

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2008 in Bridge Village Hall

Present; Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Corfield, Esdale, Gulvin, Hill, Lewis and Wilmshurst also City Councillor John Anderson to item 129.

- 124/07-8. Apologies for absence**; There were no apologies for absence
- 125/07-8. Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items**. There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
- 126/07-8.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th February 2008 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 127/07-8** Mr Morton, Architect and Mr Mark Sheardown, purchaser of part of the land at Highland Court Farm, gave a presentation. A seven acre site identified adjacent to Gomez is being planned to house 300,000sq ft of business/storage use B3/B8. Also the redevelopment of the farm complex. It was suggested that Canterbury City Council supported this as overspill from the Wincheap Industrial Estate when that is redeveloped and the area would be allocated in the District Local Plan. Councillors raised several issues – traffic directions, access to Highland Cricket Club; surface condition of Coldharbour Lane.

128/07-8. Disposal of business from the last meeting

a. Recreation ground – The new youth shelter had been well received and was being used. One large hole had developed in front of the practice goal area and several other small holes had appeared on other parts of the recreation ground. It was agreed to ask Kent Landscape Services to fill in the goal-mouth hole and to contact A Glew to ask him to fill in the smaller holes. **Action; Clerk**

The broken willow branch had disappeared from the recreation ground. It was reported that two road works signs had been left by the pavilion. Cllr Esdale would try and ascertain to whom they belonged. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
One of the new signs on Bifrons Path had been turned away from the path and the other at the Patribourne Rd entrance had been knocked from its post. These would be replaced. **Action; Cllr Esdale**

Cllr Beinder reported that she would need approximately £200 for the Wild Flower Project up to the end of the 2008-9 financial year.

b. Higham Park Planning Inquiry – Cllr Gulvin had circulated a written report on the Higham Park Planning Inquiry. The Inquiry would not be closed until 5th April to allow for a possible s.106 Agreement to be drawn up between the applicant and Canterbury City Council. The outcome of the Inquiry may be known in early May. Bridge Parish Council would not be eligible to apply for costs as it was a third party in the case. It was agreed to lobby NALC to try to get this ruling changed to enable parish councils to recover costs when they participate in planning inquiries. **Action; Clerk**

c. The Mill Centre – The meeting of the Mill Centre Committee had been postponed until 17th March.

d. Newsletter – Cllr Edmonds thanked Cllr Corfield for producing the Spring Newsletter, which was approved by the Parish Council. The Fish Scheme had asked to include a flyer with the delivery. Cllr Edmonds would arrange for this to be given to Cllr Beinder. It was hoped that the newsletters and flyer would be ready for delivery by Sunday 16th March. **Action; Cllrs Edmonds, Beinder & Esdale**

129/07-8 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Parish Forum Meeting 1st March – Cllr Esdale
(Report emailed to councillors)
CPRE Climate Change Seminar 1st February – Verbal report from Cllr Hill

130/07-8 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;
Little Bridge Place, Mill Lane, Bridge
Remove fallen southern beech from rear of garden
6 Bridgeford Way
Clean out multi stemmed ash & reduce crown of willow tree both on stream bank in back garden.

131/07-8 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a. **Sports Pavilion-** Cllr Gulvin explained plans to extend the sports pavilion by 2 metres. This would enlarge the size of the changing rooms to bring them up to the required standard. It would give the pavilion a longer lease of life for its future requirements and use. The parish council supported this proposal.
- b. **Youth Shelter** – The parish council agreed to use funds in the Section 137 budget together with project funds to meet the shortfall of £1,745.00 in the cost of the youth shelter. This had mainly been financed by a grant of £5,000 from Kent County Council. It was agreed to ask County Cllr Michael Northey to open the shelter officially at 6.30pm on 8th May, before the Parish Council Meeting.
Action; Clerk
- c. **Maurice & Eileen Smith** – The parish council congratulated Maurice and Eileen Smith on 60 years of marriage.
- d. **Code for Sustainable Homes-** Cllr Gulvin explained the new Government code for sustainable homes assessment. Levels 3 to 6 were for sustainable homes. Level 6 homes would be carbon zero while level 3 homes would be approx 23% better than current regulations. All new homes after 1st May 2008 must reach level 3 standards and Sustainable Homes Code levels must be shown in planning documents. The regulations would affect Bridge's Affordable Housing project and it was anticipated that the houses would be built to level 3 requirements.
- e. **Annual Parish Meeting** – Cllr Esdale would arrange for soft drinks and snacks and hire glasses and Cllr Hill would buy the wine for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was decided not to invite an outside speaker this year. **Action Cllrs Esdale & Hill**
- f. **Access via Western Ave by Oil Tankers** – Cllr Lewis reported that a few tankers were using Western Ave as a route to the Mill Lane oil depot. This was contrary to the restriction on the use of the road by tankers that was imposed when the estate was built. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would ask the manager of the depot to ensure that the restriction was observed. **Action; Cllr Esdale**
- g. **Freedom Bus Passes** – It was agreed to ask Stagecoach to re-schedule the 9.28am bus from Bridge to Canterbury to 9.30am. This would allow holders of Freedom bus passes to use the bus without payment because the passes are only valid from 9.30am onwards.
Action ; Clerk

132/07-8 Correspondence - Noted

133/07-8 Transfer – The transfer of £12,000 between Parish Council accounts was noted

134/07-8 The following receipt was noted;

KCC grant towards Youth Shelter - £5,000

135/07-8.The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Mervyn Gulvin	£153.50	Photocopying £130.64 + £22.86 vat
Christobel N Seath	£610.89	Clerk's Salary and office allowance – February 2008
Canterbury City Council	£379.01	£322.56 + £56.45 Delivering youth sessions 1/10/07 –31/12/07
Monster Play Systems	£7,925.38	£6,745.00 + £1,180 vat Youth Shelter (£5,000 grant from KCC)
Savills	£225.00	Cantley Estates charges 29.09.07 – 24.3.08
Mervyn Gulvin	£42.40	Expenses for attendance at Planning Inquiry 19 th – 21 st February
John E Hill	£26.55	Mileage claim Bridge Maidstone return = 59 miles @ 40.5 p per mile for CPRE Climate Seminar 1.3.08
Dr W Le-Las	£3,430.00	Fees for preparation & attendance at Higham Park Planning Inquiry
Christobel Seath	£36.17	Petty cash

136/07-8. Any other business;

a. Restoration of old Street Names; Cllr Beinder had found a new supplier of street signs. It was agreed to send details of the signs required and ask for a quotation of the cost. New photographs would be needed to send to the supplier. **Action; Clerk & Cllr Esdale**

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th. April 2008 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.