

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2009 in Bridge Village Hall

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

90/08-9. Apologies for absence; There were apologies for absence from County Cllr Northey and City Cllr Anderson

91/08-9. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items. There were declarations of interest on agenda items by Cllr Esdale (Item 7f -Treasurer of Mill Centre) and Cllr Beesty (Item 7f -Chairman of Mill Centre Committee.)

92/08-9. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th. December 2008 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

93/08-9 Disposal of business from the last meeting

- a. **Recreation ground –** Cllr Gulvin holds the recreation ground inspection folder. There were no problems to report.
- b. **Affordable Housing –** The parish council formally agreed the written response to the letter from Mr Harrison dated 4th. December raising several questions about the Affordable Housing project. The reply was then read out to the meeting by the Chairman and a copy of it was handed to Mr Harrison. It was reported that the planning application for the scheme had not yet been submitted to Canterbury City Council by Southern Housing Group.
- c. **Bifrons Path Cycle Barrier –** Kent Highway Services had informed the council that the path was too narrow to allow a cycle barrier to be erected as this would impede disabled access and push chairs etc. It was agreed to write to the matron of Mansfield Court to inform them of KHS's decision. **Action; Clerk**

94/08-9 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

There were no reports from representatives to outside bodies.

95/08-9 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposal was noted;
10 High St, Bridge
Remove leylandii tree at south western corner of garden
Remove lilac tree adjacent to western boundary of garden
50% reduction of cherry tree adjacent to western boundary of garden

Action; Clerk

96/08-9 Matters for Discussion and Action

a. **Recreation ground working party –** It was agreed to hold a recreation ground working party to clear up the area near the pavilion on Saturday 7th March at 9.30am. Cllr Beinder would purchase the necessary trees, plants and equipment. Cllr Beinder reported that she hoped to enlist the support of Stour Valley Project volunteers to help with weeding the new hedge, however personnel changes in that organisation made this doubtful at present. **Action; Cllr Beinder.**

b. **Recreation Ground Maintenance Contract –** Having considered three competitive quotations it was agreed to award the contract for 2009 to Landscape Services, our current contractor. It was agreed to write to Landscape Services to ask when they would be carrying out the first cut of the year and to put them in contact with Cllr Beinder to try to avoid any damage to areas of planting. **Action; Clerk**

c. **Litter Blitz –** It was decided a village Litter Blitz would take place on Saturday 28th. March. Cllr Lewis agreed to write an item for the next Parish Newsletter.

Action; Cllr Lewis

d. **Smoking Shelter at the White Horse –** It was agreed to write to the City Council to draw its attention to the erection of a smoking shelter at the White Horse, a Grade II listed building. The council was unaware of any planning permission having been granted for this structure. At the same time it would be pointed out that the smoking

shelter at the Red Lion, for which planning permission was refused, was still *in situ*. The council would ask what action was being taken in this matter. **Action; Clerk**

e. Meeting to discuss the re-siting of the bus stop outside the butcher's shop- The council would try to arrange a meeting between Mr Wakeham, Kent Police, Kent Highway Services and Stagecoach to resolve the problem caused by the re-positioning of the bus stop. **Action; Clerk**

f. Mill Centre Boiler – The council noted repairs had been carried out costing £436.

97/08-9 Correspondence – Noted

98/08-9 Sealing of Documents

The signing of the Agreement between Bridge Junior Football Club and Bridge Parish Council for 2008-9 was again deferred.

99/08-9 The following receipts were noted:

EDF Energy - £3.45
 Christmas tree donations £50.00
 Christmas tree donations - £240.00

100/08-09 Bank transfers:

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

101/08-9. The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
*BT	£79.33	Telephone account from 9/9/08 to 8/12/08 £68.98 + £10.35 vat
Ann V Edmonds	£15.26	Chairman's Allowance expenses
Christobel N Seath	£635.33	Clerk's salary and office allowance for December 2008
CPRE	£29.00	Annual Subscription
Mill Centre Management Committee	£501.40	Repairs to boiler - £436.00 + £65.40 vat
Simon Gomm (Payee Miss H Bailey)	£925.25	Work on village hall and Mill Centre
Cllr Mark Esdale	£433.82	Christmas lights and hooks £372.46 + £61.36 vat

* Paid by Direct Debit

102/08-9. Any other business:

- a. **Cllr John Anderson –** In view of his lack of support for the parish council and complaints from residents, it was agreed to table a Motion of No Confidence in Cllr Anderson at the February meeting of the parish council. Cllr Anderson would be informed of this decision. **Action; Clerk**
- b. **Station Rd , Bekesbourne closure –** Cllr Hill agreed to represent the parish council at a meeting on 9th January to discuss the closure of Station Rd Bekesbourne for approx 9 weeks to allow drainage work to take place. **Action; Cllr Hill**
- c. **Lord Mayor's Award –** It was agreed to nominate a local organisation for this award. **Action; Clerk**
- d. **Canterbury City Football Club –** A statement from the club was read out explaining that if Canterbury first team were to be promoted, matches next season would not be played at Bridge. However the club would continue to use the ground for one of its reserve sides.
- e. **Meeting to discuss Affordable Housing -** It was agreed to ask Mr Harrison for details of his proposed public meeting so that they could be included on the village website. **Action; Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

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