

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2009 in Bridge Village Hall

Present; Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Esdale, Gulvin, Hill, Lewis, Wilmshurst and KCC Cllr M Northey. Also in attendance for agenda 7a item Jeremy Barkway and Caroline Ruiz of Southern Housing Group

102/08-9. Apologies for absence; There were apologies for absence from City Cllr Anderson

103/08-9. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.
Cllr Wilmshurst declared an interest (agenda item 6 - owner of Barberry Cottage.)

104/08-9. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th. January 2008 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

105/08-9. Cllr Northey gave a short report on KCC proceedings. A proposal for a rise in Council Tax of 2.44% with no loss of services was likely to be approved. A report on Kent Child Protection Services was being compiled. There was to be an increase in Kent Highway Services budget of £5 million with an extra £15 million proposed for frontline maintenance later.

106/08-9 Disposal of business from the last meeting

- a. Recreation ground – It was reported that the concrete roller was still under the bridge. It was agreed to contact the Environment Agency again to ask them to remove it.
Action; Clerk
- b. White Horse & Red Lion Smoking Shelters – The City Council had confirmed that the White Horse smoking shelter required planning permission and they would meet with the occupiers to discuss options. CCC had determined that the Red Lion smoking shelter was not as substantial as the structure that was refused planning permission and they had advised that they would therefore take no action to have it removed.
- c. Speed sign and Bridge Hill build outs- The speed sign had not been installed and no reply had been received from Kent Highways regarding its planned installation date. The clerk would follow this up.
Action - Clerk

107/08-9 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies
National Health Service Road Show 11th. February 2009 – Cllr Beinder

108/08-9 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;
Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge
Remove ornamental cherry tree located between garden and 7 Conyngham Lane
12 High Street, Bridge
Prune beech tree by one third
Barberry Cottage, Patribourne Rd, Bridge
Reduce yew located in rear garden by 30%, rebalance the uneven side of the crown to create a balanced shaped canopy
Remove elder from within canopy

Action; Clerk

109/08-9 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. Affordable Housing Planning Application CA/09/00056/FUL- The parish council unanimously supported the planning application for eight affordable homes to be built on the Brickfield site in Mill Lane.
Action; Clerk
- b. Motion of Censure on Cllr John Anderson. The council unanimously and with regret passed a motion of censure on City Cllr John Anderson. While it was understood that Cllr Anderson could not give an undertaking to vote in a particular way ahead of council discussions, it was felt that he had failed to represent the views of the Bridge Parish Council and his constituents to Canterbury City Council and in particular concerning planning matters to Development Control Committees. **Action – Clerk**

- c. Action on 45 High Street, Bridge – It was agreed to ask Canterbury City Council Conservation Unit to report what was happening to this listed property which had been surrounded in scaffolding since November but was deteriorating in the bad weather. **Action - Clerk**
- d. Mount Charles Planning Application – A section 52 Agreement from 1988 had come to light which was drawn up when planning permission was given for Mount Charles House. This prohibited any further development on the land at Mount Charles House. In the opinion of the parish council nothing had changed which would supply grounds to render this agreement invalid. It was agreed to consult Kent Law Clinic about the process to ensure the enforcement of the agreement. **Action- Clerk**
- e. Skateboard Park visit- It was agreed to arrange a visit to the skate board area at Lyminge for Bridge’s young people on Saturday 4th. April. **Action – Cllrs Esdale & Corfield**
- f. Gift of an ash tree from Bridge WI – The council gratefully accepted the gift of an ash tree from the WI as part of its 90th. Anniversary celebrations. It was agreed that the tree planting ceremony could take place on 7th March when there would be a working party on the recreation ground. **Action - Clerk**
- g. ACRK Kent Village of the Year – It was decided not to enter this competition this year.
- h. Grit bin for Conyngham Lane – It was agreed to ask Kent Highway Services to provide new grit bins for Conyngham Lane, to be placed near the turn off to the school, and also for Higham Lane/ Bridge Down as both these areas had become very dangerous in the recent icy weather. KHS would be asked whether bins were available in less conspicuous colours than bright yellow. **Action; Clerk**
- i. Police Forum- Cllr Esdale agreed to represent the parish council at the Police Forum on Saturday 28th. February **Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk**
- j. Parish Planning for Climate Change – Cllr Gulvin agreed to represent the parish council at this meeting organised by ACRK on Saturday 14th. March. **Action ; Cllr Gulvin & Clerk**
- k. Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group Meeting – Cllr Corfield agreed to attend this meeting on Saturday 21st February **Action; Cllr Corfield & Clerk**

110/08-9 Correspondence – Noted

111/08-9 Sealing of Documents

The Agreement between Bridge Junior Football Club and Bridge Parish Council for 2008-9 was signed.

112/08-9 The following receipts were noted;

Christmas tree donations £90.00
VAT repayment - £485.30

113/08-09 Bank transfers:

The council noted the transfer of £2,000 between Parish Council accounts

114/08-9.The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Green Brothers Ltd	£295.55	2 Street sign name plates £257.00 + £38.55 vat
BVHMC	£16.50	Hire of hall Jan-March 2009 @ £5.50
Christobel N Seath	£635.33	Clerk’s salary and office allowance for January 2009
ACRK	£35.00	Membership for year ending March 2009
KCC Commercial Services	£1,082.41	Grounds Maintenance 2 nd half year payment £941.23 + £141.18 vat
Mark Esdale	£46.00	Ladder hire for Christmas trees £40.00 +£6.00 vat

115/08-9. Any other business:

- a. Parish Newsletter – The Spring edition of the Parish Newsletter would be distributed in the next few days
- b. Kent Landscape Information System (KLIS)– Cllr Corfield recommended this website as a very useful source of maps and overlays.
- c. Street Signs – The street signs indicating the former names of Conyngham Lane and Brewery Lane had arrived and would be put up soon. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- d. Recreation ground tree – The tree near the pavilion was leaning and it was agreed to buy stakes and steel wire to keep it upright. **Action ; Cllr Beinder**
- e. Western Ave Bollard – It was reported that the bollard at the corner of Western Ave had been knocked over. Kent Highways would be informed. **Action ; Clerk**
- f. Lighting the Way to Success – It was decided not to send a parish council representative to this meeting
- g. KALC Planning Information Day – No councillor was available to attend this meeting on 28th March

The meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th. March 2009 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.