

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2009 in Bridge Village Hall

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

1/09-10. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman for 2009-10

Cllr Edmonds was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Esdale, seconded by Cllr Beinder and elected unanimously
Cllr Hill was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Esdale, seconded by Cllr Wilmshurst and elected unanimously

2/09-10. Areas of Responsibility to Committees and Outside Bodies

The following changes were made to councillors' responsibilities;

Cllrs Gulvin, Esdale and Beinder would form the new Parish Emergency Planning Committee
Cllr Beinder would cease to have responsibility for the restoration of old street names as that project had ended
Cllr Esdale would represent the parish council when needed on the Police Forum

3/09-10 Apologies for absence; There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Edmonds and Gulvin & KCC Cllr Northey

4/09-10. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items. There were no declarations of interest or lobbying on agenda items.

5/09-10. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th. April 2009 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6/09-10 Disposal of business from the last meeting

- a. Recreation Ground- Cllr Beinder would take over the Recreation Ground folder from this month. Cllr Corfield would hold it temporarily for the week of 25th. May.
The council praised the contractor who had re-turfed the goal area and attended daily to repair damage and the destruction to his signs and tapes by local youths.
The police would treat the recreation ground as a 'hot spot' following problems with litter and damage over the holiday weekend caused by youths camping on the field.
- b. Affordable Housing – Nothing to report
- c. Speedwatch –The signs had been ordered but incorrect sample versions had been emailed. PC Gibson would contact the supplier and collect the signs when ready. It was agreed to train volunteers and arrange to borrow the equipment from Lower Hardres as soon as the signs had arrived. **Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk**

7/09-10 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Canterbury District Parish Forum, 25th. April – Cllr Edmonds (Minutes circulated)

Inter Route's Meeting of Stakeholders regarding proposed bridleway across the A2 at Kingston, May 13th. – Cllr Esdale to circulate a paper report
A Public Exhibition of the proposed bridleway over the A2 would be held from 4.00pm onwards on 10th June at the Simon Langton Boys' Grammar School

8/09-10 Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted:

31 High Street, Bridge

Remove a small hazel tree on left hand side boundary of rear garden

The Burrden, 2 Conyngham Lane, Bridge

Fell a Scots pine located on rear boundary of the garden

9/09-10 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Audited Parish Accounts for 2008-9-** The Internal Auditor's report was read out and the Parish Accounts for 2008-9 were signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer **Action; Clerk**
- b. **Annual Parish Meeting-** It had been drawn to the parish council's attention that it was not permitted for individuals to make statements that might influence voters at official meetings in the six weeks before an election. As the European and County Council Elections were due to be held on 4th. June, it was decided to withdraw the invitations to City Cllr John Anderson and County Cllr Michael Northey to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. Both would be welcome to attend and speak to parishioners informally after the meeting.
Cllr Edmonds would explain the reasons for this decision in her speech. **Action; Cllr Hill**
- c. **Joint Police & Parish Council Surgery-** it was decided to agree to PC Gibson's suggestion to hold a joint surgery in the village hall. Other relevant bodies, such as Kent Highways, might also be invited to send a representative. It was suggested this should take place on Thursday 9th. July before the Parish Council meeting. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Councillors' Information Day** – No councillor was available to attend this event.
- e. **Local Ditches-** Kent Highway Services had asked for help in identifying the ownership of local drainage ditches. It was agreed to inform them that the parish council was not aware of any local ditches in the parish that fell within the scope of their survey. **Action; Clerk**
- f. **Bridge Fete Parking Request** –It was agreed to allow the upper part of the recreation ground to be used for parking for the village fete on 13th. June provided the weather was fine. **Action; Clerk**
- g. **Public Consultation on Time Limited Parking in Western Ave Lay by** – As nothing further had been heard about the public consultation to be carried out by Canterbury City Council, the Clerk would ask the city council when it was expected this would be completed **Action; Clerk**

10/09-10 Correspondence – Noted

11/09-10 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of £2,500 between Parish Council accounts

12/09-10 Receipts;

The following receipts were noted;

Canterbury City Council – Concurrent Funding	£ 8,625.26
Precept 09/10	£24,502.46
VAT reimbursement	£378.54
Bridge Tennis Club subs for 2009-10	£125.00

13/09-10.The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Allianz	£1,477.87	Parish insurance from 6. 2009/5.2010
Christobel N Seath	£665.47	Clerk's salary and office allowance for April 2009
Patricbourne with Bridge PCC	£200.00	Contribution for the upkeep of the churchyard 2009
AJL Garden Services	£225.00	Supply of topsoil & turf and repair of goal mouth area
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£48.82	2 Printer Cartridges £42.45 + £6.37 vat
D Possee	£35.00	Plants, compost & maintenance of village planters
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£22.00	Hire of hall for PC meetings April, May, June & July 09

A Williams, Manager Mansfield Court	£7.99	Refreshments for volunteers working on the Recreation Ground 7 th May 2009
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14/09-10. Any other business:

- a. **Pot holes in Higham Lane** – A Kent Highways Inspector had visited the site and authorised work to be carried out to fill the potholes in.
- b. **7 High Street** – It was reported that the front garden of this house had been tarmacked over. It was agreed the Clerk would ask Canterbury City Council if permission had been granted for this. There were potential problems with run off. **Action; Clerk**
- c. **Drains cover Bifrons Path** – This needed re-seating. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- d. **Public Footpaths Map** – The map would be re-erected on May 27th. at a cost of £55 to the parish council. It was agreed to point out to Kent County Council that the relatively recent wood of the supports was rotten and suggest that the posts be concreted in. **Action; Clerk**
- e. **Triangle bus service** - It was agreed to support Kent Highway Service's bid for additional funding for this route **Action; Clerk**
- f. **Footpath by A2 slip road at Renville** – It was agreed to ask Kent Highway Services/ Inter Route to clear away the grass which was growing over the footpath by the A2 slip road. **Action; Clerk**
- g. **Parish Portal** – The parish council agreed to participate in Kent Highways Parish Portal Scheme and would apply for registration and training. **Action; Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th.June 2009 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.