

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th December 2005 in Bridge Village Hall

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

86. Apologies for absence; There were apologies for absence from Cllr Lewis

87. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest.

88. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November 2005 and the minutes of the co-option meeting held on 21st November 2005 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

89. Disposal of business from the last meeting

a. Recreation ground

i. Maintenance; KCC Landscape Services had sent a verbal report to the clerk of work carried out during November

ii. Councillor Beesty is responsible for recreation ground inspections at present.

iii. It was reported that moles continue to be a serious problem and the holes they make are a hazard. This had also been raised at the BVST meeting. It was agreed that further consideration should be given to this at a later date.

b. Flood Map –Deferred to next meeting. **Action; Cllr Gulvin**

c. Traffic calming and parking –It was noted that Ruth Goudie had advised that, at the request of the school, Bridge had been allocated money for new yellow lines outside the school. This had meant there was no further money this year for the agreed priorities of traffic calming on Bridge Hill and parking control measures in the village. As this decision had not been referred to the parish council and was not in line with the agreed priorities, it was agreed to write to Dennis Button, Head of Canterbury Operations to complain about the lack of consultation. **Action Cllr Hill/Clerk**

d. Christmas trees – Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Esdale and other councillors and helpers for their work in erecting the 56 Christmas trees in the village. It was agreed that the trees would be taken down on Saturday 7th January.

90. Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Cllr Esdale reported on the Police Forum meeting.

Cllr Gulvin reported on the Bridge Village Sports Trust Meeting. It was arranged that Cllr Gulvin would arrange a meeting with Chairman of BVST, Exiles cricket captain and captain of Barham CC **Action Cllr Gulvin**

Cllr Hill reported on the East Kent Partnership meeting

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

Waylands Town Hill

Fell two apple trees– No objection

9 Union Rd, Bridge

Fell large flowering cherry in left hand corner of rear garden– No Objection

Action; Clerk

92. Matters for Discussion and Action

a. Co-option of new parish councillor – Cllr Hill welcomed Cllr Julie Bennett who had been co-opted onto the parish council. It was agreed to send Cllr Bennett a list of the current responsibilities of councillors. **Action; Clerk**

b. Green bin collections – It was decided not to object to the suspension of green bin collection over the winter period. City Cllr John Anderson explained that it had proved uneconomic to continue with these because so little green refuse was collected over this period and manpower was required for other duties in bad weather.

c. Precept – It was agreed that, as the timetable for setting the levels of concurrent funding had been extended and the precept figure would not now need to be

submitted until the end of January 2006, it would no longer be necessary to revise the precept this month.

- d. **Liaison with the primary school** – It was agreed to discuss this with the headmistress who had been invited to attend the parish council meeting in January 2006. It was noted that Bridge Primary School had been rated in the best five Kent primary schools in recent government league tables.
- e. **Newsletter distribution list** – Cllr Beinder offered to collate the next issue of the village newsletter, which is due to be distributed in January. Cllr Corfield asked for contributions to be sent to him. He proposed to edit the newsletter to a single sheet. The clerk will circulate a copy of the old distribution list for revision. Cllr Hill informed the council that the Parish Plan would be ready for distribution in early January and it was agreed that parish councillors would also help to distribute copies of this. **Action; Cllr Beinder, Cllr Corfield, Cllr Hill, Clerk**

93. Correspondence Noted

94. Letter of authorisation to transfer £4,500 between the two bank accounts held by Bridge Parish Council was agreed. **Action; Clerk**

95. The following receipt was noted;
Christmas tree donations; £425.00

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Christobel N Seath	£385.31	Clerk's salary and office expenses – November
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£20.00	Hire of Hall for Street Runner 8 th & 22 nd November 2005 = 4 hrs @ £5 per hour
R Mortley	£190.00	Refurbishment of bench & delivery
J Taylor	£4,230.00	Village Hall roof repairs £3,600 + £630.00 vat
Christobel Seath	£36.16	Petty cash

97. Any other business

- a. It was noted that the damaged kissing gate is not on PROW CB302 and the Public Rights of Way officer will not take action to repair it. Action deferred to next meeting
- b. It was agreed to make a contribution to the Bridge Neighbourhood Watch scheme. **Action; Clerk**
- c. Mr Maurice Smith had expressed his willingness to resume duties as part of the street monitor team. Cllr Hill will liaise with the current street monitors; Mr & Mrs Whitten. **Action; Cllr Hill**
- d. The possibility of providing a Youth Shelter as a focus for local young people was raised by Cllr Beesty. He agreed to find out more information on this and report back. **Action; Cllr Beesty**
- e. Cllr Esdale reported that the new mobile police station would be visiting the village on 14th December at 6.00pm
- f. The Red Lion is now offering an Indian takeaway service. It will be closing for approx 6 weeks for major refurbishment in January.
- g. A letter from Bridge Festival Committee outlining its plans for the coming year was read out.
- h. Mr Rarity informed the meeting that the Kent History Federation would be holding its conference at Bridge Primary School on 12th May 2007.
- i. The clerk was asked to find out what action was being taken to repair the damaged balustrade on the A2 slip road. **Action ; Clerk**

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th.January 2006 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

