

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 17th May 2018 at 7.30pm

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr and Mrs Buchanan owners of Cherry Tree Cottage were here to speak on planning application 18/01305

The people who own Castle Cottage are more affected than themselves but unfortunately could not be at this meeting tonight. They would just like to say that the size of the plot – they do not believe what has been given will be the actual development. They also stated that the utilities and services – none of which have been identified. The pole is in our garden and would have to move to accommodate the services of the new property or moved underground to minimise this.

They share their drainage with their neighbours and the new system should not be located on the boundary as this will impact on both properties.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hannam, Cllr Riley, Cllr Tuke

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Cullingworth nominated Cllr Staples, seconded by Cll Gosbee and **RESOLVED** by all members present. Cllr Staples then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Gosbee proposed Cllr Tuke, seconded by Cllr Vernon. **RESOLVED** all members that. Cllr Tuke agreed before the meeting that he would be prepared to take on the role as Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Gosbee was thanked for all his hard work as vice-chairman and his service for the many years he has served as vice-chairman on the Council

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST (in accordance with the Member's code of conduct Part 2)

None

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Holden was present – he had a meeting with the Conservative party regarding the ongoing problem of pot holes. Since March 1400 pot holes have been filled but there is still a long way to go.

The Environment and Transport Committee have met and discussed that if they were to try and put the roads back to condition they use to be it would cost £620 million which was just not viable. The Budget within the Council has been reduced by £500 million, more business rates will be retained and the Council Tax has been capped. It will happen eventually that Social Care will swallow the whole Budget. Cllr Holden asked members if they felt it would be prudent to ask residents if they would be prepared to pay a little extra on their council tax just for the purpose of maintaining the roads. Cllr Staples asked what the cost was of repairing the roads. Cllr

Holden has had a meeting with both the Highway Manager Lisa Gilham and the Highway Steward Paul Catt regarding the roads.

Cllr Holden then went onto speak about Rural Bus Services and that they are hoping to hold a public meeting to discuss the Bus Services in the Rural areas.

Infrastructure

Rural Broadband – there is an experiment taking place for the really hard to reach areas in the Borough – they have been working with BD UK and BT. In some areas it will cost thousands to install Broadband and they are offering a voucher of £1700 for people to help with this – if they can get a group together to take this in. Cllr Staples will get in touch with Cllr Holden regarding this as there is a group which has been set up for this purpose in Frittenden.

Cllr Holden is offering a grant of £250.00 from his member grant scheme for the Silent Soldier which will be a life-size model of a soldier to be placed somewhere in the village, would the Parish Council like one and if so where would they like it to go. Cllr Staples will speak with the Historical Society and the Local British Legion.

Cllr Holden then left the meeting.

Cllr Staples reported that Cllr Hannam will not be able to make as many meetings due to his role changing at work.

6. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present that the minutes from the last planning meeting on the 17th April 2018 are a true and accurate record and that being the case Cllr Staples signed them.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play equipment

Cllr Croucher updated members that Mr Mike Ashbee had now repaired the gate, he stated that whilst repairing the gate he noticed four more bars had been bent on the play area, we are not sure if this is down to vandalism or strimming.

CCTV

A response to the FOI request had been received from KCC, but unfortunately did not have the information the Parish Council had hoped for.

Bank Mandate

The Clerk reported that once the Chairman had countersigned the Clerk's initials it could be re-sent and would be completed.

APA

Cllr Staples wondered how members felt about the format, this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Post Office

The Clerk had written but had received no response, she would chase this.

Parking

The Clerk had spoken with the PCSO on this matter and it was noticed that the parking had become a little better but this will need to be monitored over time.

8. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Croucher reported that since the last meeting no Speedwatch had taken place, but they were due to collect the equipment again.

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Staples reported that at the last meeting another prospective site had come forward – but this now looks like it would not work for the Parish Council.

10. ROAD REPORT - GENERAL

Cllr Gosbee reported various pot holes around the Village. Cllr Gosbee was still chasing for the dropped kerb at the school.

The Gateway signs around the village need to be inspected and see which ones are still serviceable and if any need repairing/replacing then the Parish Council could contact KCC or take the work on themselves at a cost to the Parish Council. Cllr Croucher suggested asking Cllr Holden if his member grant could be used for this purpose. Cllr Vernon will also speak with his neighbour.

11. PLANNING

New applications

18/01302/FULL	Elwell, Mill Lane, Frittenden, Cranbrook Relocation of garden shed and construction of a single storey side extension. All members RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
18/01305/PNQCLA	Land to the rear of Cherry Tree Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden Prior notification for the Change of use of a building and Land within its curtilage from an Agricultural use to a use falling within class c3 (dwelling house) Cllr Vernon stated that this is not a planning application but a prior notification and is using the same envelope as what is there already. The main issues are the Traffic and the Fenestration which would have high-level glazing on the Eastern Elevation. The services are not really a planning issue and the neighbours would need to discuss this with the applicant. Cllr Vernon stated that various reports had been completed but would have liked to have see the high-level glazing either changed or removed. It was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Gosbee and RESOLVED by all members present to make the following comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site line from the proposed access could result in highway safety issues on a dangerous corner and visibility splay issues. • The design/external appearance of the proposed windows in the eastern elevation of the building would materially overlook and impact on Castle Cottage.

18/01304/SUB	Balcombe Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden – Submission of details in relation to condition 5a – (Timber construction) of 18/00097LBC All members RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
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Outcome of previous applications

18/00656/FULL	Grandshore Place, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden APPLICATION PERMITTED
18/00877/ADJ	Knoxbridge Farm, Knoxbridge RAISES NO OBJECTION

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. FINANCE

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

CHEQUE LIST – MAY 2018					
Chq	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
Number					
102318	£160.00	£26.67	£133.33	Kent Grassland Services	Grounds maintenance - April
102319	£50.00	nil	£50.00	ACRK	Membership 2018/19
102320	£35.28	£5.88	£29.40	JRB Enterprise	Dog bags
102321	£83.20	£13.86	£69.34	Biffa	Service of litter bins - March & April
102322	£150.00	nil	£150.00	LCPAS	DPO Service
102323	£50.00	nil	£50.00	Mr Bernard Millard	Honorarium
102324	£20.00	nil	£20.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Hall Hire
102325	£74.83	nil	£74.83	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses
102326	£101.20	nil	£101.20	HMRC	PAYE
102327	£404.44	nil	£404.44	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks Salary - May
102328	£35.00	nil	£35.00	ICO	Membership 2018/19
DD0501	£27.72	£1.32	£26.40	Eon	Street lighting energy - April
TOTAL	£1,191.67	£47.73	£1,143.94		

Annual Return 2017/18

Cllr Staples as Chairman and the Clerk as RFO signed the Annual Return for the year ending 2017/18. This will now be sent to the External Auditor.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman's signature -----

Date -----