

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Cllr Sean Holden, 1 member of the public, Hazel Gosbee and the Clerk – Mrs Michelle Rumble

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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

There were no declarations.

A resident was present as the applicant for the planning application and would be able to ask any questions members may have.

3. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Holden was present and stated that most of his time recently has been taken up with Bus appeals, none of which were Frittenden residents. Cllr Holden said that KCC Budget Consultation was underway and was available for residents to comment on www.kent.gov.uk/budget. Cllr Holden was also involved with KALC for a ban on lorries in Rural roads – John Wilson the Transport Committee Chairman for KALC stated that there are 12000 lorry movements a day on Kent Roads, and a lot of these are on small rural roads. Cllr Holden commented on the New Theatre and Civic Centre in Tunbridge Wells, there will meetings coming up in November which the Chairman of Parish Councils can attend, Cllr Holden had no further updates and left the meeting at 7.45pm

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING

It was RESOLVED by all members present that the minutes both the planning minutes from the 29th September and Parish Council minutes from 19th September are a true and accurate record and that being the case Cllr Staples signed both.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Sign

Cllr Croucher presented at the meeting some plans which had been drawn up by Gordon Bridges. It was felt by all members that as there was no Budget Allocation for this, that an amount should be placed in the Budget for 2018/19. This was proposed by Cllr Staples, seconded by Cllr Riley and RESOLVED by all members present.

The Council noted with thanks the help received from Mr Bridges.

Fire Hydrant Review

Ongoing.

Play equipment

The Clerk updated members that the play equipment will be repaired week commencing the 30th October. Cllr Cullingworth had asked Mark Plummer to look at the area around the gate on the entrance to the playing field, a quote of £50.00 had been received to dig out, level area around the gate. It was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Gosbee and **RESOLVED** by all members present that they accept the quote and ask Mark Plummer to carry out the work. Cllr Cullingworth will inform him of this. The overgrown tree is still ongoing.

Affordable Housing

Agenda item

6. MEETING WITH KELVIN HINTON

The meeting with Kelvin Hinton had taken place, Cllr Staples and Cllr Vernon were both present. The main reason for this meeting was to discuss the principle of Neighbourhood Plans and what the basic issues would be if the Parish Council decided to go ahead with producing one. Cllr Vernon stated that at present 9 TWBC parishes are in the process of producing Neighbourhood Plans and all at different stages. It was made clear that a Neighbourhood Plan is not intended to prevent development but it is about the village taking more control and indicating what improvements would we want to see if development did take place. The process is long and will take approximately 2 years, 1 year – with the parish and 1 year with TWBC. There are also cost implications. Neighbourhood Plans are very costly, but there is some funding available to help with the process. Cllr Vernon stated that he will prepare a note on this. It was felt that the Parish Council should not rush in and make a decision on this but wait until the new TWBC Local Plan was available as any Neighbourhood Plan would need to fit into this. This will not be until the Spring.

7. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Croucher had met with Alan Watson from Kent Police and that the site has been reassessed, 2 new people have been signed up.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Staples and Councillors had met with Debra Dixon from TWBC and Tessa O’Sullivan from ACRK, they will be contacting KCC Highways who will carry out an accessibility study on all four sites, a map and plans have all been forwarded to KCC Highways in order to complete the study.

9. HEDGES AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Staples reported that there seems to be a vast amount of encroachment from verges/hedges onto the footpaths around the Village. Cllr Staples spoke with Paul Catt at the meeting regarding this issue and he stated that the first port of call was to contact the property involved and if from there they do not cut back the offending hedge then the next point of call would be to report it to KCC. Cllr Staples felt that the Parish Council should draw up a letter which could be sent to the residents in questions. The Clerk reported that she already carries this out at another Parish and would prepare a letter for the Councillors to look at.

10. ROAD REPORT – GENERAL

Cllr Gosbee reported that there has been an enormous amount of fly tipping, especially in Grandshore Lane. This road is also in a bad state of repair but it is down to have repairs and these should be carried out within the next month. Cllr Gosbee has also been in contact with Karen Wing from KCC regarding the request of a disabled bay outside of the school. Karen Wing will be visiting the site to take a look and will let Cllr Gosbee know the outcome. Cllr Cullingworth stated that it had been reported to her by a parent of speeding outside of the school in which her vehicle was almost damaged. Cllr Cullingworth

asked if perhaps signage could be placed outside the school “saying no parking at certain times “. Cllr Gosbee will speak with Karen Wing to see if she could also look at this when attending the site Cllr Staples spoke on his meeting which took place between Councillors and Paul Catt the Highway Steward for KCC. They spoke on weeds and spraying in the Village, the responsibility of this falls to KCC – pavements and TWBC – gutters. Paul Catt was going to look into whether Frittenden was on the

spraying schedule but Councillors though not as they had never seen this being carried out. The Clerk will also email Robin Hadley on this matter.

Regarding the stones which are placed on verges by residents Cllr Riley has written an article on this which has been placed in the Parish magazine.

11. MBC JUDICIAL REVIEW

Cllr Staples wanted this on the agenda to discuss the process of a Judicial Review and what it means. It is a way of wrapping the knuckles of the Borough Council where they have not followed the correct procedures. It is a very long and painful process, but as it only challenges the decision-making process and not the decision, it would only be worth doing if the correct process has not been followed. It would not be an effective use of tax payers’ money. The Parish Council will continue to support residents by making representations on planning issues as they have previously done so.

12. PLANNING

New applications

17/03229/FULL	<p>1 Lower Buckhurst Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden – Proposed erection of stables, muck store, associated yard and adjustments to existing driveway.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Gosbee and RESOLVED by all members present to NO OBJECTION</p>
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Outcome of previous applications

17/02622/FULL	<p>Well House, Knox bridge, Frittenden Erection of single storey extensions and garage conversion with extension to annexe PERMISSION GRANTED</p>
<p>17/02756/LBC 17/02755/FULL</p>	<p>Balcombe Farm – Listed Building Consent APPLICATION WITHDRAWN Balcombe Farm – Conversion of existing garage into artist’s studio. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN</p>
16/07112/SUB	<p>Park Farm House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden APPLICATION APPROVED</p>

Planning Correspondence:

None

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14. FINANCE

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It was proposed by Cllr Croucher, seconded by Cllr Vernon and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows. The Payments will be signed outside the meeting.

	FRITTENDEN PAYMENTS				
Cheque Number	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
102253	£156.49	£26.08	£130.41	Kent Grassland Services	Grounds maintenance
102254	£376.60	nil	£376.60	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - October
102254	£39.39	nil	£39.39	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - October
102255	£94.20	nil	£94.20	HMRC	PAYE - October
102256	£15.00	nil	£15.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Hire of Hall
102257	£50.00	nil	£50.00	Mr B Millard	Honorarium
102258	£41.60	£6.93	£34.67	Biffa	Service of litter bins
DD1001	£25.20	£1.20	£24.00	Eon	Street lighting energy - September
TOTAL	£798.48	£34.21	£764.27		

- There was a Bank Mandate for HSBC to be signed by Cllr Tuke who was being added as a signatory and two councillors who were existing signatories also signed the Bank Mandate. This was proposed by Cllr Staples, seconded by Cllr Vernon and RESOLVED by all members present.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.