

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th. January 2011 in Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Esdale, Gulvin (from item 5), Hill, Lewis and Wilmshurst.

92/10-11 **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from KCC Cllr Northey.

93/10-11. **Declarations of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**
There were no declarations of interest or lobbying on agenda items

94/10-11. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th. December 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

95/10-11 **Disposal of business from the last meeting**

- a. Recreation Ground – The memorial bench for Mr & Mrs Pratt had been installed overlooking the recreation ground on Patribourne Rd. It was agreed to write to thank their family for generously donating the bench. **Action; Clerk**
Cllr Gulvin had drawn up new checklists for the recreation ground inspection folder, which included the adult exercise equipment. Cllr Esdale would provide a photograph of the equipment for Canterbury City Council. **Action Cllr Esdale**
- b. Affordable Housing.- Southern Housing Group were about to sign the building contract with Jenners, who would start work next week. The archaeological survey had been completed. It was hoped that the dwellings would be ready for occupancy shortly before Christmas 2011, although a twelve month time scale had been agreed to take account of poor weather. It was agreed to prepare a press release once building work had begun. **Action; Affordable Housing Ctee.**
- c. Bus shelter – The new bus shelter had been installed in the High St.
- d. The Mill Centre – A letter to Canterbury City Council asking for a prompt decision on the fate of the Mill Centre and outlining three proposals for its future was approved by the parish council with minor modifications. **Action : Cllrs Beesty & Esdale**
- c. Canterbury City Football Club- There had been no reply to the council's letter terminating the club's lease. The outstanding fees had not been paid. It was agreed to write to the appropriate football league authorities requesting their assistance in recovering the money owed to the parish council. **Action; Cllr Gulvin & Clerk**

96/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Canterbury Branch KALC Meeting 12th January – Cllrs Hill & Wilmshurst

Cllr Hill reported on the 'Localism Bill' which had been discussed at the meeting. The final document would be published by the end of the year and it was expected there would be significant changes to local decision making, particularly in the area of planning and housing provision.

97/10-11 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposal was noted;

1a Meadow Close, Bridge

Remove one damaged plum tree in back garden

Trim & cut back 4 holly trees on boundary with Bridge Hill, reducing crown of one to 12'. Yew to be planted between hollies.

1 Police Houses, Conyngham Lane , Bridge
Remove 1 leylandii with root damage at front of property

98 /10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **New Springers for the Recreation Ground** – It was agreed to submit an application for new springers under the CCC's Capital Grant Fund using the existing quotations. Cllr Beesty would approach a local supplier to ask if better quality springers could be sourced more locally. **Action Cllrs Beesty & Esdale**
- b. **Sponsorship of a Community Garden Cup for Bridge In Bloom Competition**
– A decision on this was deferred until after the parish council elections.
- c. **Award of Recreation Ground Maintenance Contract for 2011-** Having considered four quotations it was agreed to accept the tender submitted by AJ Longley Garden Services. It was noted that the firm had agreed to hold prices at the level of its 2011 quotation for two years. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Development Control Committee Agenda Electronic Circulation** – The parish council did not support CCC's proposal to discontinue the circulation of paper copies of Development Control Committee agendas. It was thought that the short availability time of these agendas on the website (5 days ahead of a meeting) would seriously inhibit the preparation of any case the council wished to make to the committee. It would also be more difficult for the clerk to keep track of any planning applications that were to be discussed at the committee. The agendas often included interesting issues, which needed to be circulated to councillors for information. **Action; Clerk**
- e. **Perimeter safety fence for children's play area** – After some discussion, it was agreed not to install fencing round the children's play area of the recreation ground.
- f. **A2 slip road** – It was noted that four cars had crashed over the end of the slip road in the past month. The parish council thought that the signage was still poor. It was agreed to contact Kent Police, Kent Highway Services and the Highways Agency to ask them to liaise with each other and convene a meeting to consider actions to improve the current, very dangerous situation. **Action; Clerk**
- g. **Problems with numbering of lamp standards** - Residents reporting faulty lights had experienced difficulties because the numbering on the lamp standards did not correspond with the numbers used by Kent Highways Agency, who were responsible for their maintenance. It was agreed to write to CCC who were responsible for the local numbering to ask them to resolve this problem with Kent Highway Services. Meanwhile residents reporting faulty lights to KHS were advised to give the location of the light and not the number. **Action; Clerk**
- h. **Possible Increase of Insurance Fidelity Guarantee-** Deferred to next meeting
- i. **'Overview of the Planning System' meeting** – The course was now fully booked.

99/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

100/10-11 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of £5,000 between Parish Council accounts.

101/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

Bridge Junior Football Club fees - £100.00
Christmas Tree donations – £245.00
UK Power Networks (Riverside Close) - £3.45
Mrs J Stingemore, Kentish Gazette payment - £28.44

102/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Gillett & Johnston (Croydon) Ltd	£152.75	Servicing clock 1/12/10 to 30/11/11 £130 + £22.75 vat
CPRE	£29.00	Annual Membership subscription 2011
BT*	£87.01	Telephone account & rental for 8/9/10 – 10/12/10 £74.05 + £12.96 vat
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£693.42	Clerk's salary & allowances for December 2010
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contributions for December 2010
Mill Centre Committee	£802.17	Mill Centre Insurance
Ann Edmonds	£25.20	Chairman's Allowance Expenses 9.12.10
Crown Group	£3,275.30	Bus shelter, High St, £2,787.49 + £487.81 vat
Mervyn Gulvin	£50.00	Reimbursement of Kent Highways Inspection costs for bus shelter
BVHMC	£794.46	Village hall insurance 18/6/10 to 18/6/11

103/10-11 Any Other Business

- a. **Rural Area Members' Panel Meeting 17th Jan.** – Cllr Gulvin agreed to attend this meeting in place of Cllr Hill.
- b. **Football pitch** – Cllr Gulvin reported that BVST had asked Serco's advice about moving the football pitch to the former cricket square, if the quality of the ground was good enough. Mole activity could be a problem. No reply had been received.
- c. **Christmas trees** – Serco had asked residents to contact them if they want to have their trees collected at the kerbside later this month. Cllr Edmonds thanked councillors and parishioners for their help in taking down the trees from the High Street.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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