

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present: Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beinder, Esdale, Gulvin, Hill & Lewis

- 118/10-11** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Beesty, Corfield and Wilmshurst.
- 119/10-11.** **Declarations of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**
There were no declarations of interest or lobbying on agenda items
- 120/10-11.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th. February 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 121/10-11** **Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. Recreation Ground – Cllr Gulvin agreed to retain the inspection folder for one more month. There had been damage to the football pitch when a match had been played in very wet weather. It had had to be dragged and rolled at a cost of £65. It was agreed to defer a decision on new springers to the next meeting. Payment for the tree work on the recreation ground had been approved because the work had been agreed previously by Jon Lamborne, the city council Tree Officer. (Minute ref 108/10-11 refers)
 - b. Affordable Housing. - The Parish Council agreed that they supported the name of Brickfields for the affordable housing development. They would prefer not to add Close, unless this was insisted on by the city council which had strict rules for naming new housing areas. Southern Housing Group would be informed.

Action; Clerk

It was noted that the hedge had been cut back at the site.
 - c. The Mill Centre – Canterbury City Council had made no decision about the future of the Centre. It was reported that the oil storage depot had been sold.
 - d. Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed to ask a representative of Bridge Primary School and the Secretary of Bridge Village Hall Management Committee to give reports at the Annual Parish Meeting. Representatives of Bridge Farmers' Market Committee, Southern Housing Group and the Housing Department of Canterbury City Council had agreed to speak.

Action; Clerk

122/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

A2 Slip road meeting 11th. February 2011- Report circulated
Parish Forum Sat 26th. Feb – Cllr Edmonds & Clerk – Report circulated
Rural Area members Panel – 17th January – Cllr Gulvin – Report circulated
A Greener Economy-Time for Change - 23rd February – Cllr Gulvin – Report circulated

123/10-11 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposal was noted;

4A Brewery Lane, Bridge
Reduce crown of walnut in back garden to approx 6m high x 4m wide
Fell cherry tree 3m from front wall of house, whose roots are affecting front wall & porch. Replace in a more suitable position

124 /10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Standing Orders** Cllr Edmonds signed a revised copy of Part 2 of Standing Orders.

- b. **Overgrown Public Rights of Way** – The council were happy to appoint Mr Tony Walder as Footpath Warden for the parish. Since no work had been done to keep public rights of way clear for walkers in the area for some time, it was agreed that the parish council would undertake this work with trained volunteers. A comparative costing for the purchase or hire of a brush cutter and ancillary safety equipment would be brought to the next meeting and a decision taken on whether to purchase the equipment. Mr Walder agreed to store the equipment if it was agreed to purchase it. **Action; Cllr Gulvin**
- c. **Sports Pavilion Insurance** – It was reported that the BVST was currently experiencing financial difficulties because of an exceptionally large electricity bill, which had been received following several under estimated accounts. After some discussion (from which Cllr Gulvin as Chairman of BVST was excluded) it was decided that the parish council would not pay for the costs of the pavilion insurance. However, it was agreed that the new garage doors would be paid for out of Concurrent Function Funding. The future of BVST would be discussed at a future date as both the Chairman and Secretary of BVST were intending to resign. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Clerk's Salary** – It was agreed that the Clerk should progress to salary point LC21 on the anniversary of her appointment on 1st April.
- e. **Little Stour & North Nailbourne River Management Group**- It was agreed to pay a subscription of £50 to the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group which was doing valuable work in helping to prevent flooding in the area and in trying to resolve the local sewage problems experienced in Bridge last year. **Action; Clerk**
- f. **The future of Speedwatch** – The Speedwatch equipment would be available for hire next month from Lower Hardres. It was reported that there was a serious problem with speeding vehicles along the Patribourne Rd. High speeds had been reported from 8.00am onwards. Speeding traffic was particularly dangerous because of the entrance to the Health Centre and the children's playground nearby. It was agreed to ask Kent Highways to carry out a speed survey on Patribourne Rd and to consider placing an interactive speed sign there. Cllr Esdale would call a meeting of volunteer helpers willing to be trained on the Speedwatch equipment at 6.45pm on 14th April, before the parish council meeting. PCSO Dodwell would be asked to attend. **Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk**

125/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

126/10-11 Sealing of Documents

The contract between Dayspring Football Club and Bridge Parish Council was signed.

127/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

Canterbury City Football Club – Arrears of rent £300
 Dayspring Church Football Club rental - £100
 VAT Reimbursement - £7,456.52
 KCC – Bus shelter grant - £2,000

128/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
AON	£8.90	Additional Insurance for Pratt Bench
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contributions for February 2011
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£693.42	Clerk's salary & allowances for February 2011
Savills	£225.00	Recreation Ground rental charges in arrears 29/9/10 –24/3/11
D. Parr*	£273.60	Tree work on sycamore tree, recreation

		ground £228.00 + £45.60
Softation (M E Esdale)	£84.00	Domain hosting, spam filter & web site maintenance £70.0 + £14.00 vat
M E Esdale	£19.16	Reimbursement of fixings (anchor & lock) for Pratt bench
Mill Centre Management Committee	£496.80	New water heater (£414.00 + £82.80 vat)
Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group	£50.00	Subscription for 2011/12
Christobel Seath (Clerk)	£47.12	Petty cash

*Payment authorisation deferred at February meeting on advice of Tree Warden. Payment made on 1st March.

129/10-11 Any Other Business

- a.** Cllr Lewis reminded councillors about the village litter pick on Saturday 12th. March. Volunteers were to meet at the Post Office at 2.00pm.
- b.** Cllr Edmonds thanked all councillors for producing, preparing and distributing the Spring Newsletter throughout the village.
- c.** Cllr Edmonds reported that the broken down car had been removed from Conyngham Lane.
- d.** There had been complaints about the increasing amount of dog mess appearing in the village. It was agreed to ask CCC to renew the lamp post stickers. **Action; Clerk**
- e.** Cllr Hill reported on a new system of portable CCTV which was being used in some areas of the UK to catch fly tippers. It was agreed to enquire if the city council had such technology with a view to using it at the recycling point. **Action; Clerk**
- f.** It was agreed not to intervene in a neighbours' dispute which had been reported but to give the complainant details of the local mediation service. **Action Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th April 2011 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.