

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 10 October 2002 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Anderson (Chairman), Dobson, Gulvin, Hill, Monk and Walder. Also present were three members of the public two of whom attended for the whole of the meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman invited Mr David Kincaid to address Councillors on the subject of the Mill Centre. The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm.

#### 99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

#### 100 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 101 STREET LIGHTING - BIFRONS PATH

Confirmation has been received from The Land Registry as to the sections of footpath for which they do not have ownership details registered and it was **AGREED** to position the light further along the footpath at one of these sections. The clerk was requested to arrange a site meeting with Seeboard to discuss the re-positioning of the light and also the possibility of reducing its height. The clerk advised that Orbit Housing have advised that they are only managing agents for Mansfield Court and any costs for security lighting/CCTV would have to be met by residents.

#### 102 PLAYGROUND SURFACE

The clerk apologised for the fact that the information supplied to Councillors at the last meeting regarding the cost of repairs was incorrect - the £280 advised only related to installation costs and did not include the supply of materials and the total cost to repair both areas exceeded £650. It was, therefore, **AGREED** to only proceed with the repair to the surface by the log swing and the clerk was requested to arrange this as soon as possible.

#### 103 SANDBAG STORE

The replacement store has now been completed and Canterbury City Council have provided the parish council with the keys.

#### 104 CHURCH CLOCK

Cllr Anderson reported that a representative from John Smith & Son had contacted him and advised that repairs to the clock had been carried out in May but that a further visit would be made as the clock was still not keeping the correct time.

#### 105 MOLES

Bounty Pest Control have confirmed that their monthly visits are controlling a very large mole problem at the recreation ground and, although they could increase visits to the site at a higher cost, they feel that the contract the parish council has at present will cure the problem given a little more time. Due to the current mole problem being experienced both on the outfield and the square Exiles Cricket Club have decided to purchase sonic devices for the square and have requested a reduction of £50 in their annual rental until such time as the condition of the outfield improves. It was **AGREED** to reduce the rental by the requested £50.

#### 106 DOG FOULING

Canterbury City Council have provided the parish council with penalty signs and Cllr Walder agreed to put these up at relevant places. Cllr Monk also advised that the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign in the area of the recreation ground with Bifrons Path had been turned round and Cllr Walder agreed to return the sign to its correct position if it was possible.

#### 107 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
BVHMC	£12.00	Hire of Hunter Room.
Canterbury City Council	£250.00	Contribution for replacement Sandbag Store.
Bounty Pest Control	£164.50	Annual Contract for Pest Control Oct 02-Oct 03.
D R Possee	£45.00	Maintenance & supply of plants & compost for High Street planters.
J Hill	£6.37	Paint for playground equipment.
G P McCombe	£841.10	Clerk's salary.
G P McCombe	£150.00	Clerk's Office Allowance.
G P McCombe	£64.02	Clerk's Travel Allowance.
G P McCombe	£11.97	Bulbs for Beech Hill.
G P McCombe	£16.38	Postage.

- (b) **Payments received:** No payments have been received. A letter of thanks has been received from BTCV for the tree warden donation.
- (c) **Budget and Ground Rents:** The budget for 2003/04 was discussed and the precept and concurrent functions grant application figures were **AGREED** at £9600 and £7572 respectively. It was **NOTED** that a letter from Mr Curl had been received regarding a new street light for Conyngham Lane to be included in the budget discussion and the clerk was requested to advise Mr Curl that this item had previously been requested as a capital concurrent function grant for 2003/04 but has yet to be granted. It was **AGREED** that the ground rents would remain the same except for the cricket club which as previously minuted would be reduced by £50.
- (d) **Clerk's Resignation:** Councillors **NOTED** the clerk's resignation and appointed Cllrs Anderson, Connor and Hill to recruit a new clerk. It was **AGREED** that the vacancy would be advertised via the Newsletter, Parish News and the local paper. Cllr Anderson thanked the clerk for her efforts during her time with the parish council.

#### 108 VACANCY - PARISH CLERK

Anyone interested in the vacancy should contact the clerk on 01303 862814 for information or write to 14 St Mary's Close, Etchinghill, Kent CT18 8NX. The closing date for applications is 7 November 2002.

#### 109 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Dobson provided councillors with the proof of the next Newsletter which was unanimously **AGREED** with a few minor alterations.

#### 110 CHRISTMAS TREES

Cllr Walder agreed to distribute the letter to the occupiers of the High Street to establish how many residents are prepared to have a Christmas Tree sited outside their household/premises. Following its success last Christmas it is possible that more requests will be received this year and if this is the case it was **AGREED** that requests will be treated on a first come first served basis.

#### 111 FLOOD WARDEN

The Environment Agency launched the Flood Warning Service for the Nailbourne/Little Stour, from Lyminge to Stourmouth, on 17 September 2002. As part of the development of the Flood Warning Service the Agency propose that each parish council on the Nailbourne should operate a Flood Warden Scheme. The volunteer Flood Wardens would be the point of contact for the Agency. Cllr Gulvin and Cllr Oakey have already agreed to be wardens and two other possible volunteers are to be approached for their agreement.

#### 112 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Planning applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:  
CA/02/01178/BRI - Installation of dormer window to front and roof lights to side of dwelling at 2a High Street, Bridge.
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** No planning applications have been notified as granted.
- (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:

Various works to Laurel, Elder, Yew, Walnut, Horse Chestnut, Apple and Ash trees plus reduce two May trees and remove Elder tree at Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

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

Fell one dead Lime tree at Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

### 113 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Footpaths:** No reports received.
- (b) **Recreation Ground:** **i)** Cllr Hill reported that he had painted some of the play equipment which needed attention and Cllr Anderson thanked him for doing so; **ii)** the clerk advised that Kent County Council will be repairing the parish map board and this should be done within approximately 4 weeks.
- (c) **Streets, Footways and Lighting:** **i)** It was reported that Canterbury City Council will be carrying out a camera inspection of the drainage in Union Road. **ii)** It was **NOTED** that the bus stop outside the Post Office had been moved a whole bus length down the High Street and not the half length the parish council had recommended to Canterbury City Council as sufficient in their opinion.

### 114 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Cllr Hill reported that he had been advised that new pension arrangements to stop fraud are coming into effect from April 2003 and it is expected that this will have a detrimental impact on local Post Offices. It was **AGREED** that an appeal to support our local Post Office would be included in the next newsletter.
- b) CPRE Volunteers' Conference is to be held in London on 23 November 2002.
- c) Rural Youth Bus project meeting to be held at Thannington Neighbourhood Resource Centre on 22 October 2002.
- d) Altogether Now event to be held at the Cathedral Education Centre on 27 November 2002 in the evening.

### 115 KAPC/KRCC MATTERS

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

### 116 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION

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

- (a) Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Publication Schemes
- (b) CPRE Planning Update Issue 3/02
- (c) Environmental Planning Booklet
- (d) Raise Newsletter
- (e) Parish News

### 117 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 14 November 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....