

agreed to increase the public liability insurance from £5 million to £10 million as requested by Cantley Estates. The parish council confirmed that the Allotment Association would be expected to pay the excess (currently £125) on any insurance claim connected with the sheds on the allotment ground. It was agreed to sign the new lease at the June Parish Council meeting. **Action : Cllr Gulvin**

- f. **Bus shelter** – Two tenders had been received for the supply of the shelter and two more were expected. It was agreed to apply to KCC for a grant. The budget for this was £5,500. **Action; Clerk**

7/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Cllr Edmonds had attended the Civic Service in Maidstone on 22nd April.

8/10 –11 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposal was noted;

6 Riverside Close, Bridge

Reduce hazel tree in front garden by 20% to prevent overhanging property and River Nailbourne

9/10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Parish Reserves** – Cllr Esdale presented a breakdown of the parish reserves, which were reviewed and agreed. Cllr Esdale would draw up a revised table to be circulated to councillors. **Action : Cllr Esdale**
- b. **Litter in fields near Mill Terrace** Cllr Lewis had reported that increased litter was becoming a problem. It was agreed to write to Mansfield Farms to ask them to organise a clean up with their workers. **Action; Clerk**
- c. **Audited Accounts for 2009-10** The internal auditor's report was read out and the Parish Accounts for 2009-10 were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer **Action : Clerk**
- d. **Refurbishment of bridge on Patricxbourne Rd** – It was agreed to accept the quotation provided by Les Barleycorn for this work and for re-painting the spider, which councillors hoped would be painted in bright colours. **Action ; Cllr Gulvin**
- e. **Mill Centre repairs** – The parish council authorised the payment for emergency plumbing repairs for the Mill Centre, which would be covered by Concurrent Function Funding. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- f. **Changes to parish insurance policy** – Changes to the parish insurance policy were agreed which would increase the public liability from £5 million to £10 million, increase the fidelity guarantee to £85,000 on the advice of the internal auditor and allow parish councillors to have insurance cover until the age of 80. **Action; Clerk**
- g. **ACRK Village of the Year Competition** – It was noted that the format of this competition had changed and awards would be made on the basis of projects undertaken. The parish council decided not to participate and felt that the original concept of ' Village of the Year' had been lost.
- h. **Canterbury City Council's letter concerning future litter picks** It was agreed that village litter picks were a community led activity and as such did not require the input of the city council. **Action; Cllr Lewis**
- i. **Replacement bench for the junction of Beech Hill and Bridge Hill** – The parish council agreed to purchase a new bench to replace the one destroyed by vandals. The bench would match the other benches in the village and would be fixed in place by councillors. **Action; Cllrs Gulvin & Esdale & Clerk**
- j. **Purchase of outdoor exercise equipment for adults** – It was agreed to purchase four items of outdoor exercise equipment for the recreation ground. The council asked for assurances of the safety of placing equipment in an area where it might be used by children. Cllrs Hill and Edmonds would select the items to be purchased. **Action; Cllrs Hill, Edmonds & Clerk**
- k. **Revisions of Parish Standing Orders**- Cllr Edmonds and the Clerk would revise the parish council's Standing Orders in the light of the new model version supplied by NALC **Action; Cllr Edmonds & Clerk**

- l. Request from Bridge Fete Committee to erect a sign on the recreation ground**
 – It was agreed that Bridge Fete Committee could erect a signboard advertising the fete, to be placed at the entrance to the recreation ground and to be of A1 size. The council stipulated that the sign should not be erected until two weeks before the event and be removed immediately afterwards. **Action; Clerk**
- m. Request for funding from ‘Living Land ‘event** – The parish council decided not to contribute to the cost of this event.

10/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

11/10-11 Sealing of Documents

The Agreement between Bridge Junior Football Club and Bridge Parish Council for the 2009/10 Season was signed.

12/10-11 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of £2,000 between Parish Council accounts

13/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

CCC – Concurrent Function Funding (interim) - £6,020.26
 CCC – Parish Precept - £24,337.00
 CCC – Additional Concurrent Function Funding - £420
 CCC – Capital Grant for Village Hall £9,469
 KCC – Grant for refurbishment of Sports Pavilion - £618.00

14/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Christobel Seath	£46.54	Petty cash
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£693.42	Clerk’s salary and allowances for April 2010
Post Office Ltd		Employer NI Contribution
Bridge School Fund	£15.00	Grant to BEST for cost of stall at Bridge Fete.
AON Ltd	£1,613.02	Parish Insurance for 2010 - 11
NALC	£13.50	Subscription to NALC for 2010 - 11
Mill Centre Management Committee	£211.50	Repairs to plumbing (£180 + £31.50 vat)
Ann Edmonds	£54.00	Wine for Annual Parish Meeting
Ann Edmonds	£24.00	Mileage to Civic Service Maidstone 22 nd April 60 miles @ 40 p per mile
Kevin Funnell	£40.00	Audit of 2009-10 records 22 nd April 2010

15/10-11 Any Other Business

a. Cllr Gulvin reported that there would be a meeting between office bearers of the Village Hall Committee and the builder, Stuart Green, on 14th May to discuss the renovations to the hall which would take place from July onwards. It was expected that the work would take six weeks. The committee would report back to the parish council in June.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 10th. June 2010 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.