

DRAFT Minutes of  
**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. April 2011 in Bridge Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beinder, Corfield, Esdale, Gulvin, Hill, Lewis & Wilmshurst

**130/10-11**      **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Beesty.

**131/10-11.**      **Declarations of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**  
There were declarations of interest on agenda item 7b Cllr Esdale, Treasurer Mill Centre & Chairman Bridge Village Hall Committee; Cllr Gulvin, Secretary Bridge Village Hall Committee and Cllr Beinder, Member Bridge Village Hall Committee

**132/10-11.**      The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup>. March 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**133/10-11**      **Disposal of business from the last meeting**

- a. Recreation Ground – Cllr Gulvin would hand over the inspection folder at the next parish council meeting. New graffiti was reported on the new garage doors and the external bar had come away from the pavilion door. **Action; Cllr Gulvin**  
Cllr Beinder would be weeding the flowerbeds round the pavilion in the following week during mornings and would welcome helpers. New plants would be required to replace those lost through frost and new bulbs would be needed at the end of the year.  
It had been reported by the tennis club that the willow by the courts needed to be trimmed. The city council tree officer would be contacted. **Action; Clerk**
- b. Affordable Housing. – Surveying had been reported at the site earlier in the week. It was hoped to have a report on progress at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- c. Speedwatch – Following a meeting of volunteers, a session had been organised for Patixbourne Road for the following morning. A new co-ordinator would be appointed at the next parish council meeting.
- d. The Mill Centre – Replies had been received from the city council and local MP. The city council had promised a substantive reply concerning the future of the Centre in June.
- e. Annual Parish Meeting – All main speakers had been confirmed. Arrangements were agreed for the provision of snacks and drinks after the meeting.

**134/10-11** **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

KALC Canterbury Branch 13<sup>th</sup>. April 2011 – Cllr Wilmshurst

Cllr Wilmshurst reported on the meeting, which had been concerned with the provision of affordable housing in the District. A written presentation would be circulated to councillors. **Action; Clerk**

**135/10-11** **Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area**

The following proposal was noted;

94 High Street, Bridge

Remove 5 leylandii from rear garden

The Dell, Bridge Hill, Bridge

Pollard holm oak in front garden, remove 2 limbs of holm oak in rear corner, reduce holly, remove 4 limbs of ash tree on bank, remove 2 lower limbs and reduce 3 limbs of yew tree in rear corner of garden and over shed

**136 /10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **Standing Orders** It was proposed by Cllr Gulvin, seconded by Cllr Hill and unanimously agreed that the revised Part 2 of Standing Orders should be adopted by the parish council.
- b. **Parish Reserves** – Cllr Esdale presented a breakdown of parish reserves, which were agreed by the council.
- c. **New Springers for the Recreation Ground-** It was reported that Bridge had been successful in its bid for part funding for the springers from the city council. It was therefore agreed to accept the tender received from Playline Design for new springers. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Bus timetable-** It was agreed to ask Stagecoach to reschedule the number 17 bus so that it arrived in Bridge at or soon after 9.30am to enable residents to use their concessionary bus passes, following a change in the rules for subsidised travel. It was further agreed to suggest to KCC that they altered the regulations so that the time at which the bus reached its ultimate destination was the benchmark for concessionary fares rather than the time the passengers boarded the bus. **Action; Clerk**  
Cllr Hill reported that the bus stop had still not been re-erected at Pond Cottages.
- e. **Brush cutter for footpath clearance** – Councillors agreed to buy a brush cutter and associated safety equipment for path clearance rather than hiring it. This would be paid for out of Section 137 payments and agreement would therefore be deferred to the next parish council meeting. **Action; Clerk**
- f. **List of parish councillors' responsibilities** – The current list of councillors' responsibilities was agreed in preparation for the new council. Cllr Gulvin kindly agreed to allow his office to continue to be used as a drop off point for council documents and for the inspection of parish accounts as required.
- g. **The future of BVST** – An email from Cllr Beesty was read out putting forward several alternatives for the future of Bride Village Sports Trust. The present make up of the committee was not sustainable. It was therefore agreed that this would be discussed by the new parish council.
- h. **Mini roundabout at the junction of Bridge High Street & Station Road** – The council heard representations from two residents of Bekesbourne Road who complained about the volume of traffic using Bekesbourne road as a 'rat run'. It was agreed that the parish council would support a request for Kent Highway Services to undertake an evaluation of the traffic at the junction of Station Road and Bridge High St and a consultation exercise to take account of the views of local residents. It was noted that the area in question falls within the parish Bekesbourne with Patribourne. **Action; Clerk**
- i. **Christmas tree lights** – It was agreed to write off 34 sets of unusable Christmas tree lights from the asset register. **Action; Clerk**
- j. **Mileage rate** – The council agreed to adopt the mileage rate of 45p per mile following government changes to the rate that must be declared for tax purposes.
- k. **Request for a children's party on the recreation ground** – The council agreed to give permission for a party and erection of a gazebo on the recreation ground, requested by a resident. It was pointed out that there could not be exclusive use of any part of the ground as it is a public space. **Action; Clerk**
- l. **Request to use the recreation ground for parking at the village fete** – It was agreed to allow the recreation ground to be used for car parking at the fete on 25<sup>th</sup> June. It was stipulated that the recreation ground could not be used if the weather was wet and that a marshal should be available throughout the event to ensure that vehicles were not parked on planted areas. **Action; Clerk**

**137/10-11 Correspondence** – Noted

**138/10-11 Bank transfers**

The council noted the transfer of £4,000 between parish accounts in the 2010/11 f.y.  
The council noted the transfer of £2,000 between parish accounts in April.

**138/10-11.** The following receipts were noted;  
 Christmas tree donation £25  
 Canterbury City Council Concurrent Funding - £7,411.00

**139/10–11** The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
+Saunders House Landscapes Ltd	£78.00	Dragging and Rolling football pitch £65.00 + £13.00 vat
+Green Construction Ltd	£834.27	Garage doors for pavilion ££695.23 + £139.04 vat
*BT	£73.20	Telephone account Dec – Mar £61.32 + £11.88 vat
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contributions for February 2011
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£693.42	Clerk's salary & allowances for March 2011
AON Ltd	£15.99	Additional premium for bus shelter insurance
KALC	£504.91	Annual subscription to 31 March 2012 £420.76 + £84.15 vat
Society of Local Council Clerks	£106.00	Annual subscription 2011/12

+ Payment made in 2010/11 financial year

\* Payment by direct debit in 2010/11 financial year

**140/10-11 Any Other Business**

- a.** Councillor Beinder drew attention to recent information concerning volunteers from the Kentish Stour Project, which could be helpful for the proposed Community Orchard .
- b.** Cllr Lewis reported that BT had removed a hanging wire from a telegraph pole in Station Road within an hour of it being reported.
- c.** Both Cllr Beesty and Cllr Beinder, retiring councillors, thanked fellow councillors for their support during their time on the parish council.
- d.** Cllr Gulvin reported that twinning between Bridge Primary School and a French school had gone ahead without any need for parish council involvement.
- e.** Cllr Edmonds asked retiring councillors to list any parish council equipment they held before the new council took over so that it could be passed on to the appropriate councillor in the new parish council.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.