

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 8 November 2001 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Anderson, Beer, Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder. Also present were four members of the public for part of the meeting and one who attended for the whole meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman asked the members of the public to address councillors on the matters of the joint School and Church Fete and the relocation of Canterbury College. The meeting commenced at 8.05 pm.

#### 126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Connor (holiday) and Cllr J Corfield.

#### 127 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 128 ALLOTMENTS

The secretary of Mr C Gooch of FPD Savills has advised the clerk that the allotments have not yet been cleared and are not likely to be ready in the near future due to lack of funding. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to FPD Savills advising them of the interest expressed by a number of villagers who wish to have allotments and asking them to give the matter a high priority.

#### 129 BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL

The clerk reported that the Chairman of the School Governors had advised her that the recent open evening at the School was for parents only but that it is intended to invite councillors and villagers to view the new classroom extension once it is fully completed. Cllr Anderson advised that the open day would be on a Saturday during the day.

#### 130 TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr Anderson advised that he had spoken to Cllr Oakey with reference to the planting of the traffic calming areas and Cllr Oakey will be considering the matter and will respond shortly. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to the City Council to request more parking attendant presence in the village as cars were still being parked on the hatched areas of the pedestrian crossing and also to request that the broken beacons be collected from 1 High Street. Kent Highways have advised that the anti-skid surfacing should be completed in the next few weeks and that they are reluctant to erect priority signs as the normal convention of motoring is that the motorist with the obstruction on his side of the road gives way. A copy of a letter to CI West from Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways states that a large number of complaints about the scheme have been received but as the scheme is not yet finished, i.e. carriageway markings and anti-skid surfacing, they would prefer to wait to review the scheme in its entirety. The initial findings were that traffic speeds have reduced considerably on the southbound approach to Conyngham Lane but this will have to be measured again once the scheme is completed to see if the speed reduction has been sustained. Details of the 2001 Traffic Regulation Review have been received but it was **AGREED** that there were no further requests for consideration.

#### 131 TREES

Cllr Monk reported that the request for the additional trees was in hand and will arrive shortly and it was **AGREED** that one of the new Ash trees should be used to replace a Cherry tree in the recreation ground which needs to be removed as it is dead due to disease. The clerk was requested to write to the Women's Institute who provided the tree originally to advise them that it was to be removed to avoid it infecting other Cherry trees around it and that it would be replaced with an Ash. It was **AGREED** that Andy Osborne would be asked to carry out the work required on the Sycamore tree adjacent to 65 Riverside Close, a Horsechestnut tree in Western Avenue and the Cherry tree in the recreation ground.

#### 132 CHRISTMAS TREES

Cllr Walder reported that there were a total of 25 requests for trees and that £185.00 in donations had been received. The trees had been ordered and it was proposed to erect them on the last

Saturday in November. Cllr Walder asked for volunteers to assist him and Cllr Gulvin in putting up the of the trees and offers of help were received from Cllrs Dobson and Beer on behalf of their husbands. The clerk advised that the 17 sets of Christmas lights which had been returned to the manufacturer as they were faulty had been received by the manufacturer but had gone missing in the post on their return. As the loss was not the fault of the Parish Council the manufacturer had been asked to replace them free of charge. The reply from the manufacturer was that as a gesture of goodwill they will be prepared to supply 17 sets at half the original cost. It was **AGREED** that this was not an acceptable solution but as the lights are required urgently the council would probably have no choice but to accept the offer. However, the clerk was requested to negotiate with the manufacturer for them to also supply the additional 8 sets of lights required for this year at half the original cost. It was **AGREED** that a letter of thanks should be sent to everyone who had made donations.

**133 STREET LIGHTING (PART NIGHT PHOTOCELLS)**

A reply from Babtie (for Kent County Council) confirming that the unit we use ceased production 3 years ago was **NOTED**. They advise that they do not know of a similar unit that is still in production but say there are units available which are programmable to achieve part night lighting which are extremely accurate. The cost is £40-£50 per unit and, although not cheaper than a rewire and fitting of the one part unit, would be a cheaper alternative to a replacement of the lantern. The clerk advised that a reply was still awaited from Seeboard and the City Council and it was **AGREED** that this should be looked at again at the next meeting when there was more information.

**134 ART EXHIBITION**

It was reported that the Art Exhibition held in the village hall in aid of the Disabled Access Fund had been a success and was greatly enjoyed by all those who visited the exhibition. It was **AGREED** that a letter of thanks should be sent to Cllr Corfield and his team for all their efforts in organising the event.

**135 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

(a) **Authorisation of items for payment:** The following items were authorised for payment:

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Bounty Pest Control	£88.13	Annual contract Oct 01/Oct 02 less previous invoice.
J Anderson	£25.00	Reimbursement of Parish Newsletter Delivery.
J Connor	£50.44	Travel expenses for KAPC & KRCC meetings.
BT	£38.09	Clerk's telephone bill and advance rental.

(b) **Payments received:** £376.40 - VAT reclaim.

**136 GOLDEN JUBILEE**

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002 it was confirmed that the combined Church and School fete is to be held on 22 June 2002 and Cllr Walder **AGREED** to chair the initial meeting and to represent the Parish Council on the committee once it was formed. It was unanimously **AGREED** to cover any losses up to £750.00. Cllr Hill **AGREED** to investigate the viability and cost of providing a commemorative Golden Jubilee souvenir to the children of Bridge.

**137 CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS GRANT**

The the concurrent functions grant was discussed and **AGREED** and the clerk was requested to submit the application form by the required date.

**138 ENVIRONMENT WARDEN SCHEMES**

Kent BTCV is reviewing its activities associated with Environmental Wardening throughout Kent with a view to gaining extra funding from Lottery sources. They are considering extending there schemes to include hedgerows and heritage wardens as well as tree, pond and compost wardens. They have asked Parish Councils to indicate whether they would like them to maintain and extend their Community and Environment Wardening Schemes and it was unanimously **AGREED** to support them.

**139 SCIENCE PARK/LORRY PARK**

Cllr Beer advised of a report in the Kentish Gazette that the idea of a science park was to be presented to councillors on Thursday. It was **NOTED** that the park would impinge on the village of Bridge and that the Parish Council had not been informed of the discussions or been consulted. It was unanimously **AGREED** that a letter expressing the concerns of the Parish Council to the

science park should be sent to the Chief Executive of Canterbury City Council, Ian Carmichael, with a copy to Cllr Vye and Cllr Oakey.

#### 140 CANTERBURY COLLEGE

It was **AGREED** in principle to support the application for a judicial review to challenge the Secretary of State's decision to grant planning permission to Canterbury College for outline planning permission for the relocation of the College. Several groups including PACE (People Against Canterbury Expansion) are seeking financial pledges to enable them to proceed with the application. The sum of £6000 was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Gulvin, and the motion carried by a majority of 1 subject to written proof that the application is backed by a properly constituted organisation. It is **NOTED** that Councillors against the sum of £6000 would like the sum pledged to be greater. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the sum of £6000 only be pledged in principle and that the clerk should seek expert advice from the Kent Association of Parish Councils as to whether it can legally proceed.

#### 141 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Applications received:** The following new applications have been received and are being considered:  
 CA/01/TEMP/L - Replacement Building, Bridge after School Club and Woodpecker Nursery, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.  
 CAL01/0136/BRI - Demolition of internal wall, Flat 4, Bridge Hill House, Higham Lane, Bridge.  
 CA/01/1116/BRI - Change of use to garden and formation of new vehicular access, Land adjacent to Field House, Station Road, Bridge.
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** No planning applications have been notified as granted.
- (c) **Applications refused:** No applications have been notified as refused.
- (d) **Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area:** The following notice has been received and is being considered:  
 Fell 1 mature London Plane tree to ground level and pollard by approximately 40% storm damaged mature Willow tree at Red Lion Estate, Riverside Close, Bridge.  
 A tree preservation order will not be served to control the following work:  
 Reduce two Beech trees by 15% and 1 Ash by 20% next to house at 12 High Street, Bridge.

#### 142 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Recreation Ground:** **i)** The grounds maintenance quotation has been received for the year 2002 at £1040.78, a minimal increase on this year, and it was **AGREED** to continue with Kent County Council Landscape Services for the next year. **ii)** The parish map has now been installed. **iii)** The RoSpa report has been looked at and Cllr Walder reported that apart from one name plate which needed removing there is no other work required.
- (b) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** It was reported that drains in the High Street in particular are still becoming blocked and overflow with minimal rainfall and the clerk was requested to chase the City Council to clear these drains as a matter of urgency.

#### 143 POLICE FORUM MEETING

Cllr Beer reported on the recent meeting she attended with Cllr Monk. A new speed camera has recently been utilised to great effect and the camera and a dedicated police vehicle are available for use at the times most needed. To arrange for its use requests should be sent to C I West. The next meeting is to be held on 15 January 2002.

#### 144 FOOTBRIDGE AT MILL LANE

The clerk reported that she had been advised that a new gas main was to be laid under ground in January, after which Kent County Council would be in a position to install the replacement bridge. She had also been advised that it was likely that a temporary bridge would be placed at the site during the coming Winter until the permanent footbridge could be constructed. A villager had also requested that the electricity supply should be put under ground but Kent County Council advise that, as far as they are aware, the supply will remain as it currently is.

#### 145 PARISH NEWSLETTER

The clerk reported that she had received a letter of congratulations from a resident in the High Street on the newsletter and its content.

**146 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS**

There were no new matters to report. Cllr Walder advised that following Cllr Connor's recommendation to report incidents of low flying aircraft to Manston Airport he had reported an incident which had occurred on 24 October. He had subsequently received a letter of explanation and apology.

**147 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION**

The following items had been received and were available for distribution:

- (a) CPRE Kent Voice Autumn 2001
- (b) Canterbury & Thanet Community Health Council Annual Report 200-2001
- (c) The Orchid - Kent Downs AONB
- (d) Kentish Fare Chronicle
- (e) Police Authority News October 2001
- (f) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (g) Local Council Review

**148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 13 December 2001.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....