

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 14 November 2002 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson (Chairman), Beer, Dobson, Gulvin, Monk and Walder. Also present were four members of the public and Ms Tina Burchell who attended for the entire meeting.

118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Connor, Corfield and Hill.

119 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

120 STREET LIGHTING - BIFRONS PATH

Cllr Anderson reported that matters were progressing and that he would be attending a meeting on the 19 November to discuss the possibility of positioning the light on land in the garden of The White Horse as the two locations along the footpath previously thought suitable are privately owned.

121 SANDBAG STORE AND FLOOD WARDENS

The two keyholders for the sandbag store are Cllr Mervyn Gulvin at 92 High Street and Chris MacLean of The Plough & Harrow and the Flood Wardens are Cllr Mervyn Gulvin, Cllr Bill Oakey and Chris MacLean. Cllr Gulvin reported that a meeting is to be held to allocate each warden with the properties they are to be responsible for notifying in the event of a flood warning.

122 CHRISTMAS TREES

Cllr Walder reported that requests for Christmas Trees had been very successful and had exceeded those of last year. In all 34 trees are to be erected and this will be carried out on Saturday 7 December. Cllr Walder advised that he had 2 or 3 volunteers already but anyone else willing to offer their services should contact him.

123 CHURCH CLOCK

The clerk reported that John Smith & Sons have been out to measure up for a new part for the clock and arrangements had been made for the part to be fitted next week.

124 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
R Marshall	£105.00	Repair 2 benches, bus shelter guttering and plant 150 bulbs.
Cornhill Insurance	£13.14	Insure 2 additional street lights.
BT	£45.34	Clerks telephone rental and calls.

Seeboard Contracting Servs	£69.18	Remove damaged street light in Conyngham Lane.
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	£254.39	Repair to playground surface.
Chris Penfold	£4535.50	Village Hall disabled access.
M Gulvin	£77.50	Photocopying 2 issues of Parish Newsletter and Xmas Tree circular.

(b) **Payments received:** £364.65 VAT reclaim, £255.50 donations for Christmas trees and £350.00 Broomfield FC ground rent.

(c) **Annual Audit:** External Auditor's Certificate received with no matters or recommendations arising.

125 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Cllr Anderson welcomed the newly appointed clerk, Ms Tina Burchell of Bekesbourne, to the meeting. Ms Burchell is to take up her appointment with immediate effect, acting as assistant to the present clerk until 31 December 2002 and assuming the appointment of clerk from 1 January 2003.

126 STREET LIGHT REPAIR AND STREET LIGHT - CONYNGHAM LANE

The clerk reported that the estimate for the replacement of the damaged light had been received, the insurance company had agreed the claim and Seeboard were to be advised to carry out the work as soon as possible. It was **NOTED** that a letter had been received from Mr Curl regarding the parish council's funding of the light in Bifron's Path and not an additional one for Conyngham Lane and the clerk was requested to advise Mr Curl of the reasons behind the decision and to appraise him of Canterbury Council's recently received advice that there is no budget for capital funding for 2003/04.

127 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **Planning applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/01252/BRI - Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 38 High Street, Bridge.

CAL02/00131/BRI - Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 38 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/01239/BRI - Erection of bungalow on land adjacent to Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

CA/02/TEMP/0016 - Proposed new fencing & gates at Bridge & Patribourne Primary School, Bridge.

CAL02/00148/BRI - Re-siting of satellite dish at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.

(b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CA/02/01091/BRI - Change of use from hotel to single dwelling at East Bridge Country Hotel, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

CA/02/01090/BRI - Erection of single-storey rear extension and car port at 10 Brewery Lane, Bridge.

CAL02/00117/BRI - Internal and external alterations at Sunnyside,

Dering Road, Bridge.

CA/02/01178/BRI - Installation of dormer window to front and roof lights to side of dwelling at 2a High Street, Bridge.

(c) **Applications rejected:** No planning applications have been notified as rejected.

(d) **Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area:** The following notices of proposed work have been received:

Fell a Macrocarpa tree situated by the front gate at The Dacha, Patricbourne Road, Bridge.

Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows:

Reduce Willow to previous cutting points, lift Ash and lightly thin crown at 6 Bridgeford Way, Bridge.

Fell Laburnum and decayed Almond, reduce crown of Holly and Beech at 18 High Street, Bridge.

128 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Footpaths:** A request for the repair and/or replacement of two stiles on Footpath CB297 has been made to PROW.

(b) **Trees:** Cllr Dobson reported that the Tree Wardens will be carrying out a tree survey in the parish in the Spring and if anyone wished to help they should contact either her or Cllr Monk. The clerk was requested to contact Canterbury City Council to see if they could supply copies of large scale maps of the parish. **ii)** Cllr Monk reported that the trees in Western Avenue had recently been surveyed by the city council and some routine management works are to be carried out shortly.

(c) **Recreation Ground:** Cllr Gulvin reported that **i)** the repair work to the playground surface had been completed and he had carried out the monthly inspection of the playground equipment which was satisfactory and **ii)** that work on the pavilion continued and two windows are to be re-glazed but the removal the spray paint from the walls was proving difficult.

Streets, Footways and Lighting: **i)** Maurice Smith continues to report matters to the City Council as they arise and has been advised that the yellow lines removed from the junction of the High Street and Union Road during drainage works will be replaced as soon as possible. **ii)** Cllr Anderson reported that the second pedestrian crossing is due to be completed early in the New Year. **iii)** It was **NOTED** that a resident in the High Street had reported that traffic was still speeding through the traffic calmed area and that he had been the victim of irresponsible parking which resulted in him losing work.

129 POLICE FORUM MEETING

Cllr Beer was unable to attend the meeting and there was no report. Cllrs Beer and Anderson agreed to complete a policing feedback form before the deadline of 29 November.

Cllr Anderson also reported that a new police superintendent has been appointed and it is hoped that his policing policy will assist in resolving

some of the unsocial behaviour issues experienced in the village.

130 ART IN BRIDGE AND ART IN THE PUB

The clerk reported that several congratulations had been received for both the Art in Bridge and the Art in the Pub exhibitions and Councillors would like to thank all the organisers of both events for their efforts in making them so successful. The clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to the organisers.

131 MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the parish council is required to adopt and maintain a publication scheme and it was **AGREED** to adopt the model publication scheme (core classes) produced by the Information Commissioner in conjunction with the NALC.

132 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

All Together Now Conference: Cllr Beer will be attending the conference and will report back to the council in due course.

133 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

As Cllr Connor was unable to attend the parish council meeting there were no matters to report.

134 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) Local Council Review
- (b) Kent Downs Management Strategy
- (c) CPRE Countryside Voice
- (d) South East England Regional Assembly
- (e) The Countryside Agency Publications
- (f) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (g) Oast to Coast
- (h) Parish News

135 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 12 December 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....