

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 th. October 2009 in Bridge Village Hall

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

49/09-10 Apologies for absence; There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Edmonds, Beesty and Gulvin

50/09-10. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items. There were declarations of interest or lobbying on the following agenda items.
Cllr Esdale-Lobbying- item 7f Football contracts, - item 7a Budget- Secretary of BVHMC & Treasurer of Mill Centre
Cllr Beinder –item 7a Budget - Member of BVHMC

51/09-10. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th. September 2009 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

52/09-10 Disposal of business from the last meeting

- a** Recreation Ground – Cllr Beesty holds the Recreation Ground inspection folder
The wire fence behind the youth shelter was damaged. It was agreed to write to the health centre to request that they consider repairing it. **Action - Clerk**
The fence and stile by the field was damaged. It was agreed to write to the landowner to draw their attention to its condition. **Action – Clerk**
Plants had been dug up from round the pavilion. The PCSO had been informed.
It was agreed that the John Purchase memorial tree should be planted on the recreation ground near the site where the rowan tree had been removed. It was hoped that a native species would be planted. **Action ; Cllr Lewis & Clerk**
- b.** Affordable Housing – The planning application for the affordable housing scheme would be discussed at the Development Control Committee on 13th October. Cllr Hill would speak in favour of the application, which the Planning Department had recommended for approval.
Cllrs Hill, Esdale & the Clerk had met Steve Osborne of CCC Housing Department to discuss the s 106 agreement and the implications of Choice Based Letting. The council's request for a tri-partite agreement for the part of the s 106 which covered eligibility would be referred to other city council officers for comment. It was agreed to ask the legal department of CCC to provide a letter outlining the safeguards that applied to an exception site. **Action; Clerk**
- c.** Bus stop at Butchers – A meeting had taken place between councillors and representatives of Kent Highways & Stagecoach. It had been agreed that the bus stop would be re-sited. If this were not possible before Christmas, a temporary bus stop would be installed to allow Mr Wakeham room to park his refrigerated van outside his shop over the Christmas period.
- d.** Bus shelter – A planning application had been submitted for the erection of a bus shelter by the wall at the pharmacy bus stop. Kent Highways and Stagecoach had no objection to the application.
- e.** Bench for the corner of Western Ave. Kent Highways had agreed that the bench, which was formerly outside Bridgeway Stores, could be re-sited at the junction of Western Avenue and the High Street near the planters. It was agreed to consult residents of 52-60 High Street about the new position for the bench. **Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk**
- f.** Zig-zag lines at zebra crossing by the chemists Kent Highways had agreed to a pavement extension outside the pharmacy to prevent motorists parking illegally on the zig- zag lines by the zebra crossing. Funding could be a difficulty and it was agreed to write to KCC Cllr Michael Northey to ask him to consider providing finance from his member's fund for local projects. **Action; Clerk**
- g.** Speedwatch – Cllr Esdale had asked Lower Hardres Parish Council to allow Bridge PC to hire their Speedwatch equipment each month. A decision was expected after their parish council meeting later in the month.

- h. Bridge Environment Group – The bid for technical support from the Energy Saving Trust for Kent, Surrey and Sussex had been unsuccessful. Only one village in Kent could be supported each year. It was hoped a bid could be submitted next year.

53/09-10 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Rural Forum 28th September – Cllr Beinder - Oral Report

NHS Eastern & Coastal Kent PCT AGM 30th September – Cllr Beinder – Oral Report

54/09-10 Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;

1 Riverside Close

Reduce to previous cutting points and remove dead branches of willow trees located to the side of the house on the banks of the Nailbourne

6 Bridgeford Way, Bridge

Fell one dead ash tree on stream bank behind garage

55/09-10 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. Parish Budget for 2010-11 – The budget for 2010-11 was approved. The request for Concurrent Function Funding Expenditure would be 10.82% lower than last year. The Precept figure would remain the same as last year. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- b. System of Internal Control – The system of internal control had been examined by the Finance Committee and the parish council approved the Statement on Internal Control
- c. Dog mess – The continued problem of dog fouling on the pavements had been raised by a resident. Several areas of Bridge were affected. It was agreed to ask CCC to place a dog bin at the end of Conyngham Lane and to request more lamp-post stickers reminding dog owners of the penalties for this offence. **Action; Clerk**
- d. Bridge Village Initiative – Item deferred to January 2010
- e. Fly Tipping at the Re-cycling point - CCC had agreed to arrange a meeting with Chris Paine of Street Scene to assess the problem. It was agreed to write to Bekesbourne with Patricbourne PC to draw their attention to the problem as the site was in their parish. It was also agreed to ask them to consider taking action on the litter in the area across the road from the A2 slip road from Canterbury. A Bridge volunteer currently cleared this area but it was a dangerous site and it was suggested that joint action could be taken by both parishes to hold a communal litter pick to remove the rubbish. **Action; Clerk**
- f. Contracts for Canterbury City and Bridge Football Clubs – The new contracts were approved in line with the decisions taken at the September parish council meeting. The use of the ground would be limited to one named team for each club and to one specified practice evening for the named team only. No use of the pitch would be allowed by either team after 31st May until pre –season training. The goal posts would be removed at the end of the season. It was agreed that the contract for Bridge FC would allow the team to use the pitch for pre-season practice from 1st August. Canterbury City FC would only be permitted to use the ground from 15th August because of the greater disturbance caused to residents by their practices. **Action; Clerk**
- g. Christmas Trees for the High Street – It was agreed that the parish council would put up Christmas trees in the High Street. Cllr Corfield had kindly donated a set of ladders. The trees would be put up on Saturday 5th December and taken down on Saturday 2nd January. All volunteers to help on these dates would be welcome. More sets of LED lights would be purchased this year. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- h. Wet pour repairs for the play area – Cllr Hill had obtained a quotation for the repair of the play area surface. It was agreed to obtain two more quotes before making any decision. **Action; Clerk**
- i. Maintenance of Recreation Ground 2010-11 – Having considered the four quotations received, the council decided to award the contract for recreation ground maintenance to Saunders House Landscapes Ltd, Ash. **Action; Clerk**

56/09-10 Correspondence – Noted

57/09-10 Bank transfers:

The council noted the transfer of £1,000 between Parish Council accounts

58/09-10. The following receipts were noted;

Sale of metal goalposts and other scrap metal collected - £20.00

BVST rental for 2009 - £10,00

59/09–10 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
BT *	£77.61	Telephone Account £67.36 + £10.13vat
Patricbourne with Bridge PCC	£200.00	Contribution to upkeep of churchyard 2009– (Re-issue of cheque not cashed)
Christobel Seath	£665.47	Salary & office allowance for September 2009
BVHMC	£24.00	Hire of hall for PC meetings Sept – Dec 2009 incl. @ £6 per session
Mervyn Gulvin	£85.00	Reimbursement of local authority planning fee – bus shelter

*Paid by direct debit

60/09-10 Any Other Business

- a. Planting Morning –Cllr Beinder reminded councillors that a planting morning would take place by the pavilion on Saturday 24th. October at 9.30 am. All volunteers would be very welcome.
- b. Road surface on High St- Cllr Beinder reported that the road surface at the top of the High Street was in a poor condition. It would be reported to Kent Highways – **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- c. Patricbourne Rd Hedges – Homeowners along Patricbourne Rd were still allowing their trees to overhang the footpath. It was agreed to report the situation to the Kent Highways Liaison officer to ask if Kent Highways could take action. **Action; Clerk**
- d. Mobile Library – KCC had informed the parish council that, as a cost cutting measure, in future only one staff member would operate each mobile library. Vans would be fitted with computer systems for borrowing and ordering books.
- e. Valuation of sports pavilion and tennis club premises – Notification of the valuation of these sports facilities had been received. The valuation could be challenged.
- f. Phone masts -Cllr Hill reported there were expected to be fewer mobile phone masts in the countryside. He pointed out that this could have implications for farm incomes.
- g. Kent Highways Parish Seminar 25th. November – Cllrs Esdale and Lewis agreed to attend this seminar.
- h. Canterbury District Parish Forum 21st November – It was agreed that Cllr Esdale & the Clerk would attend. Other councillors could attend if available
- i. Street Cleaning – Cllr Lewis pointed out that there had been infrequent cleaning of some of the streets in Bridge and wondered whether the village was getting a similar level of service to Canterbury city.

The meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 12th. November 2009 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.