

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Lewis, Beesty, Beinder, Dobson, Edmonds, Esdale, Gulvin and Hill

Apologies Cllr Corfield.

71. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

72. Disposal of Business from the last meeting

- a. **Recreation Sub Committee** would organise the rota for regular checks to be carried out weekly and monthly on the Bridge Recreation ground at each full meeting.
- b. **Notice Board Bridge Down** – Order placed with JK Property Services. Cllr Esdale would chase for installation date.
- c. **Recreation Ground Litter Bin** near play area. The clerk had requested a larger liner to be fitted and a pad lock to the bin.
- d. **Dog bin ordered for the High Street.** Although this bin had not been supplied a bin had appeared at Beech Hill. Clerk to contact CCC requesting notification prior to installation for any future bins.
- e. **Christmas tree Lights** as an issue had moved from CCC to Serco. The PC felt that Cllr Esdale should have responsibility for organising the lights to the best outcome either through Serco or any other body deemed appropriate. (The Clerk to write to Serco thanking them for their treatment of the hedge in Mill Lane).
- f. **Repainting of playground equipment.** - Cllr Beesty had undertaken works but it was decided that any additional/continuing painting should be undertaken in the spring.
- g. **Higham Lane/Higham Forecourt junction.** The Clerk to write to CCC to push for a resolution of the issues.
- h. **The Pavilion** – quotes for the work to be carried out to the showers. – Cllr Gulvin reported that no works were required and that the problems had been caused only by lack of maintenance.
- i. **Street Lighting near the bridge in the High Street.** Since no resolution of this issue had been found it was agreed that the hedge and trees should be cut back to allow more natural light.
- j. **Crossover at the Allotment** – Quotes for work to be carried out – Cllr Gulvin presented quoted from Serco and PKR for £1292 and £864 respectively and it was resolved that this item should be placed before the PC at the next meeting.
- k. The **rubbish skip** had been organised by the Trust and had been filled and removed.
- l. The **map** had been completed for the mark up of open spaces.
- m. **Lauries Way** hedge required cutting back to clear the footpath
- n. **KCC Landscape Services** had notified Cllr Gulvin of a significant broken willow branch and low branches on the boundary of the Recreation Ground and the Tennis Courts. A working party would undertake this work on the 5th November at 2p.m.

73. Reports from Representatives to outside bodies

- a. Received the report from Rural Housing Trust, affordable housing –Cllr Dobson. The PC agreed that the questionnaire should be circulated in the New Year. The Clerk to write to both Alison Thompson and Jenny Shaw (KRCC) promising to take the matter further and thanking for visit respectively
- b. Received the report from Canterbury District Parish Forum – Cllr Edmonds reported that Highways had requested a contact in the High Street for two way instant

dialogue when teams were working in the Parish. Clerk to notify Highways that printed notices would be displayed on the notice board at the White Horse. Cllr Lewis to approach Maurice Smith to be nominated High Street contact.

- c. Received the report from Rural Area Members Panel – Cllr Esdale. The report was noted especially the concerns over the licensing issues.
- d. Received the report from Little Barton Farm – Cllr Esdale

74. Reports from Advisory Committees Environment: Footpaths & Trees – Noted

- i Notice of Trees Preservation Order NO 6 2004 being served in a conservation area :** Land South East of “Archways” Conynham Lane, Bridge.
- ii Notice to Proposed Work to Trees In a Conservation Area** (for information only)
69 High Street, Bridge
Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge
Elsinore, Bridge Hill, Bridge.
- iii** Cherry Trees required a branch pruning, as it is overhanging the gardens of 7 & 9 Riverside Close
- iv** Oak Tree sapling at the Tennis courts had vanished. It was proposed to replace it with the Walnut sapling which had self sown on the riverbank in a new location to be agreed by Cllrs. Lewis and Hill.

75. Matters of Discussion and Action

- a. Recreation ground Tarmac for play area and basketball Hoop– Cllr Gulvin reported that quotes for a 10m² to cover practice goal and basketball hoop were coming back around £7k.
- b. Recreation Ground Notice – noted.
- c. One bench in recreation ground had been vandalised. Cllr Hill requested that the benches be placed away from the fence to the courts to deter fence vaulters and also the PC's gave its approval for additional slabs to be placed from the clubhouse to the bridge.
- d. Style and path broken – it was noted that Sophia O' Sullivan of Public Rights of Way had carried out an inspection.
- e. Recreation Ground – Increased activity by moles. Bounty had already carried out more than the number of visits they are required to do with the existing contract. It was decided that the contract with Bounty should not be renewed – Clerk to write accordingly.
- f. Bifron's Path- Cllr Lewis had been advised that a horseman had been seen riding on Bifron's Path. The situation would be monitored.
- g. Pavement in Patricbourne Road (Main access to the surgery, the pavement slopes towards the road, is overgrown in places and there are no access ramps across Riverside Close) – Clerk to report to CCC
- h. Public Safety Unit – Cllr Lewis had been advised that the direct number for the unit was Herne Bay 289260
- i. Neighbourhood Watch – There was to be a meeting on the 16th October during which the dire financial situation caused by CCC reduced funding would be outlined. Item to be submitted for the next agenda.
- j. Western Avenue/junction with the High Street – this area to be reported to CCC by the Clerk as an area of increasing illegal parking causing serious road hazard.
- k. There was a proposal for a disabled parking space to be sited near the post office. The Clerk to promote the suggestion to CCC.

76. Correspondence

The correspondence list was noted.

77. The following items were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
*EDF Energy	£30.22	Repair to street lighting – Conyngham Lane
British Telecom	£58.37	Telephone Line and diverted calls
Tina Burchell	£332.90	Maternity pay September
Carol Baker	£358.77	Pay September
Audit Commission	£293.73	Annual audit

*Previously Seaboard Contracting Services

78. Budget Sub-Committee - Cllrs Lewis, Hill and Esdale would constitute the Budget Sub Committee and a proposal would be discussed at the next meeting.

79. A.O.B.

- a. The Parish Plan Group was holding a meeting on the 6th November between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Village Hall.
- b. The questionnaire was being sponsored/printed by Noel Tatt Group in Canterbury. The PC offered their thanks for this generous offer.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council is on Thursday 11th November 2004 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10p.m.