

Minutes of  
**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.August 2011 in Bridge Village Hall

**Present;** Cllrs Hill (Chairman), Atkinson, Cook, Corfield, Hodges, Oakey, Wilmshurst and Ward

- 40/11-12**        **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Edmonds
- 41/11-12.**        **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** There were declarations of interest from Simon Cook, Beaver Colony Leader and City Councillor on agenda item 3a- Mill Centre and from Bill Oakey, Member of Development Management Committee of CCC also on agenda item 3a- Mill Centre.
- 42/11-12.**        **Matters for Discussion and Action**
- a.**                **Mill Centre –** Mark Esdale, Treasurer of the Mill Centre Committee, reported the views of that committee following a recent committee meeting. Their strongly preferred option was to buy the Centre to secure its future for the youth of Bridge and ensure continuity. After an extensive discussion, it was unanimously agreed to ask the city council to agree to the parish council's purchase of the Mill Centre at a rate favourable to community use, preferably at the current book value. Failing this, the parish council would seek to obtain a long lease on the building at an affordable rent.  
**Action; Clerk**
- b.**                **Methodist Chapel –** It was unanimously agreed that the council should pursue the possibility of purchasing the Methodist Chapel to use as an amenity for the community. This proposal would be put to the Rev Boxer, Superintendent Minister of the Canterbury & Coastal Methodist Circuit at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting of the parish council on 8<sup>th</sup> September.  
**Action; Cllr Hill**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.September 2011 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.