

PARISH COUNCIL OF BRIDGE
STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1996

RECEIPTS

Balance carried forward	17423	
Precept and concurrent powers	10291	
VAT	3390	
Interest	1408	
Canterbury City Council (Capital grants)	10614	
KCC Grants	865	
Hire fees	795	
Other	<u>775</u>	
TOTAL	45561	

PAYMENTS

Street, lighting and footways		
Energy	1212	
Maintenance and repairs	1860	
Street furniture	621	
Christmas lights and power	<u>122</u>	3815
Recreation Ground		
Mowing	996	
Additional clearance	94	
Rent	450	
Repairs	59	
BVST Grant	300	
Safety surfacing	6800	8699
Village Hall		
Hatch	420	
Clock	1273	1693
Environment (including footpaths)		
Tools	25	
Maps	90	
Admininstration PPP	100	
Floral competition prizes	62	
Maintenance (trees)	536	
Other	<u>51</u>	864
Administration		
Admin costs	396	
Clerk's salary	1750	
Insurance	1133	
Audit fee	115	
Chairman's allowance	75	
Parish Appraisal	295	
Training and travel	244	
Misc. including petty cash	<u>302</u>	4310
Other expenditure		
Village organisations	300	
Elections	375	
KAPC/KRCC/KPFA/CPRE	360	
VE Day	<u>463</u>	1498
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		20879
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		24682

PARISH COUNCIL OF BRIDGE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1997

RECEIPTS	1996/7	1995/6	
Balance carried forward	24683	17423	
Precept and concurrent powers	9540	10291	
VAT	4118	3390	
Interest	1169	1408	
Canterbury City Council (Capital grants)	1887	10614	
Grants	224	865	
Hire fees	735	795	
Other	<u>811</u>	<u>775</u>	
TOTAL	43167	45561	
PAYMENTS	1996/7	1995/6	
Street, lighting and footways			
Energy	1240	1212	
Maintenance and repairs	2098	1860	
Street furniture	150	621	
Christmas lights and power	142	122	
New column	662	-	3815
Recreation Ground			
Mowing	750	996	
Additional clearance	309	94	
Rent	450	450	
Repairs	1620	59	
BVST Grant	-	300	
Bike stands	305	-	
Safety surfacing	-	6800	8699
Village Hall			
Hatch	-	420	
Clock	-	1273	
Contrib. to insurance	937	-	
Chairs	1000	-	
Repairs	549	-	1693
Environment (including footpaths)			
Tools/equip	20	25	
Maps	-	90	
Admininstration PPP	100	100	
Floral competition prizes	-	62	
Maintenance (trees)	-	536	
Other	-	<u>51</u>	864
Administration			
Office costs	427	396	
Clerk's salary	1950	1750	
Insurance	856	1133	
Audit fee	352	115	
Chairman's allowance	75	75	
Parish Appraisal	1145	295	
Training and travel	224	244	
Stationery/printing etc	408	-	
Equipment/hall rental	215	-	
Misc. in petty cash	192	<u>302</u>	4310
Other expenditure			
Village organisations	100	300	
Elections	-	375	
KAPC/KRCC/KPFA/CPRE	420	360	
Refund of VAT to Bridge TC	2034	-	1498
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18730	20879	
CARRIED FORWARD	24437	24682	

Minutes of the Village Appraisal Sub-Committee on Wednesday 13th November held in the Hunter Room.

Present: Mike Loughlin - Chairman
Vivienne Argent - Secretary
Raj Dasan
Pam Possee
Andrea Beed
John Sullivan
Reg Franklin

Apologies: Mervyn Gulvin
Emily Shirley

The Chairman presented the meeting with the completed Village Appraisal which was received with great enthusiasm. The Committee were delighted with the professional look of the book, much enhanced by photographs supplied by Wynn Tamsett and Mike.

It was suggested that Vivienne write to Mrs Tamsett offering our thanks for the loan of the photographs.

Cheques for the payment of advertising are to be made out to Bridge Parish Council - Peter to action. The Account from the Printers will be sent direct to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Vivienne to present the Appraisal to a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th November, item 5 on the Agenda.

Distribution:

Road	Delivery
Conyngham Lane - 31	Mrs Carina Whiting
Bridge Down - 70	Mrs Varley & Mrs Atkins
High Street - 77	The Dunderdale children
Beech Hill)	
Meadow Close)	John Sullivan - 31
Bourne Park)	
Green Court)	
Western Avenue)	
Windmill Close)	Pam Possee - 78
Ford Close)	
Saxon Close)	
Mount Charles Walk)	
Dering Close)	
Dering Road)	Raj Dasan - 114
Filmer Road)	
Union Road)	
The Close)	

used 20

12 noon

9 Shurdhill

Road		Delivery
Riverside Close)	Peter Langley - 76
Riverside Mews)	
Pett Bottom)	Vivienne Argent - 40
Pett Hill)	
Renville)	
Station Road)	
Pippin Avenue)	
Patricxbourne Road)	
Mill Lane)	Mike Loughlin - 39
Mill Terrace)	
New Close)	
Bourne View)	
Higham Lane)	
Brewery Lane)	Reg Franklin - 31
Bridgeford Way)	
Bridge Hill)	Andrea Beed - 12
Churchill Close)	Emily Shirley - 27
Churchill House)	

Raj, Pam and Peter seem to be carrying most of the load - please offer help if you have time.

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It was unanimously agreed that the Committee should hold an "end of Appraisal" party. Venue - Red Lion - Date - December 3rd - Time - 7.30pm for 8.00pm

PARISH OF BRIDGE

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held in
the Village Hall, Bridge on Thursday 28 March 1996

Present: Cllr. M. Gulvin (Chairman), Cllrs. M. Connor, R. Dhaliwal, R. Franklin, J. Hill, M. Jones and J. Monk, E. Shirley and A. Walder, and approximately 34 parishioners.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor David Pentin, County Councillor Martin Vye, Mr. G. Bourn (BVST) and Mrs. M. Franklin.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 1995 having been circulated to those present, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Village sign [Min. 3/95 refers] In response to queries from Cllr. Franklin and Mr. D. Stewart, Cllr. Hill confirmed that he was still working on the sign and would be happy to discuss the work required with those interested.

(b) Plastic waste recycling skip [Min. 4/95 refers] The Clerk reported that although Canterbury City Council had offered a further glass skip to be sited in Patricbourne Road (which offer had been declined), it had not been possible to obtain a skip for plastic items. Canterbury City Council did not feel there was sufficient demand, and the market for items collected was uncertain.

(c) Village Clock: The Chairman thanked Mr. John Round and Mr. Bill Dawson for their efforts in getting the Village Clock repaired and re-instated, and hoped that it would be another forty years before further work was needed.

(d) Street cleansing: Noting that more volunteers were needed to monitor street cleansing, Cllr. Franklin commented on the improved performance by Canterbury City Council in keeping streets and footways swept.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr. Gulvin, thanked all members of the Parish Council, together with the Clerk, for their work during the year and for their support. In particular he thanked Cllr. Hill for his long service both as councillor and chairman and hoped that Cllr. Hill's support and work for the Council would continue in the future. Noting that new and seasoned councillors had attended a number of training sessions during the year, he summarised the great variety of work which they undertook on behalf of the parish. Planning matters had again been the subject of concern and two would be dealt with later in the meeting. Two other issues, the "Partnership Plan" and the Draft District Local Plan had also occupied a great deal of Parish Council time. While welcoming the formation of the village re-appraisal committee as the outcome of a public meeting, he had not enjoyed the overheated and malevolent atmosphere in which the meeting had taken place. He looked forward to the results of the re-appraisal which should provide a clear framework for the next five to ten years on many important issues. The Parish Council had commented on the Draft District Local Plan in respect of proposed rural policies which it felt were overly constricting to rural communities.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. E. Stewart that the report be **ACCEPTED**.

5. **VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Reporting on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, Mr. John Round (Chairman) confirmed another satisfactory financial year for the Village Hall. He noted that various work on the hall had been undertaken during the year including repositioning of the hatch and improvements to internal and external lighting. He invited suggestions for further improvements. To comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners the insurance of the hall had been reviewed and the policy transferred to the Management Committee. He noted that Mr. V. David had resigned as Secretary on leaving the village and that Mr. Bill Dawson had taken his place. Mr. Round stressed that music and dancing were permitted within the conditions of the Canterbury City Council licence, provided due care was taken to avoid nuisance to neighbouring properties.

It was proposed by Cllr. Walder and seconded by Mrs. B. Anderson that the reported be **ACCEPTED**.

6. **ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITY OF MARY GREGORY**

Mr. Peter Lawrence, on behalf of the Trustees, reported a closing balance at 31 December 1995 of £338.88. During the year under review the Trustees had receive one petition in respect of three people. However, the Trustees did not approve any grant as the petition did not come within the scope of the existing scheme. The report was **NOTED**.

7. **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1995**

The statement being laid before the meeting, it was proposed Mr. J. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. E. Stewart that it be **RECEIVED**.

8. **REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1996**

Copies having been circulated to the meeting, the Report was **NOTED**

9. **REPORT OF CITY COUNCILLOR DAVID PENTIN**

In the absence of Cllr. Pentin, the Clerk read his report. After drawing the meeting's attention to facets of the City Council's budget, Cllr. Pentin stressed his support for the principle of the Park and Ride Scheme. While appreciating that it was not the perfect answer, he felt that the benefits outweighed the disbenefits. Moreover, he felt that the site adjacent to the Gate Inn was preferable to a site on Barton Business Park. He appreciated the implications for the residents of Bekesbourne Road of increased traffic flows resulting from a Park and Ride site. Pointing out that proposals for a coach dropping off point adjacent to the Gate Inn had been formally deleted from the Draft Local Plan, he stressed his opposition to any such proposals in the longer term.

The reported was **NOTED**.

10. **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTIN VYE**

In the absence of Cllr. Vye, the Clerk read his report. Briefly summarising the County Council's expenditure, which was strictly controlled by central government, Cllr. Vye noted reduced budgets for the coming year for Arts and Libraries and for Highways while demand for social services outstripped the money available. More positively, the Education budget would cover rising pupil numbers and the teachers' pay increase, together with major

repairs to school buildings. He noted the various issues which occupied him personally as a county councillor, particularly education matters. He was again a member of the Barham Downs Action Group campaigning against proposals for a service station on the Downs and would continue to oppose any such scheme.

The report was **NOTED**.

11. PROPOSED SERVICE STATION ON A2 AT BARHAM DOWNS

The Chairman briefly reported to the meeting on the current proposals to build a service station and associated facilities on land at Barham Downs. Confirming the Parish Council's opposition to the scheme and Canterbury City Council's refusal of permission he noted that, following an appeal by the developers, a Public Inquiry before a Planning Inspector would take place in due course. Kingston Parish Council had sought financial support from Bridge Parish Council to fund representation at the Inquiry. Cllr. Gulvin asked for the views of the meeting on such a contribution. He confirmed that any such contribution must under current legislation be limited to a maximum of £3.50 per elector and would be met from Parish Council reserves; he noted concerns that other parishes affected should also contribute. Following discussion, a show of hands indicating overwhelming support for such a contribution, Cllr. Gulvin undertook to put the view of the meeting before the Parish Council.

12. PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE SITE: LAND ADJACENT TO GATE INN

The Chairman summarised proposals by Canterbury City Council for a Park and Ride facility on land adjacent to the Gate Inn. He noted the Parish Council's objections on road safety and environmental grounds and stressed councillors' concern that the absence of a Park and Ride site north of the city would encourage motorists from both north and south to use the Gate Inn site. This would result in great pressure on the Bekesbourne Road/Town Hill area to the detriment of local residents. He was not aware of any proposals for a relief road to route traffic away from the residential area. He explained the Parish Council's proposal for an alternative site adjacent to the junction of the Old and New Dover Roads which would offer the added advantage of an opportunity to improve a very dangerous junction. He confirmed that the Council did not oppose the principles of the Park and Ride Scheme but would continue to oppose use of the presently proposed site.

13. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Village shops Cllr. Shirley drew the attention of the meeting to the value of village shops and facilities in meeting shopping needs and promoting a sense of community. She was concerned that trade in the shops had fallen away in recent years since, if lost, shops were difficult to regain. She invited suggestions on how a larger proportion of local residents might be encouraged to use the shops and proposed some form of advertising to draw attention to the range available.

(b) Traffic calming: The Clerk reported that, following a request by Cllr. Shirley, the Highway Authority were considering the possibility of reinstating a pedestrian crossing. However, the necessary traffic surveys had not yet been completed and the Parish Council would continue to press for them to be carried out.

(c) Neighbourhood Watch: On behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, Mr. Eynon reported that a network of area co-ordinators and link-persons was in place and newsletters were sent out approximately twice per

year. Cllr. Franklin stated that he was disappointed with the level of communication being maintained and hoped that some improvement might be brought about. Mr. Eynon undertook to pass this view on to Mr. Lancashire, but noted that an appropriate level of activity was difficult to assess. He felt that everyone should already be aware of the levels of crime in the area and asked that any one who did have information of value should report it to the police without delay.

14. PROJECTS FOR THE MILLENIUM

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council were seeking suggestions for marking the millenium. A question inviting suggestions had been included in the recently distributed Parish Appraisal questionnaire and he hoped that local residents would give some thought to suitable projects.

15. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

(a) Parish Appraisal: Comments from the floor indicated that not all households had received copies of the questionnaire and that some people were having difficulty in completing it. The Chairman noted the comments, which he would take up with the Chairman of the Appraisal Committe, and suggested that householders should seek help from which ever member of the Appraisal Committee called to collect the completed questionnaire.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

SIGNED _____ DATED _____