

- c. Bus shelter – The application for joint funding had been submitted to KCC in August. Serco had provided an estimate for erecting the shelter.
- d. Village Green Public Inquiry – The public inquiry had been completed on 9th September. The Inspector would write her report in the following week. Her recommendation would be sent to KCC and a further Registration Committee meeting would take place later in the year to reach a decision on the matter. Cllr Edmonds thanked councillors and the clerk who had spent each day at the inquiry. In answer to an inquiry from a member of the public, the council thought it would be unlikely that KCC, Cantley Estates or the parish council would be able to reclaim any of the costs of the inquiry from the applicant, should her case fail.

47/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Rural Area Members' Panel –19th July 2010
 Rural Forum 19th July – Cllr Esdale – Minutes circulated
 KALC AGM – 14th. July 2010 – Cllr Hill - Written report circulated
 Information meeting on the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service July 2010 – Cllr Beinder
 Nailbourne & Little Stour Water meeting, 24th. July 2010 – Cllr Gulvin (Report circulated)
 BVST – Cllr Gulvin
 Mill Centre Committee – Cllr Beesty

48/10-11 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;
The White Horse, High Street, Bridge
 Remove low branch from ash tree over parking area
 Cut back mature ash from adjacent property (55a High St)
 Lift to 2.5m lower growth from trees over Bifrons Path
 Lift to 2.5m lower growth from trees around perimeter of garden
Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge
 Remove 2 yew trees at either side of the entrance to the private lane off Higham Lane at the front of Trees to allow easier access to the lane.
The Cottage, Bridge Hill, Bridge
 Crown yew to approx 4m on house side & clear overhanging branches from roof

49/10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Problem of car parking in the High Street-** It was pointed out that the parish council had no powers to regulate parking in the High Street. It was agreed to write to Kent Highway Services asking them for advice. **Action; Clerk**
- b. **Concurrent Function Funding 2011 -12-** The deadline for submissions had been brought forward to the end of September. It was difficult to predict the budget only a third of the way through the financial year. The council agreed a 5% reduction in the budget as requested by CCC. There had been an underspend the previous year. Cllr Esdale was thanked for his work on the budget. Having taken advice from experts at KALC and ACRK, it was agreed that the parish council would not be required to formulate a Child Protection policy. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- c. **Possible Cold Calling Control Zone-** It was agreed to take no action on this in order to avoid jeopardising house-to-house charity collections.
- d. **Possible Alternatives to Cheque Payments-** Cllr Lewis outlined the system used to make electronic payments in the societies to which he belonged. It was pointed out that NALC were in negotiation with the government over possible alternative payment methods, should cheques be phased out. NALC had specifically asked not to be approached on this matter by members until the negotiations had been completed and a new legally binding system proposed.
- e. **Recreation Ground Working Party-** It was agreed that this would take place on Saturday 6th November at 9.30am. No new bulbs would be purchased this year and Cllrs Beinder and Lewis would enquire about replacement trees. **Action; Cllrs Beinder & Lewis**

- f. **Replacement tree for the recreation ground** – It was agreed to purchase up to three new trees from the remaining budget. **Action; Cllr Beinder**
- g. **Farmers Market Progress Report-** Cllr Esdale reported that Bridge Going Green had carried out surveys at the village fete and in the High Street and the overwhelming preference had been for a Farmers' Market. Kent Association of Farmers' Markets had been very helpful with advice and it was planned to hold the first market on Saturday 13th. November, probably in the Red Lion garden. Thereafter it was planned to hold markets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. It was intended to sell produce from within a 50 mile radius Bridge. The parish council would be asked to consider providing start up funding for signage etc at its October meeting. The parish council agreed to inform the city council about the plans. **Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk**
- h. **Bridge in Bloom-** The winners of the competition were Londis – Large Business, Colebrook Sturrock – Small Business and 17 Union Road (Mr & Mrs Walder) – Residential. It was agreed that the parish council would discuss the possibility of awarding a prize for a community garden at the November Parish Council meeting.
- i. **RHS Dig Together Day-** Councillors were asked to contribute ideas to Cllr Edmonds for any community activity to encourage gardening. This would take place on the first weekend in September next year.
- j. **Kent Highways Parish Forum** – Cllr Hill would represent the parish council at this event in Ashford on 29th October.
- k. **Meeting with Kent Highways Services Community Liaison Officer-**It was agreed to offer KHS Monday, Wednesday or Friday in the week of 6th November for a meeting with the new Community Liaison Officer for the area. **Action; Clerk**
- l. **Parish Budget setting Workshop-** It was noted that Cllr Esdale and the Clerk would attend this event on 22nd September

50/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

51/10-11 Bank transfers:

The council noted the transfer of £1,000 between Parish Council accounts in August and the transfer of £1,000 between Parish Council accounts in September

52/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

Allianz Insurance claim for bench - £436.00

HMRC Vat Reimbursement - £1,305.34

53/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
*John Hill	£47.07	Anti climb paint, signs and brushes £40.06 + £7.01 vat
*Christobel Seath – Clerk	£693.42	Clerk's salary and allowances for July 2010
*Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contribution for July
*The Rustic Workshop	£146.88	Repair of picnic bench £125.00 + £21.88 vat
*Les Barleycorn	£1,205	Painting spider climbing frame £315.00 and refurbishment of bridge to rec. ground £890.00.
Saunders House Landscapes	£535.80	Recreation ground maintenance July £318 + £55.65 vat & August £138 + £24.15 vat
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£20.99	Panasonic Ink Film refill for fax machine £17.86 + £3.13 vat
Savills	£225.00	Recreation ground rental 25/3/10 – 28/9/10

Christobel Seath - Clerk	£693.42	Clerk's salary & allowances for August 2010
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contributions for August
Canterbury City Council	£337.89	Building Inspection Fee Village Hall £287.57 + £50.32 vat

* Authorised during August

54/10-11 Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Corfield asked councillors for help in delivering flyers for 'Art in Bridge'
- b. It was agreed to discuss the Autumn Newsletter at the October Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.36p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th.October 2010 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.