

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2006 in Bridge Village Hall

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

66. **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Bennett and Beesty.
67. **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** Cllr Hill declared an interest regarding agenda item 4b – Youth/Teen Shelter.
68. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2006 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
69. **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. **Recreation ground** – Andrew Osborne would give the council an estimate for work on the willow trees.
 - b. **Teen/Youth Shelter** – The public consultation took place on Saturday 14th October and a large majority were in favour of the teen shelter. Residents chose their favourite design from a short list of six. A suitable location on the recreation ground had been identified by the sub-committee. Cllr Gulvin objected to this location. The parish council had also received a letter of objection to the proposed site from Bridge Tennis Club. It was agreed that a residents' questionnaire would be delivered to houses in Riverside Close and Patribourne Rd and collected by councillors before a proposal was put to the parish council.
Action; Cllr Beesty/Cllr Esdale/Clerk
 - c. **ROSPA report on the play area** - Deferred to next meeting
 - d. **High Street bus shelter repair** – Cllr Esdale would obtain an estimate for the repair of the bus shelter roof, which, it was hoped, could be done by fixing plywood sheets over the hole rather than stripping the roof. – **Action; Cllr Esdale.**
70. **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**
Cllrs Edmonds & Esdale reported on the AGM of the KAPC
71. **Matters for Discussion and Action**
- a) **Notice Board;** It was agreed to put up a cork notice board in the High Street bus shelter for residents' notices – **Action; Cllr Esdale**
 - b) **Children's Play Area;** A letter had been received from three young residents asking for a roundabout to replace the cat, which is in need of repair, in the children's play area. It was agreed that Wicksteed Leisure would be asked to visit the play area to give a quotation and assess its suitability for a roundabout and also to give estimates of the cost of providing a replacement or repairing the existing cat – **Action; Cllr Esdale/Clerk**
 - c) **Cycle Route to Canterbury;** This had again been proposed by a resident. The parish council had received a letter in June from Kent Highway Services confirming that the cycle path remained a medium term project. It was agreed that City Cllr Anderson would raise the issue at the Rural Area Members Panel meeting on 18th December. A possible alternative to the Dover Rd route was suggested by Cllr Hill and it was agreed that Cllrs Hill and Gulvin would prepare a map of this alternative route to be presented to the City Council. **Action; Cllrs Hill & Gulvin**
 - d) **Budget & Precept for 2007/8;** Preliminary agreement was reached on the figures for the budget and precept for 2007/8 and there was discussion on the allocation of reserves. **Action; Cllr Esdale**

- e) **Bushes in front of 67 & 69 High Street;** It was agreed to ask Kent Highway Services to reduce the crowns and tidy the trees and bushes on this stretch of the High Street which had become very overgrown. **Action; Clerk**
- f) **Bus services to Bridge;** A local resident had reported that the bus services to Bridge were causing difficulties. The 89 bus did not always stop in the village and often arrived late. A new 'flexible route' for the 16 and 17 service meant that drivers were permitted to by-pass Bridge if they were running late. In addition, the flags on bus stops in the village were in a bad condition. It was agreed to write to Stagecoach to put these concerns to the company. It was also agreed to thank Stagecoach for providing an additional morning bus for school children to alleviate the problem of overcrowded buses and Bridge schoolchildren left behind. **Action; Clerk**
- g) **AGM of CPRE ;** No councillors would be available to attend this meeting

72. Correspondence - Noted

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

74. The following receipts were noted;
 Bridge Football Club - £150.00
 VAT repayment - £438.00

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Christobel Seath	£403.18	Clerk's salary and office allowance– October 2006
Canterbury City Council Corporate Services	£505.34	Youth Service Sessions 1/7/06 to 26/9/06 – 4 sessions @ £107.52 = £430.08 + £75.26 vat
Kent County Council	£408.38	Payment for 5 wooden bollards at Western Ave, Bridge
D Possee	£45.00	Supplying plants & compost and maintaining planters for Summer 2006

76. Any other business

- a. Cllr Hill had received a letter from Colin Carmichael of CCC, in reply to Bridge's letters complaining about the conduct of the Development Control Meeting which considered the development at 8 Brewery Lane and also to the letter asking for information about the number of occasions over the past two years when objections by parish councils had been up held by the committee. It was agreed to send the letter to KAPC for their comment. **Action; Clerk**
- b. Cllr Hill pointed out that current reminder letters for vehicle licence renewal urged motorists to renew their licences on-line or by phone. This was damaging to local post office business and Cllr Hill hoped that local people would continue to use Bridge Post Office for this service.
- c. Cllr Lewis, the County Lengthsman Representative, reported that following continued pressure, the damaged pavement at the corner of Saxon and Union Roads had been repaired.
- d. Cllr Esdale reported that the Concurrent Funding Bid had been submitted to Canterbury City Council.
- e. Residents should be aware that there had been a case of someone ringing up a local resident pretending to be a parish councillor.
- f. Cllr Esdale had seen several 30 mph notices along the roadside in a London Borough recently. As Bridge had asked for similar signage and been advised that it was not permissible, Cllr Esdale was pursuing to find out what the regulations were.

- g. Cllr Esdale reminded councillors that a working party to put up the Christmas trees would meet in Mervyn Gulvin's yard at 9.30a.m on Saturday 2nd December. All offers of assistance would be most welcome.
- h. Cllr Edmonds reported that the Public Rights of Way Agency had agreed to inspect Byway 309, which had been in need of clearing and cutting back for some time.
- i. Cllrs Edmonds and Esdale would attend the Kent Police Stakeholders' meeting on 21st November.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th. December 2006 **at 7.00 pm** in Bridge Village Hall.