

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th June 2010 in Bridge Village Hall

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

16/10-11 **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from KCC Cllr Northey

17/10-11. **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** There were no declarations of interest or lobbying on agenda items.

18/10-11. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th May 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/10-11 Disposal of business from the last meeting

a Recreation Ground – The picnic bench had been vandalised. Cllr Hill would repair it. Cllr Beinder took over the recreation ground folder from Cllr Corfield. Cllr Gulvin reported that the recreation ground grass was in a poor state. It was agreed that Saunders House Landscapes, the present maintenance company, should be asked to provide a quotation for selective weed control and scarifying the recreation ground.

Action; Clerk

Cllr Gulvin reported that the new guttering on the pavilion had been damaged by vandals climbing on the roof. The pavilion door handle had been broken again. Canterbury City FC had not yet removed the goal posts and would be asked to do so before Bridge fete.

Action; Cllr Gulvin

The entrance bridge and gates to the recreation ground and spider climbing frame would be refurbished shortly.

b. Affordable Housing - Councillors had met the builders and a representative from Southern Housing Group and had stressed their commitment to the affordable housing project. SHG would send a statement for inclusion on the village website setting out progress and outlining the reasons for the delay in starting the project. The newt survey had so far found no crested newts. It was emphasised that SHG intended to purchase only 0.78 acre of the Brickfields site and the housing would be confined to the top of the field only. It had never been intended to cover the field in houses, as had been erroneously reported by some residents. The decision on the village green application and a possible application for a judicial review of the planning decision were currently delaying the start of the project.

c. Community Orchard – It was agreed to await the result of the village green application before negotiating for a potential site.

d. Bus shelter – Cllr Gulvin had completed the KCC application form for a grant. Serco would be contacted for installation prices. It was intended to submit the funding application in July.

Action; Cllr Gulvin

20/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Meeting with Southern Water & Environment Agency 19th May

Southern Water had admitted they should have put up signs and informed residents that they were pumping sewage into the Nailbourne. A meeting between Southern Water and the Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group to take forward plans would be held in July after Southern Water and the Environment Agency had done some further exploration. Cllr Gulvin would attend this meeting if possible.

Kent & Medway Funding Fair 2nd June, Ramsgate

Cllr Edmonds & the Clerk had attended the Funding Fair. It was possible that Pfizers might agree to 'matched funding' for the skateboard ramp. There was also a possibility of some start up funding for BEST and 'Green Information' would advise the group on this.

BVST Meeting

Cllr Gulvin reported that representatives of all the clubs had attended this meeting the previous week. The officers from the previous year agreed to continue in their posts. It had been suggested that the football pitch might be moved further down the recreation ground onto the former cricket area.

21/10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Twining Proposal with Saint Andre** – Councillors thought that funding would be a problem, particularly in the present economic climate. Saint Andre seemed much larger than Bridge. While the council did not think a formal arrangement was appropriate, they agreed that it would be beneficial for the school to maintain links.
- b. **Village Hall Alterations** – Cllr Edmonds signed the contract for the refurbishment of the village hall. Work would begin in July and be completed by September.
- c. **Village Green Application** – The Regulation Board had recommended that the application go to public inquiry because of the variety of issues it raised. The public inquiry would commence on Monday 6th September. The venue was to be arranged. Following the recommendations of the inquiry, the Regulation Board would meet again to confirm the decision.
- d. **Skateboard Ramp** – The council expressed its thanks to Ryan and Benedict Esdale and Charlie Metcalf who had helped to erect and dismantle the skateboard ramp. The ramp had been well used every day and all the feedback on the website had been positive. If the project went ahead, the young people would be consulted about the design and a grinding rail had been requested. Noise levels had been measured and found to be less than the A2 noise. Full consultation with local residents would now need to take place and Cantley Estates, the recreation ground owners, would be asked for permission to install a ramp, as a first step.
Action; Clerk
- e. **Spiro roundabout speed restrictor** – Following reports that older children were misusing the roundabout, the manufacturer had been asked to quote for the installation of a speed restrictor. It was agreed not to pursue this as the manufacturer had confirmed that the roundabout met EU safety standards.
- f. **Littlebourne Children's Centre** – It was agreed to allow the Centre to set up a gazebo on the recreation ground on 23rd August to publicise its work.
Action; Clerk
- g. **Southern Water** – Councillors agreed to accept an invitation from Southern Water to visit an operational site. The company would be asked if councillors could visit a site that was relevant to Bridge.
Action; Clerk

22/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

23/10-11 Sealing of Documents

The signing of the allotment lease between Bridge Parish Council & Cantley Estates Ltd. was deferred.

24/10-11 Bank transfers:

The council noted the transfer of £4,000 between Parish Council accounts

25/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

HMRC Reimbursement of VAT Jan –April 2010 - £474.82

Bridge Tennis Club rental for 2010 season - £125

CCC Payment for Outdoor Gym Equipment - £2,625

26/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
*Clever Curves Ltd	£1,269.00	Hire of skateboard ramp £1,080 +£189 vat
Mr D Possee	£35.00	Supply of compost, manure & plants for High Street planters

Christobel Seath – Clerk	£693.42	Clerk’s salary and allowances for May 2010
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contribution for May
Kent County Playing Fields Association	£20.00	Subscription for 20010 -11
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£30.00	Rental of hall April – July = 5 sessions @ £6
Bridge Parochial Church Council	£240.00	Contribution to On the Nail for 2009/10 & 2010/11 (£120 per year)
Fresh-Air Fitness	£1,507.53	First payment for outdoor exercise equipment
Streetmaster	£659.18	New Bench for Bridge Hill = £561.00 bench + carriage + £98.18 vat
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£14.80	Mileage 37 miles @ 40p per mile Bridge-Ramsgate Funding Fair 2.6.10

* Cheque authorised between parish council meetings

27/10-11 Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Lewis reported that his newly acquired barrow, used for rubbish and hedge cuttings collected around the village, had been repainted green.

The meeting closed at 9.09p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 8th. July 2010 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.