

Minutes of  
**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in Bridge Village Hall

**Present;** Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Esdale, Gulvin, Hill & Lewis

- 98/09-10**      **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Wilmshurst and KCC Cllr Northey
- 99/09-10.**      **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
- 100/09-10.**      The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 101/09-10 Disposal of business from the last meeting**
- a. Recreation Ground – Cllr Corfield holds the recreation ground inspection folder. It was noted that there was a lot of mole activity on the ground at present.
  - b. Affordable Housing – Contracts had been exchanged for the purchase of the site. A soil analysis had been carried out and no contamination had been found. Tenders were being invited for the construction of the dwellings.
  - c. Allotment lease - Deferred to March as a reply was still being put together.  
**Action; Cllr Gulvin**
  - d. Recycling Point – A meeting had been held at the recycling point with Cllr Lewis, Mrs Wicker and a representative from CCC's Street Scene. It was regretted that no representative of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council had been present. The potential for a CCTV camera was being explored. The hedge behind the bottle banks and along the lay by had been cut back and it was planned to move the bottle banks back to the hedge to prevent fly tipping behind them. It was agreed to write and thank CCC for the good job they had done on cutting back the hedging.  
**Action; Clerk**
  - e. No parking sign Western Avenue – CCC had agreed to move the sign to the lay by as it was presently situated on private land.
  - f. Street lighting – In response to the Parish Councils request for energy saving lighting KCC had advised that there would be a nation wide review of street lighting and that no decision would be taken until that report had been produced.
  - g. Canterbury City Football Club – The club had finally returned the signed contract to the parish council and paid the fee of £600 for the use of the recreation ground this season. Bridge Junior Football Club had still not returned signed contracts or paid their fees for the current season despite repeated requests. Cllr Beesty would contact the club.  
**Action; Cllr Beesty**
  - h. Rateable Valuation of the Sports Pavilion; An Enquiry Form had been completed and returned to the Rates Office in respect of the sports pavilion.

**102/09-10 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Rural Area Members' Panel 18<sup>th</sup> January – Written report circulated by Cllr Hill

**103/09 –10 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area**

The following proposal was noted;

Klisterli' Patrixbourne Rd, Bridge

Reduce leylandii by front gate to approx 8ft, same height as adjacent hedge  
Reduce conifer behind hedge by approx 10 to 12 ft and reshape  
Reduce ash tree in rear garden to previous cutting points and reduce outer growth & reshape.

**104/09-10 Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. Canterbury District Local Development Framework – Responses to the consultation questions were agreed and would be sent to the city council. **Action; Clerk**
- b. Bridge Emergency Plan – After some discussion it was agreed that the Emergency Planning Committee would meet again to consider the issues that had been raised and would report back to the parish council in March with further proposals.  
**Action; Cllrs Beinder, Esdale & Gulvin**
- c. Community Orchard – The parish council supported the proposal by BEST for a community orchard. Cantley Estates would be asked for permission to clear and use the land to the north of the allotments, on the old allotment site. **Action; Clerk**
- d. Picnic Table – It was agreed to buy a new picnic table for the recreation ground. A possible local supplier would be contacted. **Action; Cllr Gulvin & Clerk**
- e. Joint Litter Pick – It was suggested that a joint litter pick with Bekesbourne-with – Patribourne Parish Council should take place on either 27<sup>th</sup> March or 10<sup>th</sup> April starting at the recycling point at 9.30am. The Clerk would liaise with Bekesbourne PC to agree the date. **Action; Clerk**
- f. Skateboard ramp – The parish council agreed to hire a skateboard ramp for the recreation ground for a weekend, probably in May to coincide with half term. Councillors would consult young people in the village to decide which items would be hired and would come to the March parish council meeting with proposals and costs. **Action; Cllrs Beesty & Esdale.**
- g. Flood Route – It was agreed to ask Kent Highway Services to designate Bridge High Street a ‘flood route’ as this would result in more frequent gully cleaning. The parish council thanked residents for their co-operation in removing their cars from the High Street on two occasions to allow gully cleaning to take place. This had now been carried out. **Action; Clerk**
- h. New phone/fax/copying machine – It was agreed to buy a new phone/fax/answering/copying machine for the clerk’s office to replace the faulty one. The approximate cost would be £85. **Action; Clerk**

**1053/09-10 Correspondence – Noted**

**106/09-10 Bank transfers;**

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

**107/09-10.** The following receipts were noted;

HMRC Vat reimbursement Oct – Dec 2009 - £807.38  
Canterbury City Football Club fees - £600.00

**108/09–10** The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

| <b>Payee</b>                     | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| BVHMC                            | £18.00        | Hire of hall for parish council meetings Jan, Feb, Mar 2010   |
| Mervyn Gulvin                    | £66.90        | Photocopying costs April - Nov 2009 = 58.17 + £8.73 vat   |
| Christobel Seath – Clerk         | £671.45       | Salary and allowances for January 2010  |
| Christobel Seath                 | £26.80        | KALC Clerk’s Training morning 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb (£10.00) & travel costs to Lenham 42 miles @ 40p per mile = £16.80 |
| Mill Centre Management Committee | £161.00       | Boiler service and inspection (£140 + £21 vat)  |

**109/09-10 Any Other Business**

- a. Cllr Lewis said that the London bound slip road to the Canterbury road at Renville had been cut back, after several requests from the Clerk. Cllr Hill reported that a large part of a car and a 'Men at Work' sign had been left on the verge. The clerk would write to the contractors to thank them for the work and to ask them to remove these items. **Action; Clerk**
- b. Cllr Lewis noted that the oil depot was being dismantled well.
- c. Methodist Church – A new kitchen and toilet had been installed, paid for by the Methodist Church
- d. Mill Centre – Cllr Beesty said that more maintenance was required on the Mill Centre. This would be an agenda item for March.
- e. Sports Pavilion – Cllr Gulvin confirmed that BVST currently insure the pavilion.
- f. Funeral of David Whittaker – This would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00noon at Barham Crematorium

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. March 2010 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.