

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Mr A Staples (Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr R Vernon
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs M Rumble (Clerk), Borough Cllr James Hannam and six members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

The meeting was then adjourned to hear from members of the public.

A local resident Mr Howard Lilley who wished to speak on the planning application 17/00872 – The Mobile Home, Pound Hill Farm. He stated that the application contravenes core policies on planning and also the Local Plan and National Guidelines. Mr Lilley stated that in the 1980's a previous application had been submitted for a bungalow and this was refused on appeal. In 1994, a mobile home was placed on the site for the personal use of the owner, the owner is now not able to return to the mobile home due to ill-health. Mr Lilley stated that since all previous applications submitted on this site have been refused he would like to see this planning application go to the planning committee if TWBC officers recommend that permission be granted.

The agent for the applicant then spoke on the application and that this house was needed for the applicant so that he may return, the proposed property will be suitable for wheelchairs and will also have the extra rooms for a carer. The applicant has lived all his life in the Village and would like to return but a mobile home is not suitable.

Borough Councillor James Hannam spoke on this stating that as Tunbridge Wells Borough Council does not have a 5-year building supply, being outside the limits of built development would no longer be a planning consideration. The application can be called in but there has to be a valid planning reason for this to happen and not just objection from residents.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ballantyne, Cllr Tuke

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct, Part 2)

There were no declarations.

3. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Hannam stated that since the last meeting there had been little support for the £30 garden waste bin charge. He stated that if the Council decide to introduce a separate food waste collection then they would be able to charge for a garden waste bin as at present all food waste goes into the general waste collection. This would be a way of raising money for the council. Cllr Hannam stated that the cost of the new Theatre would be in the region of 70 million and substantial savings would need to be made, on top of the savings which have already been made due to the cuts from local government. Cllr Hannam confirmed that there will be a consultation on the proposed Theatre in November.

It was also noted with appreciation from the Parish Council to the Borough and County Councillors for their help in getting the speed limited changed on the A229.

Cllr Hannam then left the meeting at 7.50pm

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Croucher, seconded by Cllr Cullingworth and agreed to approve the minutes of the February meeting. **RESOLVED** by all members present

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Sign

Cllr Croucher updated members, she had spoken with Adrian Bone who had stated that replacing the metal around the bottom of the post would be too costly, so it was necessary to look at other options. Cllr Croucher and Cllr Gosbee would take this forward.

Parish Field Parking Area:

Cllr Staples stated that the garages at Bakery Close had now been demolished and this area could now be used as parking for the whole village.

Fire Hydrant Review

Mr Lilley was present at the meeting and updated members on this, he stated that in general the Fire Hydrants were in a poor condition, the markings are also faded and some of the Hydrants look like they have not been lifted for quite some time. The Chairman asked Mr Lilley if he would mind drawing up a report on this and forward to the Clerk and she will then contact KRFS.

Village Clean Up

The Chair asked that this is an agenda item for July.

Highway Code, Speeding and Parking – School project

Cllr Cullingworth had no update on this at the moment as the school has only just returned after the Easter holidays.

Play equipment

The repairs had now taken place.

Pullen Farm

The appeal will take place on the 10th May

Bank Mandate

The Clerk updated members on this

6. PARKING

Cllr Vernon was still waiting contact from Paul Catt the Highway Steward for an update on the white lines, he will keep chasing.

7. Speedwatch

Cllr Croucher stated that dates in May, June and July had been booked. There will also be a Speedwatch meeting at the Police Headquarters this weekend where she will raise the question of why some of the vehicles are still saying processing. There are also 9 people trained but not all these are active and 2 new people but they are not yet trained.

8. Affordable Housing

The Chairman had carried out a site search with Tessa Sullivan from ARCK, the results of which had been forwarded to all members. Cllr Vernon will get details of all the Titles for the sites and then a meeting will be arranged to discuss the next steps.

9.

The Chairman spoke on the fun run which takes place every year and stated that Insuring the Fun Run is extremely expensive and would like to see a way the Parish Council could cover this through their own Insurance. All members **RESOLVED** this was a good idea. The Clerk will speak with the Insurance company and find out the costs that would be involved. The run is 3.3 miles and goes from the Pub and back again.

10. Telephone Box

The Clerk informed members that she had spoken with other Parish Councils regarding Insuring the Telephone Box, it seemed that the insurance value was between £2000 and £3000. The Clerk will update the Insurance company. The Clerk was also asked to contact BT regarding the Electricity and the cost of this and the telephone line in the phone box which had been disconnected. There is nothing further to add on this at the moment

11. ROAD REPORT

Cllr Gosbee read out his report. There are various pot holes all around the village which have all been reported and work to repair these should be taking place. He has also stated that blocked culvert by Park Farm has now been repaired. There has also been some fly tipping up Sand Lane which he will report.

12. PLANNING

Applications:

New applications

*17/000872/FULL – The Mobile Home, Pound Hill Field, Biddenden Road, Frittenden
Construction of a new dwelling and garage*

VOTE 3 FOR REFUSAL 2 ABSTENTIONS

Reasons for refusal:

1. No material considerations identified that should permit development of this agricultural land outside the Limits to Build Development of Frittenden.
2. Any development of this open site in a prominent hill side location would have a negative visual impact and a negative impact on the character of the village.
3. Highway safety concerns as access to the site is on a blind bend at the brow of a hill with no visibility.

17/01100/FULL – Well House, Knoxbridge, Frittenden

First floor and single storey extension: Garage conversion with extension to annexe.

ALL MEMBERS RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

Outcome of previous applications

17/00354 – West Barn, Appleton Farm, Green Lane, Frittenden

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16/07702/FULL – Shenlands Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Headcorn

PERMISSION GRANTED

Correspondence:

There was none.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

15 FINANCE

It was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

FRITTENDEN
PARISH
COUNCIL
PAYMENTS -
APRIL 2017

Cheque Number	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
102213	£475.92	£79.32	£396.60	Harper Landscape Architecture	Landscape consultancy appeal for Pullen Farm
102214	£353.88	£58.98	£294.90	KALC	Subscription 2017/18
102214	£72.00	£12.00	£60.00	KALC	Rural Conference attendance
102215	£166.40	£27.72	£138.68	Biffa	Litter bins - February, March, July 2016, August 2016
102216	£156.49	£26.08	£130.41	Kent Grassland Services	Grounds maintenance
102217	£15.00	nil	£15.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Hall Hire
102218	£44.04	nil	£44.04	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses
102218	£329.75	nil	£329.75	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks Salary
102219	£82.20	nil	£82.20	HMRC	PAYE - April
DD0401	£23.80	£1.13	£22.67	Eon	Street lighting energy - March

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45PM