

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2006 in Bridge Village Hall

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

- 124. Apologies for absence;** There were no apologies for absence.
- 125. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**
Cllr Gulvin declared an interest in items 6 and 7g
- 126.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2006 were amended at item 119b. to record that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting is 27th April 2006 and were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 127. Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. **Recreation ground** Councillors Beinder & Corfield had visited the recreation ground with Dr John Puckett to consider how the area could be developed as an environmentally sensitive area. It was agreed that the project should be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting
 - b. **Flood Map** –Deferred to next meeting.
 - c. **Annual Parish Meeting** It was reported that Ms Chinnadurai, Headmistress of Bridge Primary School, had agreed to be the main speaker and that Councillor Michael Northey and Mr Bill Oakey had accepted invitations to give reports at the Annual Parish Meeting next month.
 - d. **Dog fouling** Dog fouling warning stickers were distributed to councillors to be placed on lamp posts around the village.
 - e. **Restoration of old house & street names** It was agreed that Bridge History Society, together with Councillor Beinder would be asked to mark old street and house names on a map of the village. Councillor Gulvin agreed to provide a suitable map for this purpose. **Action ; Cllrs Gulvin & Beinder**
 - f. **Low cost housing** The Rural Housing Enabler, Jennifer Shaw, had reported that two people with connections with Bridge were currently on the Canterbury City Council housing list. It was agreed to ascertain from Ms Shaw how residents of Bridge could be included on the housing list and whether they would be able to specify Bridge housing only. It was also agreed to try to find out from Ms Shaw how many residents of Adisham were on the City Council housing list before their low cost housing scheme was undertaken. It was suggested that at a later date a councillor from Adisham be invited to Bridge Parish Council to talk about the operation of the scheme in their village. **Action ; Clerk**
 - g. **Rural Street Runner** Councillor Esdale reported that, following a meeting last month, ten volunteers had come forward to help with the running of the youth group and to serve on the committee. The Street Runner will therefore continue, with four teams of two volunteers per session. Police checks are currently in progress and the group will be affiliated to Kent Youth.
- 128. Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**
Councillor Beinder reported on the Strategic Health Authority Meeting on the reconfiguration of boundaries and alterations to the ambulance service.
Councillor Edmonds reported on the Canterbury & District Parish Forum
Councillor Edmonds reported on the Public Rights of Way Parish Liaison Meeting
Councillor Esdale reported on the Police Forum Meeting
- 129. Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area**
The Close Union Rd, Bridge
Remove 1 cherry and 1 lime from wheelie bin area
It was agreed that the cherry tree should be removed but Councillor Lewis reported that the lime tree should not be removed but could have its crown raised.
Action; Clerk

130. Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. It was agreed to contribute to the running costs of the Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group costs. **Action; Clerk**
- b. Deferred to next meeting. Councillors to consider how the Action Plan is to be taken forward.
- c. It was agreed that Councillor Hill would follow up the idea of an information board for the village. **Action; Cllr Hill**
- d. It was agreed that a working party would take place on 1st April at 10.00am to put wire netting on the new footbridges in the water meadows in Brewery Lane as the surfaces had become slippery. **Action; Cllrs Hill, Esdale, Gulvin & Beesty**
- e. Councillor Lewis suggested that nominations for parish council office should be discussed informally with potential candidates ahead of the election meeting. This would ensure that councillors had prior warning of nominations.
- f. Councillor Lewis reported that a tree near the children's play area on the recreation ground was rotten and needed to be removed. It was agreed that councillors would visit the site and that the removal of the tree be discussed at the next parish council meeting.
- g. Representations were made by parishioners who were concerned about the excavations of an Anglo Saxon burial site currently taking place at Star Hill .It was agreed that the parish council would write to English Heritage requesting that the whole site be scheduled as a matter of urgency. A copy of the letter would be sent to the land-owner. **Action; Clerk**
- h. It was agreed that the clerk's salary should be increased from point NJC 15 to point 16 with effect from 1st April 2006.

131. Correspondence Noted

132. Letter of authorisation to transfer £1,000 between the two bank accounts held by Bridge Parish Council was agreed. **Action; Clerk**

133. The following receipts were noted;
Bridge Junior Football Club, Annual subscription for 2005/6 season - £50.00
Bridge Parish Plan Re-imburement - £500.00

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

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Little Stour & Nailbourne Management Group	£25.00	Contribution to administrative costs up to 2009
The Audit Commission	£141.00	Audit of Parish Accounts 2005/6
Christobel N Seath	£385.31	Clerk's salary and office expenses – February
Kent Association Of Parish Councils	£430.39	Annual subscription £341.61 + £59.78 vat + £14 Local Council Review +£15 Parish News 6 extra copies

134. Any other business

- a. The Parish Council decided not to purchase a lime sapling at a cost of £70 in aid of Canterbury Cricket Club funds.
- b. Councillor Esdale distributed posters concerning the mobile police station.
- c. It was agreed not to publicise ITV's appeal for participants in a reality TV show about relationships on the parish council website.
- d. The Audit Commission had completed their audit of the 2005/6 parish accounts, which would be available to view in Cllr Gulvin's office for fourteen days from 10th March.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th.April 2006 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

