

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 11 October 2001 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Connor, Corfield, Dobson, Hill, Monk and Walder. Also present were Cllr W Oakey, Debbie Adams from Canterbury City Council and two members of the public.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman asked Debbie Adams and Cllr Oakey to address councillors on the matter of the new procedures for concurrent functions and Cllr Oakey on the Rural Arts Festival Grants. The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm.

98 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr M Gulvin (holiday) and Cllr C Beer.

99 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

100 MOLE TREATMENT

The clerk advised that treatment had been carried out by Bounty Pest Control to the new mole activity in another area of the recreation ground. Bounty Pest Control also provided details of a scheme for £120 per annum, invoiced quarterly, which would provide eight visits per year and a free call out as and when required. It was unanimously **AGREED** to take up this annual contract and the clerk was requested to arrange it.

101 SANDBAG STORAGE

Cllr Monk advised that the storage container had now been installed and filled with sandbags and the keys had now been issued to the key holders. The key holders are: Cllrs Anderson, Dobson, Monk, Gulvin and Cllr Bill Oakey. The clerk will also be issued with a key to hold as the master key. The clerk was requested to write to Canterbury City Council to advise them of the names and addresses of the key holders should a resident contact the City Council during any future flooding incident. It was **AGREED** not to purchase a sack barrow at the present time as it was felt that most residents would have access to a wheelbarrow or car to collect the sacks when required.

102 ALLOTMENTS

The clerk advised that no reply had yet been received from Mr C Gooch of FPD Savills with regard to whether the lower allotments had been cleared and the clerk was requested to write to him again as the parish council are awaiting his confirmation in order to proceed with the installation of the water supply following receipt of the Southern Water quotation.

103 CONYNGHAM LANE

The clerk advised that the reply from Canterbury City Council regarding additional funding for street lighting was that there was no additional funding available. The clerk was requested to write to Mr G Curl of Conyngham Lane to advise him.

104 FLOODING

Cllr Connor reported that he had attended a meeting this week of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group. A representative of Southern Water talked to the group about the present problems on the Nailbourne and advised that Southern Water is responsible for sewage and not responsible for surface water and drainage etc. It was recognised that in order to resolve the problems it is going to be necessary to get all the interested bodies together. Cllr Connor reported that in view of the recent rain it was now clear that the risk of flooding is very high and that parishioners should make sure that the drains in their gardens and outside in the street are clear and any blockages reported to Canterbury City Council immediately. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Canterbury City Council and request that the drains are cleaned on a regular basis and to stress that blocked drains need to be cleared as a matter of urgency. Cllr Connor confirmed that the Environment Agency will provide two weeks' notice of a flooding alert which will be advised in the first instance to the clerk who in turn will inform the co-ordinator responsible in the village. Cllr Connor advised that he was unable to attend the next meeting of the Management Group on Saturday, 10 November and Cllr Monk **AGREED** to attend in his place.

105 BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL

Kent County Council have advised that, taking everything into consideration, they have decided not to ask for the tiles on the roof to the new extension to be replaced and, whilst recommending no further action, do not regard this as setting a precedent in the context of further building work. It was reported that the Chairman of Governors, Mrs Grace Goodman, had retired and that Mrs Ailsa Williamson has been appointed Chairman. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write a letter of congratulations to Mrs Williamson, invite her to address the parish council once she has settled in and also ask if councillors could visit the school.

106 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Bounty Pest Control	£52.88	Treatment of mole infestation.
Seaboard Contracting Services	£73.14	Repair to Street Light outside 13 Dering Road.
Playground Management Servs	£99.29	Annual Inspection of children's playground.
BVHMC	£27.50	Hire of Hunter Room and village hall.
Gillett & Johnston	£196.34	Repair of village clock.
Oakleigh Building Services	£91.65	Repair chain link fence - recreation ground.
G P McCombe	£991.10	Salary (£841.10) & office allowance (£150.00).
G P McCombe	£103.79	Travel allowance and 2 journeys to CCC for audit.
G P McCombe	£116.70	Postage, copier cartridge and copying newsletter.

(b) **Payments received:** £10.00 Bridge Village Sports Trust, £250.00 Exiles Cricket Club and £175.00 Broomfield United Football Club.

107 TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr Anderson reported that although the areas of land created by the traffic calming had initially been planted by Cllr Oakey and his wife a decision as to sponsorship for future planting was required if these areas are to remain in good order. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Anderson would discuss the matter with Cllr Oakey and his wife for suggestions and ideas for planting. The clerk reported that no reply had been received regarding the request for a priority sign and it was **AGREED** that she should write to Andy Phillips regarding this and also about the textured surfacing which has not yet been laid.

108 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Dobson thanked councillors for their contributions to the newsletter which is now ready for distribution. It was unanimously **AGREED** that, for the cost of £25.00, the newsletter will be distributed by a parishioner already doing a weekly leaflet distribution in the village and Cllr Anderson **AGREED** to arrange this. Cllr Anderson also thanked Cllr Dobson for her hard work in producing the newsletter.

109 VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Cllr Dobson reported that a request for sponsorship had been made in the newsletter and asked councillors to let her have any information and sponsorship ideas they had for the directory.

110 TREES

Cllr Monk reported that Kentish Stour Countryside would provide up to 20 trees free for planting in Bridge and requested suggestions for the siting of the trees. It was unanimously **AGREED** that 10 trees would be requested and that specific sites would be decided upon at a later stage.

111 RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Dobson produced a drawing based on an idea of an avenue of trees for the area of land otherwise unused between the tennis courts and the children's playground and it was **AGREED** that councillors would meet on site before discussing the matter further.

112 YOUTH GROUP

As there was no news yet as to whether an employed youth leader is to be appointed it was **AGREED** to defer discussion on the youth group until the parish council heard further from Rev Paul Filmer.

113 CHRISTMAS TREES

Cllr Walder **AGREED** that he and Cllr Gulvin would arrange for the supply and installation of the Christmas trees in the High Street this year. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to all residents in the High Street to ask if they wished to have a tree and also to request a donation towards the cost.

114 RoSPA REPORT AND CHECKLIST

The clerk advised that the RoSPA Report on the children's playground had been received, together with a regular site checklist, and the sub-committee **AGREED** to look at the recommendations contained in the report and advise councillors of any works to be carried out.

115 STREET LIGHTING

The clerk reported that Seeboard have advised that the part night photocells currently fitted are no longer obtainable from any of their suppliers. There is an alternative but this will not fit many of the lanterns in Bridge and those they will fit will have to have the wiring altered. The alternative will be to convert the columns to all night lighting as and when they fail. It was **AGREED** that that the clerk should contact Seeboard for an estimate of the additional costs involved in the wiring alterations, contact Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council for advice and investigate the possibility of another maintenance company and supplier.

116 NEW PROCEDURES FOR CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS GRANTS

The new application form for concurrent functions grants has now been received and it was **AGREED** that the clerk would complete the forms in draft and circulate these with the next agenda so that the application form can be approved at the next meeting.

117 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **Applications received:** The following new applications have been received and are being considered:

CAL01/0124/BRI - Internal alterations, The Red Lion PH, High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0127/BRI - Erection of conservatory at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge.

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Cllr Dobson's interest in the application for Dover Lodge was **NOTED**.

(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 Conifer, 1 Photina and reduce Salix Contiosa by 10% at 24 Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

118 RURAL WHITE PAPER

Cllr Corfield reported that the sub-committee had met and were progressing toward the parish plan in the long term. The sub-committee feel that holding one or two open meetings of interest to the village would be a good way forward and it was **AGREED** that the next open meeting should be arranged either for the end of November or early January. The clerk advised that the model standing orders were being reprinted and were still awaited from KAPC but would be distributed as soon as they were received.

119 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Environment, Footpaths & Trees:** **i) Footpaths:** Cllr Connor reported that he had walked several footpaths in the past month and those he walked are in good condition. There were however three burnt out cars which had appeared since he had last walked the footpaths. It was reported that the footpath at the end of Conyngham Lane was overgrown and the clerk was asked to write to Kent County Council and advise them. **ii) Trees:** Cllr Monk advised that Jon Lambourne, Tree Preservation Officer, of Canterbury City Council would be looking at the Sycamore tree in the recreation ground on 23 October.

(b) **Recreation Ground:** **i)** It was reported that Wicksteed Leisure had now been out and cut down the protruding metal posts from the old slide and made good the surface. **ii)** It was reported that the parish map which was due to be installed during the first week in October had not been done. The clerk was requested to write to the Public Rights of Way Officer to find out when the map was likely to be installed.

(c) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** Maurice Smith has reported the following direct to Canterbury City Council: large hole on pavement at corner of High Street and Union Road. Cllr Hill reported that during the work carried out by Transco in Patribourne Road they had

Cllr Hill reported that during the work carried out by Transco in Patixbourne Road they had dug up an area of land previously planted with bulbs. The clerk was requested to write to Transco to request that the bulbs be replanted.

120 BEST VALUE INSPECTION FOR THE REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE

Cllr Anderson reported that he had attended a meeting to evaluate the refuse/recycling service and the consensus of opinion was that the service was fairly good. Under consideration is, in addition to the current weekly collection of black bin/black sack for household refuse, and on alternate weeks, a collection of clear sacks for plastic bottles, textiles and newspapers and a green sack collection for garden rubbish.

121 KCC & CCC TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR HOUSEBOUND RESIDENTS

Kent Highways have advised of a service which may be of interest to residents who are unable to use the normal bus service. The clerk was requested to circulate the information to the Fish Scheme, Jean Johnson, Ann Rook and Muriel Packer.

122 POLICE REPORT

Following the Police Meeting in September which was well supported, Chief Inspector P West has reported the highway issues raised at the meeting to Mr A Phillips at the Highways Department of Canterbury City Council. These include the pedestrian crossing, traffic calming and parking infringements.

123 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

Cllr Connor reported that at the last KAPC meeting the report of the Flooding Scrutiny Panel was discussed. Manston Airport and the development of Thanet was also discussed. Cllr Connor recommended that residents should take a note of any low flying aircraft over the village and record the approach pattern, date and time as this could be helpful in the future in building up a fact file of activity. Residents should also report these flights direct to Manston Airport at the time they occur.

124 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) Parish News
- (b) Blean Woods and Great and Little Stour Valleys Landscape Appraisal
- (c) Oast to Coast
- (d) Consultation on the Proposal to Establish a New Health Authority for Kent & Medway
- (e) Kent Police Authority - Consultation with Community Representatives Autumn 2001
- (f) CPRE Rural Matter

125 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 8 November 2001.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.23 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....