

KCC Highways Department were responsible for the post of the bus stop and Stagecoach Ltd for the flag. The parish council would have no objection to the proposal but had no involvement in the matter. **Action- Clerk**

- g) **Recreation Ground Maintenance Quotations-** It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting in the hope of receiving further responses.
- h) **RoSPA Recreation Ground Report-** The Recreation Ground Committee were asked to consider the report and recommend any action required to the parish council.-**Action- Recreation Ground Committee**
- i) **Tyler Hill Football Club –** It was agreed to offer Tyler Hill Football Club a three year tenure of the football pitch. **Action- Clerk**
- j) **Canterbury Volunteer Centre –** It was decided not to agree to Canterbury Volunteer Centre's request for funding.
- k) **Bridge in Bloom –** Cllr Edmonds reported on this year's competition. Cllr Bennett will take over responsibility for next year's competition. **Action – Cllr Bennett.**
- l) **Patixbourne with Bridge PCC –** It was agreed to donate £500 to the appeal for funding for the provision of water and toilet facilities at St Peter's Church Bridge. **Action - Clerk**
- m) **Map Copying Licence –** It was agreed to renew the council's paper map copying licence at a cost of £47.50 + £8.31 vat. **Action; Clerk**

51. **Correspondence** - Noted

52. Letter of authorisation to transfer £1,000 between the two accounts held by Bridge Parish Council was agreed – **Action - Clerk**

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
*Ordnance Survey	£55.81	Paper map copying licence for 2006/7
*KAPC	£51.95	Local Council Administration (Ed.7) £48.00 + £3.95 vat
*Playsafety Ltd	£81.08	Rospa Inspection of Play Area £69.00 + £12.08 vat
*KCC Landscape Services	£1,175.19	Half year payment grounds maintenance £1,000.16+ £175.03 vat
*Streetmaster Products	£734.38	Patixbourne Rd bench £625.00+ £109.38 vat
*Christobel N Seath	£403.18	Clerk's salary and office expenses –July 2006
Christobel Seath	£403.18	Clerk's salary and office allowance–August 2006
Christobel Seath	£35.98	Petty Cash

* = Authorised during August recess

54. **Any other business**

- a. It was agreed to allow Bridge History Society to use the recreation ground for car parking at the Kent History Federation Conference in May 2007, subject to the usual provisos concerning wet weather. **Action; Clerk**
- b. Cllr Esdale reported that he had installed a spam filter on the e mail server for village website

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th. October 2006 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

will give a presentation, following a visit to the recreation ground. Cllr Edmonds agreed to help with organising the meeting. **Action; Cllrs Beinder & Edmonds**

48. Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

BVST Meeting - A written report had been received from Cllr Gulvin
It was agreed that Cllr Beinder would seek advice from the Kentish Stour Countryside Project staff concerning suitable planting round the pavilion. **Action; Cllr Beinder**
Councillors were urged to help to fill in the hole near the pavilion.
The clerk would continue to try to identify the owner of the damaged water meter cover which required replacement **Action; Clerk**

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

The council noted the following proposals approved during July/August;
Old Renville Farmhouse

Various tree reductions and removal of ivy

The Old Forge, 49 High St, Bridge

Reduce walnut tree on right side of garden by 30%

Remove limb of ash growing over wooden shed

Lift purple leaved plum tree growing over outbuilding to clear roof tiles

40/42 High St

Reduction of Bramley apple tree by up to 30% and remove large branch

Remove laburnum tree

Various tree removals of exempt trees

The council had no objection to the following proposal;

Waylands, Town Hill, Bridge

Fell one cupressus overshadowing golden yew **Action; Clerk**

50. Matters for Discussion and Action

- a) **Discussion paper on the Byelaws in England** It was agreed to take no further action on this matter
- b) **2005/6 Audit** The audited parish accounts for 2005-6 were agreed and signed. It was agreed that Kevin Funnell would be asked to assist with compiling the end of year accounts for 2006-7 in place of RBS Accounting Solutions. **Action - Clerk**
- c) **8 Brewery Lane** – It was decided to ask Canterbury City Council to formally adopt the Bridge Parish Plan. Once the plan had been adopted it would become supplementary planning guidance. It was hoped that this would prevent further applications being approved by the Planning Department that contravened the recommendations set out in the plan. The City Council's decision at a Development Control meeting to allow the change of use of 8 Brewery Lane was discussed. The council expressed its disappointment that the City Councillor had not supported the parish council in its opposition to this application. It was decided to write to Colin Carmichael at Canterbury City Council expressing dissatisfaction at the way the hearing had been conducted and asking, under the Freedom of Information Act, how many planning application officer recommendations had been reversed following objections from either Parish Councils or local residents. It was decided that the matter of 8 Brewery Lane could not be referred to Judicial Review on costs grounds. **Action; Cllr Hill , Clerk**
- d) **45 High St** – It had been reported by City Councillor John Anderson that in his opinion the building was dangerous. The matter had now been referred to the Environment Agency. It was therefore agreed to write to Cllr Anderson asking for a progress report. **Action – Clerk**
- e) **Bus shelter** – It was agreed to obtain quotations for the repair of the roof of the bus shelter – **Action; Cllr Bennett**
- f) **Bus stop at 7 High St** – A request had been received to remove the bus stop from the gateway of 7 High St and re-site it by the adjacent wall. Advice had been sought from KAPC who expressed the opinion that this was not a parish council matter. It was therefore agreed to write to the owners of 7 High St to explain that

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2006 in Bridge Village Hall

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

44. **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Corfield and Gulvin.
45. **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** Cllr Hill declared an interest for agenda item 71.
46. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2006 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
47. **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. **Recreation ground –**
It was agreed to write to Jon Lambourne asking for permission to trim the lower branches of the willow trees which were making grass cutting difficult **Action ; Clerk**
The clerk will obtain quotations for the purchase of a new 'No Cycling 'sign.
Action – Clerk
The new bench should arrive next week. Cllr Beesty agreed to prepare the concrete base for it. **Action; Cllr Beesty**
A long metal pole with a concrete base had appeared on the recreation ground again. It was agreed that this should be removed. **Action; Councillors**
Cllr Esdale took over responsibility for recreation ground inspections from Cllr Beinder.
- b. **Information Board –** Cllr Hill would continue to pursue this and report back when he had further information. **Action; Cllr Hill**
- c. **Restoration of old street and house names** - Cllr Beinder circulated details of her on-going research into old street and house names. It was agreed that she would investigate the possibility and cost of having street signs made up giving some of the old street names. The parish council would not fund name plates for individuals who wished to restore the old names to their houses. **Action; Cllr Beinder**
- d. **Western Avenue Parking Bays** Cllr Esdale had discovered that the whole strip of land required for the angled parking bays was owned by Village Properties, which went into liquidation in 1991. The company dealing with the liquidation had also merged with another firm of accountants. Cllr Esdale hoped to identify the current landowner in due course. The Parish Council agreed to meet the costs of search fees etc that may be required to resolve this. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- e. **Western Avenue Bollards** – There had been no further communication from Kent Highways Department about installing the bollards. The clerk will find out the cause of the delay. Cllr Lewis registered his objection to Kent Highways' demand that the parish council should pay for the repair of any damaged bollards. **Action; Clerk**
- f. **Teen/Youth Shelter** – Cllr Beesty reported on the meeting held on 7th September. The six most popular shelter designs had been chosen and an action plan drawn up. A site meeting would be held at the recreation ground on 17th September to identify possible sites. There would be a public consultation on Saturday morning 14th October outside Bridgeway Stores. Residents of Bridge would be asked to choose their favourite design and also choose one from 3 sites identified for the shelter. A proposal would then be put to the parish council for its approval. Leaflets about the meeting would be distributed the week before the meeting and Cllr Beesty asked councillors to help with their delivery round the village. **Action; Cllr Beesty**
- g. **Wild Flower Meadow** – There will be a public meeting on 28th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Manager of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project