

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.30pm

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

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

A member of the public wished to speak on the Appeal, which the Parish Council would discuss later in the meeting. He stated that observations were that there are now 2 sites and that these are sub-divisions on the original site, many of these issues have already been aired which include drainage, light-pollution and traffic.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Riley

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 and Cllr Holden were not present at the meeting. Cllr Staples had attended a Parish Chairmen's meeting and spoke on the items which were relevant to the Parish Council. A new Data Protection Act comes into force in May 2018, the Clerk is attending a workshop in January on this. The Chairman is also on the waiting list for a place on this workshop. The Charity Commission have a guide on this on their website. The Local Plan is in progress and the definitive views on this will be out next year. They also spoke on the Budget and the problems they are having. Kelvin Hinton will be retiring next year. The Refuse and Recycling contract will go out for Tender next year and will be phased in from March to June 2019, but the Parish will end up with more bins and is likely to be weekly food waste, fortnightly garden waste(optional) and another bin for tins plastic and glass as well as bins for general refuse and paper.

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

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present that the minutes from the 21st November 2017 are a true and accurate record and that being the case Cllr Staples signed both.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play equipment

The Clerk updated members that the further repairs which were agreed upon at the last meeting will be taking place shortly.

Hedges and Footpaths

As yet no letter had been sent to residents, but Cllr Cullingworth did mention that there was a resident with an overgrown hedge, she would speak with them first and following on from that the Clerk would send a letter.

Equipment Fund

Cllr Staples has a meeting with the Tent Team.

KALC Community Awards 2018

Cllr Staples thinks that this is something the Parish Council should do Cllr Tuke agreed to draft wording to put on the Community Facebook page

6. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Croucher said that she emailed all volunteers regarding who was available over the Christmas period, she did state that since the equipment had been adjusted there were far fewer people recorded as speeding through the village.

7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Staples reported that a response had been received from Deborah Dixon (TWBC) and that KCC had responded on the traffic issues on each of the four sites being looked at, each of those sites had various traffic issues including Visibility and the connection to the existing pavement. It was suggested that a feasibility study should take place but the cost would fall to the Parish Council and there was no idea on cost at this moment in time. Deborah Dixon had spoken with Sarah Lewis at TWBC and that perhaps it could be considered by a Housing Association who might possibly put some money forward for this project, but this was not definite. Cllr Staples will discuss this with Sarah Lewis. Cllr Vernon asked that 1) Can a pavement be put in 2) If a pavement was put in to any of the site would planning permission be granted 3) Traffic assessment would be required on all sites.

Cllr Staples had completed a TWBC Housing Market Stakeholder questionnaire and his replies were read out at the meeting. All members **RESOLVED** that his replies were fine and that it should be submitted as the Council's response.

8. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2018

The Clerk and members discussed the Grounds Maintenance Contract and what if any changes should be made for the coming season. There was a question raised that the Hedge on Laundry Lane had not received its cut for the year. The Clerk will speak with the contractor on this. The Clerk will also meet with Cllr Cullingworth in the new year to look at the playing field and the cuts which take place there as the boundary edges are quite overgrown, and whether this should be added into the Contract. If this is the case the Clerk will forward the amended contract to all Councillors, take their views and report at the meeting in January.

9. ROAD REPORT – GENERAL

Cllr Gosbee reported pot holes around the village, there were also tyres which had not yet been removed. If they still haven't been collected then this will be reported to Paul Shipley. The fly tipping down Grandshore Lane has still not been removed, the main reason is that it is on private land and the owner can not be located. Kerry Wing from TWBC has been and carried out at a site visit at the school in regards to parking, and has stated that there is a problem but has no idea yet on how this could be solved. In regards to the Disabled bay, all residents of the Limes will be written to and asked if they have any objection to a Disabled bay being made. The pavements at the school which Cllr Gosbee has asked if they could be dropped will be looked at in the new Financial year. Grandshore Lane re-surfacing will not be completed until the new Financial year. Cllr Gosbee wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Cllr Croucher mentioned that the Parish Council does have its own salt gritter and this will be used on the pavements when it is very frosty and icy. Some members the Tent Team will be on call to do this. Cllr Staples

reported on the parking in Biddenden Road seen between 9.30 and 11.00am and is likely to be Larchmere visitors, staff and Frittenden residents.

10. HEADCORN AIRFIELD REPORT

Cllr Tuke gave his report on the Airfield, he reported that Spitfire flights for people is expanding and that they are hoping to bring in a Dakota DC3 which will drop people by parachute who will then stage fights with some Germans, this will also happen in France as well. Cllr Tuke reported that there shouldn't be an increase in traffic because of these extra flights, but it will be at least 12 months until this happens.

12. PLANNING

New applications

17/506097	<p>The Three Sons, Parkwood Lane Parallel Track TN12 0DF – Provision of mobile home unit and utility block/day room with associated parking and facilities for one family under gypsy status.</p> <p>Resolved to object.</p> <p>Councillors object to the application on a number of grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The application contains no evidence to show that PPTS applies to this application and therefore the applicant must be considered in the same way as any application made by a member of the settled population.2. The unauthorised development of the site to date should be a material consideration for refusing this application.3. The development is unsustainable.4. The development is not suitable.5. The site floods.6. No consideration has been given to road safety concerns in terms of highway access.7. No consideration has been given to the lack of utilities including foul drainage and the risk of contamination with water courses already being contaminated.8. The proximity to an adverse impact on ancient woodland and clear lack of the requisite buffer zone.9. The risk to ecology.10. The site is not in either the existing or emerging local plan and therefore not policy compliant.11. The development will have and is having a material adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbours.12. The impact on the neighbourhood of light pollution (which is already the case due to existing unauthorised development).
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	<p>13. The development is out of character for what is (or was prior to unauthorised development) beautiful countryside and is already having an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the landscape of the area which is clearly worthy of protection.</p> <p>14. The development has a serious negative impact on the countryside and a negative impact on the neighbourhood.</p>
17/500169/ENF	<p>Appeal against Enforcement notice for hard standing and siting of a caravan at the Oaks, Frittenden Road, Staplehurst. KENT TN12 0DL</p> <p>Council comment:</p> <p>The Council fully supports the enforcement action taken by the Council and object to the appeal against the enforcement action.</p> <p>The Councillors object to the appeal on a number of grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no evidence to show that PPTS applies to the applicant and therefore the appeal must be considered in the same way as any application made by a member of the settled population. 2. The unauthorised development of the site to date should be a material consideration for refusing this application. 3. The development is unsustainable. 4. The development is not suitable. 5. The site floods. 6. No consideration has been given to road safety concerns in terms of highway access. 7. No consideration has been given to the lack of utilities including foul drainage and the risk of contamination with water courses already being contaminated. 8. The proximity to an adverse impact on ancient woodland and clear lack of the requisite buffer zone. 9. The risk to ecology. 10. The site is not in either the existing or emerging local plan and therefore not policy compliant. 11. The development will have and is having a material adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbours. 12. The impact on the neighbourhood of light pollution (which is already the case due to existing unauthorised development). 13. The development is out of

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Outcome of previous applications

17/03229/FULL	1 Lower Buckhurst Cottages, Biddenden Road APPLICATION APPROVED
17/03329/LBC	Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden Listed Building Consent APPLICATION APPROVED
17/03278/FULL	The Old Post Office, Frittenden APPLICATION APPROVED

Planning Correspondence:

None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. FINANCE

It was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Croucher and **RESOLVED** by all members present to pay the accounts as follows. The Payments will be signed outside the meeting.

	FRITTENDEN PAYMENTS				
Chq number	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
102270	£156.49	£26.08	£130.41	Kent Grassland Services	Grounds maintenance
102271	£376.60	nil	£376.60	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - November
102271	£38.82	nil	£38.82	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - November

102272	£94.20	nil	£94.20	HMRC	PAYE - November
102273	£15.00	nil	£15.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Hire of Hall
102274	£206.10	£34.35	£171.75	Streetlights	Repair to street light - Mill Lane/Valence view
DD1201	£26.04	£1.24	£24.80	Eon	Street lighting energy - November
TOTAL	£913.25	£61.67	£851.58		

- Donations

The Donation list was circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Cullingworth that all Donations are paid, minus the Young Kent donation as councillors were unsure what they did, once the Clerk has confirmed this and Councillors are happy then a Donation to them will be made.
- Budget 2018/19

The Budget was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** by all members present to add in £500.00 for the GDPR this would replace the £500.00 allocated to the Encampment, it was then proposed by Cllr Croucher, seconded by Cllr Cullingworth to agree the Budget for 2018/19 and set the precept at £15,500 for 2018/19. This was **RESOLVED** by all members present.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.