

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2010 in Bridge Village Hall

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

66/10-11 **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Lewis and KCC Cllr Northey.

67/10-11. **Declarations of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.**
There were declarations of interest on agenda item 7e by Cllr Esdale, Secretary, Bridge Farmers' Market Committee and Cllr Gulvin, Member of 'Bridge Going Green'.

68/10-11. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th. October 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

69/10-11 Disposal of business from the last meeting

a. Recreation Ground – Cllr Gulvin would take over the inspection folder from Cllr Beinder at the end of the month. The graffiti on the pavilion had not been removed by CCC. Cllr Beinder thanked all the volunteers who helped with the working party on the recreation ground on 6th.November. The replacement of the 'springies' on the children's play area was discussed. It was agreed to consider submitting a request for funding under the Capital Grant Scheme in December. The clerk would find out if it would be possible to purchase only replacement ride on sections of the 'springies' from Wicksteed Leisure.

Action; Clerk

b. Affordable Housing – Canterbury City Council had asked the High Court to deal with the appeal against the decision to refuse permission for a judicial review of the planning decision as expeditiously as possible to prevent the funding for the affordable housing scheme being lost. The council noted the news item on the affordable housing scheme that had appeared in that days edition of the Kentish Gazette and urged villagers to write to the newspaper to express their views.

c. Bus shelter – Cllr Gulvin reported that an order for the timber work of the bus shelter had been placed.

Action; Cllr Gulvin

70/10-11 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

KHS Community Operations Parish Seminar

29th October Ashford – Cllr Hill

Protect Kent AGM 8th November – Cllr Hill

Rural Area members Panel 8th November – Cllr Esdale

71/10-11 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;

Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill, Bridge

Reduce large apple tree to previous cutting points

Reduce ash trunk to previous cutting points

Thin out Portuguese laurel and trim back re-growth

Reduce crown of large ash and reduce canopy as required

72 /10-11 Matters for Discussion and Action

a. Community Cup- It was agreed to defer a decision on whether the parish council would award a Community Cup for Bridge in Bloom until the January meeting of the parish council.

b. Fly Tipping- A large quantity of builders materials had been fly tipped at the top of Bridge Hill near the bus shelter. The Clerk would ask Serco to remove it.

Action; Clerk

- c. **Canterbury City FC** – Canterbury City FC had not paid any rental or returned the contract for the current season. They had failed to respond to emails from the clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk would telephone one of their officials and explain that the club would be deemed to have accepted the terms of the contract by using the pavilion and ground from the start of the season and would therefore be liable for payment of the outstanding fees. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Overhanging Trees Higham Lane** – It was agreed to refer this complaint by a resident of Bridge Down to Kent Highway Services. **Action; Clerk**
- e. **Payment to Farmers' Market**- Payment of start up costs to Bridge Farmers Market as detailed at 77/10-11 below was agreed. The council approved part of that sum (£350) under Section 137 of the Local Government Act Of 1972 (as amended) being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section. **Action; Clerk**
- f. **Speedwatch Project**- It was agreed to suspend the Speedwatch project until the spring and to review the future of the project at the March 2011 meeting of the parish council.
- g. **Pot holes in the High Street**- The badly pot-holed section of the High Street, outside the Post Office, would be re-surfaced in the New Year using funding from KCC Cllr Michael Northey's KCC Members Funds.

73/10-11 Correspondence – Noted

74/10-11 Sealing of Documents -

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

75/10-11 Bank transfers;

The council noted the transfer of **£4,000** between Parish Council accounts. It was not necessary to transfer the £24,000 stated on the agenda because the payment of £18,938.00 by KCC had been paid into the cheque account direct.

76/10-11. The following receipts were noted;

Bridge Football Club - £250.00

KCC Grant for village hall renovations - £18,938.00

77/10–11 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Bridge Farmers' Market	£750.00	Parish Council donation to start up costs Farmer's Market = £400(Minute 61/10-11a) and Section 137 payment = £350
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£693.42	Clerk's salary & allowances for October 2010
Post Office Ltd	£27.83	Employer NI Contributions for October
Selwyn Lewis	£165.50	Prunus tree, compost, stake and ties for recreation ground (Minute 49/10-11e)
Green Construction Ltd	£21,338.80	Balance of Village hall renovation costs less 2.5% (£18,160.68 + £3,178.12 vat)

78/10-11 Any Other Business

- a. **Autumn Newsletters** – It was agreed that the distribution of the Parish Newsletter in Autumn in future should be arranged on a different week from the annual Poppy Collection for the British Legion.
- b. **Mill Centre** – Cllr Beesty reported that one of the boilers in the Mill Centre had broken down and was probably beyond economic repair. The future tenancy of the building was still in doubt. The Committee therefore proposed to install a water heater and were using portable heaters as a temporary measure.

- c. **Mrs Potter** – Cllr Hill had written to thank Mrs Potter who had taken the minutes of the October Parish Council meeting when the Clerk was unavailable. Cllr Edmonds also agreed to write on behalf of the parish council to thank her.
Action; Cllr Edmonds
- d. **Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership** – It was agreed that the council should send a letter of support for this organisation to KCC and a request that funding should not be cut.
Action; Clerk
- e. **Kent Downs AONB** – Cllr Edmonds would complete the on-line survey for this organisation.
Action; Cllr Edmonds
- f. **Kent Highways Survey** – Cllr Hill would complete this survey. Cllrs were reminded that a meeting had been arranged between the parish council and officials of KHS. Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk in advance of any issues they would like to raise at the meeting at 3.00pm on 17th November in the Hunter Room.
- g. **Scam Reported** – Cllr Edmonds warned of a telephone scam that had occurred recently. An overseas caller advised the householder that their computer was affecting neighbouring computer users. They were asked for computer details, passwords etc. Full details will be put on the village website. The police had been informed but as the scam originated overseas, were unable to take action.
- h. **Race to Infinity** – Cllr Esdale reported that 12% of Bridge Residents had now voted for superfast broadband in the area. Broadband users in the village and surrounding area could vote via a link on Bridge village website. www.bridgevillage.org.uk
- i. **Christmas Trees** – Cllr Esdale reminded residents that the Christmas trees would be put up in the High Street on 4th December. Volunteers should meet in the village hall at 9.30am. This is a great community activity and all are welcome to take part.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th December 2010 at **7.00 pm** in Bridge Village Hall.