

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2006 in Bridge Village Hall

Present; Cllrs Hill (Chairman) Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Esdale and Lewis

55. **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Edmonds, Bennett and Gulvin.
56. **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** There were no declarations of interest made.
57. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th September 2006 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
58. **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. **Recreation ground** – The hole reported on the recreation ground had been filled in. Permission had been received from Canterbury City Council to trim the willow trees. The Clerk would arrange for this work to be done. A ‘No Cycling’ sign had been purchased and it was agreed to put it at the Bifrons Path entrance to the ground. **Action; Clerk/ Cllr Esdale**
 - b. **Restoration of old street and house names** - Cllr Beinder had obtained an example of a street name plate made by a local supplier. It was agreed that Cllr Beinder would research the history of Primrose Alley and a decision would be taken at a later date as to whether the parish council would pay for a sign to be erected. **Action; Cllr Beinder**
 - c. **Western Ave bollards** Kent Highways had marked out the position of the bollards. A request for payment was still awaited
 - d. **Teen/Youth Shelter** – The public consultation would take place on Saturday 14th October and residents would be asked to vote on their favourite design. A suitable location on the recreation ground had been identified and villagers would also be asked to comment on this. Following the consultation, a proposal would be put to the parish council for consideration. **Action; Cllr Beesty/Cllr Esdale**
 - e. **Wild Flower Meadow** – There had been a well attended consultation meeting on 28th September. A decision on the location of the running track was holding up progress on identifying suitable wild flower areas on the recreation ground. Cllr Beinder would draw up a business plan to present to the Kentish Stour Countryside Project contact prior to seeking funding. **Action; Cllr Beinder**
 - f. **Adoption of Bridge Parish Plan by Canterbury City Council** Amanda Sparkes had reported that there was no mechanism for this to be done by Canterbury City Council. Only Village Design Statements can be adopted by city councils for the purpose of supplementary planning guidelines. As this did not accord with the advice given by KAPC it was agreed to seek further clarification from KAPC. **Action; Clerk .**
 - g. **8 Brewery Lane** – Two letters had been sent to Canterbury City Council, one objecting to the conduct of the Development Control Committee dealing with 8 Brewery Lane and the second asking how many times in the past two years the Development Control Committee had made decisions that were contrary to the recommendations of local parish councils.
 - h. **Patricbourne Road light** - Kent Highways had costed the provision of the light and this would now be considered against other applications. A decision is likely in early 2007
 - i. **High Street bus shelter repair** – It was agreed to get an estimate for the repair of the bus shelter roof. – **Action; Cllr Esdale**
 - j. **ROSPA report on the play area** - Deferred to next meeting
59. **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**
Canterbury & District Parish Forum 23.9.06 Cllr Edmonds

Written report circulated
 Canterbury Rural Forum 25.9.06 – Cllr Edmonds
 Written report circulated

60. Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;
40 Conyngham Lane , Bridge
 Fell cedar tree
14 Conyngham Lane, Bridge
 Fell diseased and dangerous ash tree in rear garden
7 Riverside Close , Bridge
 Fell Robinia in front garden close to wall of property and causing heave under paved area

61. Matters for Discussion and Action

- a) The Concurrent Funding bid for 2007/8 was approved – **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- b) It was agreed to ask BVST to make their annual accounts available to the parish council - **Action; Clerk / Cllr Gulvin**
- c) Patricbourne with Bridge PCC – It was agreed to use funding under S. 137 of the Local Government Act of 1972 to donate £500 to the appeal for funding for the provision of water and toilet facilities at St Peter’s Church Bridge. **Action; Clerk**
- d) It was agreed to award the contract for the maintenance of the recreation ground to Kent Landscape Services for 2007 –**Action; Clerk**
- e) It was agreed that the telephone account should be paid by direct debit in future to save the council £12.00 per year – **Action- Clerk**
- f) Following a complaint from a local resident, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the landlord of the White Horse to ask him to cut back the trees that were obscuring the light in Bifrons Path and making the area dark. It was also pointed out that leaves on the path were a problem and Cllr Lewis was thanked for his voluntary action in sweeping the path to clear them. It was pointed out that Serco was responsible for removing leaves from the path. **Action; Clerk**
- g) It was agreed that Cllr Esdale should organise the display of Christmas trees for the High Street again this year. It was proposed that a working party should meet in Cllr Gulvin’s yard at 9.00am on 2nd December to put up the trees. Cllr Esdale would contact High Street residents. **Action; Cllr Esdale**

62. Correspondence - Noted

63. Letter of authorisation to transfer £2,000 between the two accounts held by Bridge Parish Council was agreed – **Action; Clerk**

64. The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
British Telecommunications plc.	£57.10	Telephone account June-Sept 06 £48.60 + £8.50 vat
Christobel Seath	£403.18	Clerk’s salary and office allowance– September 2006
Streetmaster	£734.38	Bench for recreation ground £625+ £109.38 vat
Patricbourne with Bridge PCC	£500.00	Donation to provide water and toilet facilities at St Peter’s Church, Bridge
Bridge Village Hall Management Cttee	£42.00	Hire of hall July & Sept Street Runner 2X £10 & 2 X £11
Bridge Village Hall Management Cttee	£33.00	Parish Council mttgs Sept – Dec 06 (4)+ hall on 7 th & 28 th Sept @ £5.50
Roger Casement	£20.03	No Cycling sign + fixings + delivery + vat £2.98

65. Any other business

- a. Cllr Lewis reported that the builder had dealt with the damage to the silver birch tree that had occurred during the building of the new houses in Dering Rd.
- b. Damage to the cat see- saw on the recreation ground had again been reported. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would seek quotations for the replacement of the damaged parts. **Action ; Cllr Esdale**
- c. Damage to the footpath at the corner of Union Rd and Saxon Rd was discussed. This had already been reported to Kent Highways Dept on at least two occasions.
- d. The interior state of the Mill Centre was a cause of concern. It was agreed that Cllr Beesty would discuss this with Cllr Gulvin. **Action Cllrs Beesty & Gulvin**
- e. It was agreed that the possibility of putting up a cork notice board in the bus shelter should be discussed at the next meeting
- f. The agreement for the lease of the football pitch between Bridge Village Football Club and Bridge Parish Council for the 2006/7 season was signed.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th. November 2006 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.