

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th. February 2011 in Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Esdale, Gulvin, Hill (after item 3), Lewis, Wilmshurst, KCC Cllr Northey and PCSO Gavin Dodwell

- 104/10-11** **Apologies for absence;** There were no apologies for absence.
- 105/10-11.** **Declarations of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**
There were no declarations of interest or lobbying on agenda items
- 106/10-11.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th. January 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 107/10-11** KCC Cllr Northey reported that at the budget setting meeting of KCC the following week it was anticipated that £96 million of savings would have to be found this year. It was expected that there would be 1,500 staff reductions over four years. Local KCC councillors would retain their budgets for good causes. Cllr Northey wished the council well in its meeting concerning the A2 slip road the following day.
- 108/10-11** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. Recreation Ground – Cllr Gulvin holds the Recreation Ground inspection folder. Serco had quoted £10,000 as the cost of moving the football pitch to the site of the old cricket square. It was agreed that this was prohibitively expensive. There had been no news on the CCC's possible funding of new springies for the play area. Cllr Lewis reported that the tree work on the sycamore had more extensive than the contractor had been authorised to carry out and some unnecessary work had been done. It was agreed that Cllr Lewis would draft a letter outlining the complaint and would seek to meet the contractor on site. In the meantime it was agreed withhold payment for the work. **Action; Cllr Lewis & Clerk**
 - b. Affordable Housing.- A progress report had been received from Southern Housing Group. It was expected that work on the site would begin in March/early April.
 - c. The Mill Centre – The parish council had received no reply to its letter to the city council regarding the future of the Mill Centre. It was agreed that Cllr Beesty should write again to Mr Carmichael and Cllr Gilbey requesting a substantive reply to the letter as soon as possible. **Action; Cllr Beesty**
 - d. Canterbury City Football Club- The Clerk had received a cheque for £300 from the club, being the outstanding payment for the use of the recreation ground and pavilion up to the time the club moved from Bridge.
 - e. Bus shelter- The bus shelter had been completed and KCC had confirmed that £2,000 towards its cost would be paid to the parish council.
- 109/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**
Rural Area Members' Panel 17 January – Cllr Gulvin (Report to be circulated)
- 110/10-11 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area**
The following proposal was noted;
Field House, Station Road, Bridge
Remove dead/dying sycamore adjacent to Station Road frontage
- 112 /10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **Date for the Annual Parish Meeting**– It was decided provisionally that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm in the village hall. Speakers from Southern Housing Group and the city council’s housing department would be asked to talk about the affordable housing scheme.
Action; Clerk
- b. **Revised Standing Orders**- This item was deferred to the March council meeting.
- c. **Fidelity Guarantee** – In view of the additional cost to the policy and the temporary and unusually high balance in the accounts at the time of the mid year audit caused by the village hall renovations, it was decided it would not be justified to increase the fidelity guarantee for the parish’s insurance policy.
- d. **Abandoned car, Conyngham Lane** – It was reported that the abandoned car was currently taxed until June 2011 but was taking up a permanent place on the road thereby reducing parking for the school It was agreed that the PCSO would make enquiries with the owners and check its MOT.
- e. **A2 sliproad meeting 11th Feb 2011** – It was agreed that Cllrs Edmonds and Hill would represent the parish council at the meeting with the Highways Agency, Kent Highway Services and Kent Police.to discuss the dangerous situation at the top of the A2 slip road into Bridge
- f. **Use of Football pitch Saturday morning** – It was agreed to make the pitch and pavilion available to the Dayspring Community Church on Saturday mornings for the remainder of the season, expected to be a maximum of four games. The charge would be £25 per game. The Clerk would draw up a temporary contract for Cllr Gulvin’s approval.
Action; Cllr Gulvin & Clerk

113/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

114/10-11 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of £3,000 between Parish Council accounts.

115/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

116/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£693.42	Clerk’s salary & allowances for January 2011
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contributions for January 2011
BVHMC	£18.00	Hire of village hall fro parish council, January, Feb, Mar 2011
Cllr John Hill	£35.20	Mileage claims for Village Green Inquiry, Highways Seminar & Development Control meeting 88 miles @ 40p per mile
SERCO	£606.49	Erection of bus shelter £505.41 + £101.08 vat
Streetmaster	£882.00	Supply of bench £775.00 + £155.00 vat less £40 +£8.00 vat credit
Ann Edmonds	£20.00	Chairman’s Allowance
Barry Shotton Metal Roofing	£939.12	Supply & fitting zinc roof for bus shelter £782.60 + £156.52 vat
Lower Hardres & Nackington PC	£90.00	Hire of Speedwatch equipment May/June /July 10 @ £30 per month
ACRK	£35.00	Membership subscription 2011/12

117/10-11 Any Other Business

- a. Overgrown footpaths** – It was agreed to discuss this problem at the March Parish Council and in the meantime make enquiries about the legality of the parish council undertaking the work.
Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk
- b. Spring Newsletter** – It was agreed that the Spring Newsletter would be approved at the next parish council meeting.
- c. Litter pick** – It was agreed to hold a village litter pick on 12th. March in the afternoon

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.