

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th October 2012 in Bridge Village Hall

- Present;** Cllrs Hill, (Chairman), Atkinson, Corfield, Edmonds, Hodges, Oakey, Ward, Wilmshurst
- 63/11-12** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from KCC Cllr Northey and CCC Cllr Cook
- 64/12-13** **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying and written declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on agenda items.**
There were declarations of interest by Cllr Hill re item 9 f President of Bridge Tennis Club and Cllrs Oakey and Ward re item 9h, both members of Bridge Twinning Association Committee.
- 65/12-13** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13th September 2012 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.
- 66/12-13** **Matters arising;** Cllr Edmonds reported on the 'Bridge in Bloom' presentations, which had taken place at Mansfield Court on 27th September. She thanked Mansfield Court for the excellent refreshments they had provided. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Edmonds and Mrs. Viv Brazier for judging the competition.
- 67/12-13** **Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook** (Written report) The SHLAA sites had begun to be considered by the Local Plan Steering Group. It was likely that the consultation will now be early in the New Year rather than November. When the draft was published, each proposed development site would include details of suggested road layouts, allocation of housing, commercial space and so on where this was available from the developer. There were apparently no proposed layouts for the SHLAAs in Bridge so far but the Steering Group may well ask for these details as they considered the sites, so there may be some of this information in the draft, if they were included. Cllr Cook intended to arrange a surgery or surgeries in the village, once the draft had been published so that he could hear as many views as possible. The Executive would be considering the new waste contract that evening. Once the successful bidder was known council officer would be able to answer questions about how the new waste collection system would work. It would start on 1st April 2013.
The Westgate Towers consultation would end on 15th October. Residents were urged to make their views known to the City Council.
- 68/12-13** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a.** **Recreation Ground-** The safety inspection report on the children's play area had been received from Digley Associates and no significant safety issues had been raised. Cllr Ward thanked Cllr Hill for cleaning the graffiti from one of the recreation ground signs. It was reported that there were more broken tiles on the pavilion roof. Cllrs Hill and Wilmshurst had recently carried out repairs to the roof and would investigate the new damage.
Action; Cllrs Hill & Wilmshurst
There had been two recent complaints about an aggressive bull terrier type dog on the recreation ground. Our PCSO had asked residents to report such matters via the police 101 number.
- b.** **Neighbourhood Plan –** Mr Joe Connor reported that Stella Meesters, a representative of Planning Aid and Sarah Platts, a volunteer planner from Dover District Council, had addressed a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on 9th October. Little further progress could be made with the Neighbourhood Plan until the city council had produced its Core Strategy document. Efforts continued to arrange a meeting with Adrian Verrall at the city council.

- c. **Bus shelter seat** – Mr Mark Esdale reported that a local carpenter had assessed the shelter and would submit a quotation to install a seat. The approximate cost would be £200.
- d. **Overhanging trees letter** – Deferred to next meeting.

69/12-13

Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Canterbury Branch of KALC 10th October - Cllr Wilmshurst

Chief Inspector Steve Barlow had given a gloomy assessment of local policing in view of funding cuts. The future of the PCSO force was in doubt after April 2013. Police were unlikely to respond to calls out unless a crime was taking place. Any future plans were suspended until the new local Police Commissioner for Kent had been elected.

KCC Highways & Transportation Seminar 10th October – Cllr Atkinson

Cllr Atkinson had circulated a report. He advised that police would not enforce traffic calming measures in future. Two schemes were being considered by the KHT. One was a Village Caretaker initiative, the other a pilot Lorry Watch scheme. Cllr Atkinson had raised the problems regarding the A2 slip road with the Head of Operations. The Highways Agency had rejected a potential solution proposed by KHT. Cllr Atkinson was told it would not be a priority until fatalities or serious injuries had occurred at the site.

70/12-13

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation area

The following proposals were noted;

57a High Street, Bridge

Reduce height of holly tree by 1/3rd and reshape

Bridgeford House, Brewery Lane, Bridge

Remove small maple next to Judas tree. Remove hanging limb from ash tree & limb hanging over fence. Re-pollard cobnut & acer trees in front garden to previous cutting points.

The Byre, Renville Farm Road, Bridge CT4 5AD

Remove dying beech tree from back garden

71/12-13 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **New swings**. It was agreed to purchase two new replacement swings for the larger swing bank at a cost of approximately £100 each. **Action; Clerk**
- b. **Fence by Pavilion**- The chain link fence by the pavilion was being damaged by children climbing or jumping over it. Plants designed to deter this had been damaged or removed. It was agreed to ask a local contractor for an estimate for a higher, more robust fence, **Action; Clerk**
- c. **Poll Cards**- It was agreed to ask Canterbury City Council to distribute poll cards for the forthcoming parish council election. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Graffiti removal**- A local supplier of graffiti removing solution had been found. It was agreed to order 4 spray bottles of the solution at a cost of approx £7.each. **Action; Clerk**
- e. **High Street Flower tubs** – The Council agreed that Cllr Edmonds should purchase more pansies for the High Street planters. **Action; Cllr Edmonds**
- f. **Tree Work on Recreation Ground**- It was decided to accept the quotation for the option of making a 5 ft clearance round the tennis court flood light and for removing overhanging branches of a sycamore tree by Mansfield Court. **Action; Clerk**
- g. **Brackets for pavilion guttering**- Cllr Wilmshurst showed councillors a prototype bracket which could be installed under the pavilion guttering to protect it from further damage caused by vandals kicking footballs against the guttering. The cost of installing the brackets would be between £200 and £300. Councillors agreed to go ahead with this plan. **Action; Cllr Wilmshurst**
- h. **St Andre Twinning** – Officials from St Andre had offered Bridge two signs to be installed at each end of the village indicating that Bridge was twinned with St Andre. Councillors asked to see the design of the signs before making a decision. It was agreed to link the village website to the Twinning Association's website **Action; Cllr Corfield**

- i. **Christmas trees** – Councillors agreed that the village would erect Christmas trees in the High Street again this year and would be pleased if Mark Esdale would organise this. The trees would go up on Saturday December 1st and be taken down on Saturday 5th. January. All volunteers would be welcome to help.

72/12-13 Correspondence – Noted

73/12-13 Sealing of Documents

Agreement between Bridge Junior Football Club and Bridge Parish Council was signed

74/12-13 Bank transfers:

The council noted the transfer of £1,000 between Parish Council accounts

75/12-13. The following receipt was noted;

Bridge Junior FC – fees for 2012/13 season £100.00

76/12–13 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
*BT	£72.34	Telephone account Jun/Sept & rental Sept /Dec £67.96 + £4.39 vat
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£593.27	Clerk's salary and allowances for September 2012
Post Office Ltd	£160.31	PAYE & Employer NI Contribution September 2012
AJL Garden Services	£141.80	Recreation ground maintenance September
Cllr Ann Edmonds	£37.95	Bridge in Bloom engraving & prizes

* Paid by Direct Debit

77/12-13 Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Hodges reminded councillors about the working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 20th October. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.00am
- b. Cllr Atkinson was arranging for a quotation for a commemorative plaque to be put by the Jubilee tree on the recreation ground and would report back.
- c. Cllr Atkinson announced that there would be a 'Walkers are Welcome' event in Bridge on Sunday 21st October. There would be two circular walks round the village, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with lunch in Bridge. Further information would be put on the village website.
- d. Cllr Ward reminded councillors of the trip to the Christmas Market in Lille which the Twinning Association was organising on 1st December

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 8th. November 2012 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.