- b. **Flood Map** –Cllr Gulvin had now drawn up a map of the village showing which properties were flooded in 2001 and indicating the Environment Agency's zone of flooding. Cllr Gulvin's map gave a more accurate indication of properties at risk of flooding. It was available for inspection in Cllr Gulvin's office in the High St. It was proposed to draft a letter to all householders within the zone of flooding explaining their true position for insurance purposes etc. **Action – Cllr Gulvin**
- c. **Information Board** –Deferred to next meeting. **Action; Cllr Hill**
- d. **Low cost housing** – Other parishes with similar schemes had been contacted. There was some concern that in some instances housing was not occupied by local parishioners but by un-housed people from Canterbury. It was agreed that the Affordable Housing Committee would meet with Sally Richards from Southern Housing to discuss possible designs for the housing and other issues concerning the site etc. and would report back to the parish council. **Action; Clerk**
- e. **Damaged willow tree** The City Council had given permission for the dead branches of the damaged willow tree on the recreation ground to be removed. **Action – Cllr Lewis**
- f. **Recycling point** Following continued acts of vandalism, both the Salvation Army and the Sunshine Club had removed their clothing bins from the village re-cycling point. It was not known whether there were plans to reinstate these at a future date. The Parish Council expressed its dismay at the anti-social element whose actions had resulted in these charities having to remove their collection points. An item explaining the reasons for the bins' withdrawal would be put in the next parish newsletter. A decision on installing a CCTV camera was deferred to a future date so that the new situation could be monitored. It was agreed to ask SERCO to provide an additional bid for plastic bags etc at the recycling point. **Action; Clerk**
- g. **By-pass celebrations** Maurice Rarity had agreed to help with mounting an exhibition commemorating 30 years of the by-pass at the fete on 17<sup>th</sup> June. He would liaise with Cllr Beinder over documents for the display.

#### 11. Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

There were no reports from outside bodies

#### 12. Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

Pheasant's Croft, Patrixbourne Rd, Bridge

Removal of sycamore trees subject of TPO No 6 of 1990 over the period of 4 years. The tree warden had made a site visit and there was no objection to this proposal as the house holder intended to replace the trees with native species over a four year period.

**Action; Clerk**

#### 13. Matters for Discussion and Action

a. **Bridge Primary School** – A verbal request had been received to use the recreation ground for parking on the day of the school fete. This was agreed provided that the weather was not wet, when parking on the field would damage its surface.

**Action; Clerk**

b. **County Councillor's Discretionary Fund** A discussion on this was deferred to the next meeting of the parish council.

c. **Bollards for Western Ave** Following concerns expressed by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, the possibility of erecting bollards on the pavement of

Western Ave opposite Bridgeway Stores was discussed. The aim would be to prevent dangerous parking; an on-going problem. It was agreed to ask KCC Highways for permission and to explore the possibility of the parish council paying for the bollards. Failing this, the parish council agreed to ask the relevant householder for permission to fix notices warning that motorists who parked illegally would be prosecuted.

**Action; Clerk**

**d. Double Yellow Lines on Dering Rd.** A Deposit Document had been received from Canterbury City Council advising that it was proposed to put double yellow lines on Dering Rd and asking for comments before 19<sup>th</sup> May. It was pointed out that the vegetation had now been cut back on the western side of the road making access much easier. In addition, vegetation at the corner of Aunt Betsy's Hill had been reduced. It was therefore believed that the problem the Fire Service had raised had been effectively addressed. It was felt that the yellow lines would cause further parking problems in other parts of the village and that unless they were monitored and enforced by the city parking authorities, they would be ignored, as were other double yellow lines in the village. It was agreed that the parish council would write to Canterbury City Council Highways Department again expressing its opposition to the lines.

**Action; Clerk**

**14. Correspondence - Noted**

**15.** Letter of authorisation to transfer £2,500 between the two bank accounts held by Bridge Parish Council was agreed.

**Action; Clerk**

**16.** The following receipt was noted;  
BVST - £10.00  
Bridge Tennis Club - £100.00

**17.** The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
John Hill	£41.70	Wine for Annual Parish Meeting
Canterbury City Council	£43.78	Removal of wasps nest from village hall roof 28/10/05
Allianz Cornhill	£1,211.17	Renewal of insurance
Christobel Seath	£403.18	Clerk's salary and office expenses – April 2006
Kent County Playing Fields Assoc	£20.00	Annual Subscription 2006/7
Christobel N Seath	£49.83	Petty cash
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£60.00	Street Runner Hire 11 <sup>th</sup> April – 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2006 = 6 sessions @ £10.00
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£25.00	Parish Council meetings 13 <sup>th</sup> April – 13 <sup>th</sup> July + Annual Parish Meeting = 5 sessions @ £5.00
D Possee	£30.00	Supply of plants & compost for village flower tubs

**18. Any other business**

- a.** Cllr Esdale asked the clerk to find out whether the parish insurance policy covers the Bridge Youth Group under its public liability insurance. **Action; Clerk**
- b.** Following the disastrous fire at the Red Lion, it was agreed to write to the landlord expressing the parish council's sympathy. An e-mail had been received asking for suggestions for alternative venues in the village for a wedding reception booked at the Red Lion.

**Action; Clerk**

**c.** It was reported that the Maclean family are to leave the 'Plough and Harrow' in August after 15 years in the village. It was agreed to discuss how to recognise

the contribution Chris Maclean had made to the village at the next meeting of the parish council.

- e. KCC Trading Standards had asked to put up-dates on the village website following an increase in doorstep fraud. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would reply to the letter and that the website would be used to publicise these reports.

**Action; Cllr Esdale**

- f. James Russ had now left the Public Rights of Way Department of KCC. It was therefore unlikely that any action would be taken on local footpath and stile maintenance until a replacement had been appointed.

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.