

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7.30pm

Present were: Mr A Staples (Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mr R Vernon
Mr J Tuke

In attendance: Mrs M Rumble (Clerk), Borough Cllr James Hannam and one member of public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cullingworth, Cllr Gosbee

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Croucher proposed Cllr Staples, Cllr Tuke seconded. It was **RESOLVED** by all members present that Cllr Staples will stand as Chairman for the next year and he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as did the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Parish Council.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Staples proposed Cllr Gosbee in his absence, seconded by Cllr Vernon. **RESOLVED** by all members present that Cllr Gosbee will stand as Vice-chairman for the next year.

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

There were no declarations.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Hannam stated that it is relatively quiet at TWBC at the moment due to the forthcoming Elections. The Annual Council meeting and Mayor making happens next week.

The Parish Council is aware and would have had a copy of the Local Plan consultation which runs until the 12th June. There are 5 options with regards to housing and possibly one or more of those options will be in the Local Plan. There are 2 options which could affect the Parish Council, all areas would be expected to take some development, the other option - and the one most favoured by the TWBC Councillors - would be the new garden village. There has been no decision as to where this could go at the moment, possibly the A21 corridor. The consultation is only on the options and not on the Local Plan itself, residents are being urged to comment on this.

Cllr Hannam touched on the CCTV in Tunbridge Wells, Southborough and Paddock Wood and that in order to save money it was discussed to move from active monitoring to passive monitoring, this could save TWBC around £100,000 a year but in the end, it was felt that active monitoring of the CCTV should remain in place.

Cllr Hannam then left the meeting at 7.45pm

The meeting was then ADJOURNED to hear from the Applicant Kiri Lee for Lakeside Farm, she stated that she had lived in the village for 10 years and her husband for 38 years and would like to stay in the village which is why they are seeking planning permission to build on this site. The Chairman thanked her for her comments, and the Parish Council would decide on the application later in the meeting.

The meeting then resumed.

6. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Sign

Cllr Croucher had no update at the moment.

Fire Hydrant Review

No update had been received from Mr Lilley.

Highway Code, Speeding and Parking – School project

Cllr Cullingworth was not present at the meeting

Play equipment

Agenda item

Affordable Housing

The Councillors had a sub-committee meeting to discuss the sites, each Councillor has been allocated sites and will contact the owners of these sites to see if they would be interested in the land being used for Affordable Housing. Cllr Staples has contacted and spoken with the owners of 4 of his sites, two have declined and would not like their sites included.

This is ongoing.

8. PARKING

Cllr Vernon confirmed that the white lines have now been painted, Cllr Vernon then spoke on the parking restrictions and that we should encourage people to self-help by parking more responsibly and that placing notices on owner's vehicles would not be the way forward, due to potential damage to vehicles and the Parish Council should place themselves in such a position. The Parish Council possibly place something on the media to remind people how they park

9. Speedwatch

Cllr Croucher stated that only two sessions have taken place this month, this is due to people having other commitments. Cllr Croucher asked if anyone would like to help with Speedwatch then to contact her. Frittenden has had the equipment slightly longer this month as Sandhurst are not able to make use of it. Cllr Croucher attended a seminar at Kent Police which was very interesting.

10. Local Plan

The Chairman stated that Cllr Hannam had given a good introduction on this, some of the supporting documents are not yet available online. The main objective is for the Parish Council to look at the 5 options and reply with the option that they think would be best for the Parish Council. The Chairman stated he thought that Parish Councils could have until the 30th June to reply, the Clerk will double check this with TWBC. The Parish Council would like to respond in more detail. Councillor Vernon will prepare a draft set of responses to bring back to the June meeting for the Councillors to use as a starting point for discussion.

11. Play equipment

Cllr Croucher informed members that the platform on the slide has a hole in it, she has taken it out of action for Health and Safety reasons. The platform and the panel on the side of the slide both need replacing. Cllr Croucher will speak with the Clerk and get a quote from Proludic and also ask about the material of the platform and panel as it appears to be chipboard which is not very weather resistant.

12. Parish Councillor vacancy

The Chairman stated that due to personal circumstances Cllr Ballantyne has resigned, the Clerk will now advertise the vacancy on the website and noticeboard.

13. Rail Services

Cllr Vernon stated that as an individual he will be responding, but he could tailor make his questions to the views of the Parish Councils.

The Parish Council will respond to the following questions on the following key points: -

- Metro style carriages – unsuitable for journeys of an hour or longer journeys, but for short journeys they make sense.
- First class seating does not really make a difference.
- Care for the station
- Ticket sales – this is not a problem
- Conductors – these are good as long as they remain
- Customer service – This needs to be improved, the public need to be better informed on delays and cancellations.
- No fewer than 2 trains an hour throughout the day
- Closer linkage between Network Rail and the Operation company

Cllr Vernon will summarise the points raised at tonight's meeting

Proposed by Cllr Croucher, seconded by Cllr Tuke, **RESOLVED** by all members present

14. **ROAD REPORT**

Cllr Gosbee was not in attendance due to illness.

12. **PLANNING**

Applications:

New applications

- *17/01291/FULL – Poplar Cottage, The Street, Frittenden
Proposed demolition of garage to be replaced with an extension to the kitchen, a new garage and an annexe.
This property is within the conservation area, but all members
RESOLVED to NO OBJECTION*
- *17/01162/FULL – Barnlea, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden
Two storey extension
This property is an existing Barn conversion and the application is for an extension of 53% increase in volume of the property.
All members **RESOLVED to NO OBJECTION***

Appeal

- *16/05831/FULL – Lakeside Farm, The Street, Frittenden
Erection of a detached dwelling with garage, parking provision and other associated works.
The applicant for this property was present and had previously made a representation to the Parish Council, this application was previously refused by the Parish Council and by TWBC, this is an open Green site and is also in the conservation area and would not enhance the area. The Parish Council wish to stand by their original decision, proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Croucher.
RESOLVED by all members present*

Outcome of previous applications

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

Correspondence:

There was none.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

None

14 FINANCE

It was proposed by Cllr Croucher, seconded by Cllr Tuke and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows, subject to the exclusion of the Harper Landscape invoice, which was excluded pending clarification:

FRITTENDEN PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS - MAY 2017					
Cheque Number	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
102220	£156.49	£26.08	£130.41	Kent Grassland Services	Grounds maintenance
102221	£1,360.00	£240.00	£1,120.00	Harper Landscape	Consultancy - Pullen Farm
102222	£407.98	£68.00	£339.98	Gala Tent	Spare parts
102223	£561.69	nil	£561.69	Came and Company	Insurance
102224	£250.00	nil	£250.00	Mr R Addis	Donation - Equipment Fund
102225	£554.59	£92.44	£462.15	Proludic	Play equipment repairs
102226	£41.20	£0.20	£41.00	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses
102226	£329.55	nil	£329.55	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks Salary
102227	£82.40	nil	£82.40	HMRC	PAYE - May
102228	£39.60	£6.60	£33.00	Biffa	Service Litterbins - April
102229	£50.00	nil	£50.00	ACRK	Membership 2017/18
102230	£30.00	nil	£30.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Hall Hire
DD0501	£25.20	£1.20	£24.00	Eon	Street lighting energy - April
TOTAL	£3,888.70	£434.52	£3,454.18		

To sign the Annual Return for 2016/17

It was proposed by Cllr Croucher, seconded by Cllr Vernon and **RESOLVED** by all members present that the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial sign and date the Annual Return for 2016/17.

The Chairman then completed the Annual Governance Statement The council considered each question and the Chairman completed Yes or No answers as appropriate. The Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial signed and dated the Annual Governance Statement.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm