

Minutes of
BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th.March 2010 in Bridge Village Hall

Present; Cllrs Edmonds (Chairman), Beesty, Beinder, Esdale, Hill, Lewis & Wilmshurst

- 110/09-10** **Apologies for absence;** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Corfield, Gulvin and KCC Cllr Northey
- 111/09-10.** **Declaration of Interest & Lobbying on agenda items.** There were declarations of interest on agenda item 7d by Cllrs Beesty & Esdale; Chairman and Treasurer of the Mill Centre.
- 112/09-10.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

113/09-10 Disposal of business from the last meeting

- a** Recreation Ground – The footpaths notice board had been returned to its original site near the lay by. Moles continued to be very active. The spider was in need of re-painting. The cost would be investigated. It was agreed to apply to the Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust for a grant towards the cost of adult exercise equipment for the recreation ground. **Action; Cllr Beesty**
The Clerk would attend the Funding Fair in Sevenoaks if possible.
- b.** Affordable Housing – The Section 106 agreement should be signed by Canterbury City Council next week.
- c.** Allotment lease – Deferred to April Parish Council in the absence of Cllr Gulvin.
- d.** Joint Litter Pick – This would take place jointly with volunteers from Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne PC on Saturday 10th April. Volunteers should meet at the re-cycling point in Bridge at 9.30am and bring high visibility vests if possible.

114/09-10 Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Parish Forum 27th February 2010 – Cllr Esdale - Report circulated
Workshop on the Implications for the Health Sector of the Local Development Framework– 8th March 2010 – Cllr Beinder – Verbal report

115/09 –10 Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

The following proposals were noted;
Oast Cottage, Great Pett Farm, Bridge
Remove three honey locust trees to benefit remaining tree
The Byre, Renville, Bridge
Remove 1 conifer towards field boundary and replace with more suitable tree

116/09-10 Matters for Discussion and Action

- a.** Canterbury City Football Club – After some discussion it was agreed that Canterbury City Football Club would be offered a further year's contract for the hire of the recreation ground once the current contract ran out in May 2010. The club officials apologised for not attending BVST meetings and confirmed that they would attend these in future. The football club agreed to investigate the possibility of requesting only two home games in September. The club had tried to prevent spectators standing on the side of the pitch by residences but, as the ground was a public space, this was difficult to enforce. It was agreed to write to Serco in support of CCFC to ask that in future the officials' area should be marked on the side of the pitch away from residences. **Action; Clerk**
- b.** Annual Parish Meeting- This would be held on Thursday 20th May. It was agreed to ask a representative from Bridge Energy Saving Team to speak at the meeting. A representative from Chartham Parish would be asked to make a presentation about their community orchard. Mrs Horsley would also be asked to give a report as

Secretary of the Bridge Village Hall Committee. Cllr Edmonds would purchase wine and Cllr Esdale would arrange soft drinks and snacks.

Action; Cllrs Edmonds, Esdale & Clerk

- c. Parish Accounts for 2009/10 – Councillors considered the parish accounts. Cllr Edmonds thanked Cllr Esdale for giving an overview of the financial situation.
- d. Mill Centre Repairs – It was agreed to pay the full cost of the repairs to the Mill Centre before the end of the financial year. The full cost would be £760 of which £329.27 had already been paid. **Action; Cllr Esdale & Clerk**
- e. New Version of Standing Orders – It was agreed to buy one hard copy of the Revised Standing Orders at a cost of £25. Part II of the new Standing Orders would be adapted to Bridge’s needs by a working group in due course. **Action; Clerk**
- f. Skateboard Ramp Hire – Deferred to April Parish Council
- g. Bridge Emergency Plan – Deferred to April Parish Council
- h. Bridge Junior Football Club – The club had paid the annual fee. The return of signed contracts was still awaited.
- i. Hedging Material for the Recreation Ground – It was decided that the parish council did not require the hedging material offered to it by the Allotment Society.
- j. Extension of Bridge Health Centre – It was agreed to write to the East Kent Primary Health Care Trust in support of Bridge Health Centre’s plans for an extension to the Centre, which were experiencing funding difficulties. **Action; Clerk**

117/09-10 Correspondence – Noted

118/09-10 Bank transfers:

The council noted the transfer of £5,000 between Parish Council accounts

119/09-10. The following receipts were noted;

Christmas tree donations - £20.00

120/09–10 The following items were authorised for payment; (note that 2 signatures are required on the invoice, cheque stub and cheque)

Payee	Amount	Purpose
Woodland Workshop	£99.00	Picnic bench
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	£35.00	Annual subscription 2010
Savills Client Account	£225.00	Recreation ground rent 29.9.09 to 24.3.10
Christobel Seath – Clerk	£671.45	Salary and allowances for February 2010
Post Office Ltd	£69.83	Employers National Insurance Contribution Dec, Jan, Feb
Christobel Seath - Clerk	£84.99	Fax/phone/copier machine £72.33 + £12.66 vat
Cllr M Esdale	£14.20	Travel costs to Parish Forum meetings at Upper Harbledown and Herne 35.5 miles at 40p per mile
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£786.00	Annual insurance for Bridge Village Hall
Green Construction Ltd	£2,656.68	Repairs to sports pavilion £2,261.00 +£395.68 vat
Simon Gomm	£20.00	Repair of notice board in pharmacy bus shelter
Simon Gomm	£329.27	Repairs to Mill Centre
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee	£6.00	Hire of hall for BEST Coffee Morning/Information Event

121/09-10 Any Other Business

- a.** Cllr Lewis reported that the parking restriction sign on Western Avenue had been re-positioned by the lay by.
- b.** Cllr Lewis reported that the bench on the recreation ground had been painted.

The meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 8th. April 2010 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.