

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the upstairs room at the Bell and Jorrocks, Frittenden on Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr M Cooper, Mrs N Aldhouse and Cllr. Roger Manning.

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

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

New Playground:

The Chairman stated that a meeting is to be held with Maria Cook regarding weekly inspections of the play area. Mr Roy Latham has volunteered to assist with this. Mrs J Croucher and Mrs H Cullingworth also offered their help. A meeting is to be arranged at a time to suit everyone regarding training.

Street Lights:

The Contractor has been to the village to repair the lights, but due to a problem with the cables the fuse has since blown and the lights are no longer working. EDF have been contacted as any cabling faults come under their remit. The Clerk is to write to EDF requesting them to confirm when the work is expected to take place.

Any Other Business:

The Clerk reported that a grant for Christmas decorations of £50 had been received from TWBC.

5. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2010 were agreed as follows:-

February 23 rd	March 16 th	April 15 th
May 5 th APA	May 11 th	June 15 th
July 20 th	September 21 st	October 19 th
November 16 th	December 14 th	

6. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk is to issue letters inviting at least three companies to tender for each of the maintenance contracts, to be returned before the next meeting on 23rd February 2010. Contract 1 has been altered slightly to take into account the new play area and a new contract, no. 5, has been added, to cut all vertical faces of hedges within the Parish Field. One new company has contacted the Clerk requesting to tender. Mrs H Cullingworth had also received a request from Mr Chris Cheney, who maintains the football pitch, to tender. It was agreed to include both requests in the tendering process.

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that most roads had been treated after Christmas, but not before during the first snow. Grit had been requested for the Biddenden Road but due to the work load did not happen.

However, the salt bin has been moved and filled.

Pot holes in Sand Lane have opened up and the edges of Dig Dog Lane are broken. Cones have been placed by the worst affected areas.

Fly tipping has again occurred in Park Lane and also Biddenden Road. Mr L Gosbee feels that if the Civic Amenity Vehicle service is reduced, which has been discussed by TWBC with regard to a cost cutting exercise, this could cause further fly tipping.

The Chairman noted that Cllr. John Smith had requested the roads in Sissinghurst and Frittenden receive attention during the severe weather, and was successful in this.

Mrs A Holroyd asked if it is possible for further salt bins to be sited at various locations in the village i.e. Dig Dog Lane. Members also asked where a supply of salt can be obtained for residents to use now that the local Highways depot has been closed.

The Chairman thanked Mr L Gosbee for all his efforts over the last few weeks.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

There were no applications.

Decisions:

TW/09/03386: Alterations to outbuilding to form first floor accommodation at 1 Ian Cottages, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/09/03415: Retrospective – 1.7 metre high fence adjacent to the highway at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

TWBC - notice of a hearing date re Hatchin' Tan - 24th February 2010.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Request by Chairman and Monitoring Officer of Standards Committee to attend PC meeting - Clerk to respond

Electoral Register

Confirmation Hyde Housing board approved funding to progress scheme/purchase land for affordable housing project

Rural review housing needs new questionnaire and methodology feedback request – JB to reply

KCC:

Annual performance report

Roger Manning:

Confirmation of allocation of funds for interactive sign

Kent High Weald Partnership:

Orchards project questionnaire – LG to complete

KALC:

Parish News

Community Safety newsletter

Learning & Development survey

Age Concern:
List of local services on offer

EDF:
Letter of contract following Ofgem review

10. FINANCE

The Chairman informed the members that he was claiming a small amount of expenses due to purchasing a small gift as thanks for Mr James Tuke, Webmaster, and Mr Roy Latham.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Proludic Ltd.....	£56731.46
Craigdede Ltd.....	£3680.00
Direct Technical Services.....	£59.80
Stationery Express.....	£6.70
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£186.39
Forge Garage.....	£47.98
Mr J Beech.....	£21.88
EDF Direct Debit.....	£37.26

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher reminded everyone that ideas on the transport survey are to be determined.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mrs J Croucher
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Cllr John Smith and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs N Aldhouse.

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

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest under Item 5 Grounds Maintenance.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Amendments to page 1423 Item 7 Road Report 6th line 'Park Lane' changed to 'Parkwood Lane' and page 1242 Item 10 Finance 6th line 'Craigdede Ltd' changed to 'Craigdene Ltd'. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

New Playground:

A training session with Maria Cook regarding the weekly inspection of the play equipment has been arranged for Thursday 11th March 2010.

Street Lights:

Following various conversations with EDF the Clerk confirmed that an EDF Linesman is to attend the street lights on 4th March 2010, if not before. It has been agreed with EDF to take the faulty street lights off the inventories, on a temporary basis, from 23rd December 2009 until they are fully operational. Mrs J Croucher is to place a notice in the Bell & Jorrockes to this effect and an article is to be placed in the next edition of the Parish Magazine regarding the same.

Next Years Meeting Dates:

The date of the APA has been changed to Tuesday May 4th 2010.

Correspondence:

The Chairman asked if there had been any progress regarding funding for the interactive sign. The Clerk responded that Cllr Roger Manning is to implement the scheme, hopefully in March.

Any Other Business:

With reference to the public transport issue it was agreed that an article be placed in the next edition of the Parish Magazine requesting suggestions and needs of residents. Mrs J Croucher stated that as not all residents receive the magazine, further means of reaching residents needs to be explored.

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

A number of tenders had been received for the 5 Grounds Maintenance contracts which were opened and reviewed at the meeting. Mr L Gosbee took no part in the discussions. After much consideration it was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed by all to award the following contracts:

Contract 1 - to mow/cut the Parish Field and mounds, including around trees and edges and strimming around play equipment awarded to Complete Landscapes @ £620.00

Contract 2 - to mow the grass and cut the hedge at the War Memorial awarded to Mr L Gosbee @ £100.00

Contract 3 - to cut the Paddock Hedges, including road hedge and hedge between Paddock and Frittenden House awarded to Complete Landscapes @ £100.00

Contract 4 - to cut the hedge by hand and to remove cuttings, at Laundry Lane and

Contract 5 – to cut all internal vertical faces of Parish Field hedges & remove cuttings to Simon Holloway @ £300

The Clerk is to respond to the tendering companies accordingly.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that some pot holes in Sand Lane have been repaired. Many pot holes have appeared in and around the village, Satins Hill being particularly bad. The Gateway sign lying on its side on the Cranbrook Road has been reported to Highways along with the recent flooding outside the cottages at Sunnyside. Mr J Beech suggested that the gullies in this area may need cleaning out. The recently replaced salt bin at Mill Lane has disappeared.

Mrs A Holroyd suggested a salt bin is placed on Staplehurst Road near the Park Wood Lane junction.

Mr L Gosbee will ask Highways about this and follow up a request for a bin at Dig Dog Lane.

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she had recently been contacted by Mr Lionel Bone who expressed concerns regarding the reinstatement of the Gateway sign on the Cranbrook Road which obscures his sight lines when exiting his drive. He also asked where exactly the new interactive sign will be erected. This is not known at present and is a matter for Highways to determine. Mr Bone also voiced his concern about the positioning of an entrance to the affordable housing. Mrs A Holroyd explained that as yet no site has yet been acquired for any housing.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/09/03895: Two-storey side extension, single-storey porch at Whitsunden Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal.

TW/10/00110: Alterations to existing to include velux roof windows in North East elevations and gable windows on North West and South East elevations at Pearsons Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/00199: Two-storey side extension with detached garage and new entrance gates at Cherry Tree Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

TW/09/02627: Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling with ancillary car parking, landscaping and associated building/engineering works at Buckhurst Farm Buildings, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/09/03895: Two-storey side extension, single-storey porch at Whitsunden Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

Correspondence:

Mr J Beech and Mr H Lilley are to attend a preliminary hearing at Sevenoaks Court on Wednesday 24th February 2010 re Hatchin' Tan. Mr Keith Trowell from TWBC has advised Mr J Beech that Mr Brazil has submitted a new planning application for the site.

An email has been received from Mr Richard Vernon informing the Parish Council that, following lengthy consultation with TWBC and the Conservation Officer, an agreement has been reached for the development of the garage block at Corner Farm. A planning application will be received shortly.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Confirmation from Monitoring Officer to attend April meeting – Clerk to advise of date change

KCC:

Notification of new Community Warden

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Subscription invitation

KALC:

Planning Information Day - MC

Parish News

Kent Wildlife Support:

Support request

Mr Benjamin Hatcher:

Tree surgeon services

Letters of thanks for donations from: Kent Youth, Kent Air Ambulance Trust, Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital League of Friends, Frittenden Pre-School, Hospice in the Weald, Frittenden C of E Primary School, Victim Support, Angley School Farm, Citizens Advice Bureau, Royal British Legion, Kenward Trust and Samaritans

9. FINANCE

The Clerk stated that the December 2009 minutes approved a donation to Kenward Trust of £100. However, as a previous donation of £50 fell in the same financial year it was agreed with the Chairman that the December donation also be £50, totalling £100 for the year 2009/10.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Cory Environmental.....	£18.80
Bell & Jorrocks.....	£237.50 (Equipment Fund)
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£193.85
Expenses.....	£18.90

A VAT refund of £8394.95 received from HM Revenue & Customs

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee stated that he is unable to attend a Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee meeting on 2nd March 2010 but will ask for the minutes to be emailed.

Mrs J Croucher is to attend a Neighbourhood Watch meeting as representative of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.13pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Community Warden Martin Sherwood.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Sherwood to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

New Playground:

The Chairman had attended a briefing with Maria Cook, along with Janet Croucher, Heather Cullingworth, Roy Latham and the Clerk, on the procedure for the weekly inspection of the play equipment. All inspections are to be recorded and signed by the person carrying out the task in a record book. Mrs H Cullingworth offered to cover the month of March. The Clerk is to organise a rota system.

Street Lights:

An EDF Linesman attended the lights on 4th March 2010 and reported that all the lamps are receiving a supply. However, it has been confirmed by the electrical contractor that this is not the case. Following part of the overhead cabling being replaced one further lamp is now working. The Clerk is to attend a site meeting with the EDF Linesman and the electrical contractor on 1st April 2010.

Interactive Speed Sign:

Nothing further has been heard from Cllr. Roger Manning.

Public Transport:

The Chairman confirmed that he had written a piece for Parish Magazine. A tick box questionnaire can be completed by residents which will give an idea of the service wanted. The article stated that, without raising hopes too much, the Parish Council would try to obtain funding for a public transport service in the village. Mrs J Croucher suggested a leaflet drop to involve as many residents as possible in the suggestion process. The Chairman is to action this.

Planning Correspondence:

The Chairman reported that due to a further delay by Mr Brazil's lawyers the preliminary hearing on 24th February 2010 had not taken place. TWBC have advised of a new date for the initial hearing, when the date for the formal hearing will be set.

Any Other Business:

Mrs J Croucher confirmed her attendance at the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting where the new Community Warden, Martin Sherwood, had been present. Mr Sean Croucher, aided by Mrs H Lilley, offered

to be the central contact for the Scheme. New signs are to be erected in the village. All residents are urged to report crimes, however small. A free service, security marking personal property, using UV markers, could possibly take place to coincide with Frittenden Village Day. At a cost of £20 a selective DNA marking kit is available if residents are interested.

Community Warden Martin Sherwood introduced himself and reported that it is not known when, or if, Janet Greenwood, who is currently seconded to another area of the county, will be returning as Warden to Frittenden. He hopes to be with us until Janet returns or a permanent Warden is appointed. With regard to speed checks in the village drivers can only be advised of speeding due to the speed limit sign on the Cranbrook Road having been knocked down. A spate of shed/garage thefts has recently taken place in surrounding villages and although none has been reported in Frittenden Mr Sherwood suggested residents installing shed alarms as a preventative. A website offering battery operated alarms costing £3.95 + VAT for a minimum order of 20 units had been identified. The Chairman suggested that subject to further investigation, by himself and Mr M Cooper, the Parish Council purchase a minimum order that residents could then buy from them. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

5. FRITTENDEN VILLAGE DAY 2010

Mr J Beech stated that large amounts of litter could be seen around the village and it would be good to clean this up. The playing field does not require any attention this year. Mrs A Holroyd suggested this was a good time of year to hold the event as the verges are short. Saturday 1st May 2010 was suggested as a date to get as many residents involved as possible. The Community Warden stated he and other Wardens were intending to hold a 1 mile charity litter picking walk in the area, and that this could take place in Frittenden. Mrs A Holroyd asked if insurance is necessary for the day. This is to be investigated. The Chairman is to ask Mr Tony Staples if any volunteers are needed to perform tasks at the cemetery. Sean and Rosie Croucher are also to be approached regarding offering a light lunch for the volunteers.

6. ROAD REPORT

There have been cosmetic repairs to some potholes in the village but many have been left until they rapidly worsen. Water running onto the road at Satins Hill caused a number of accidents in the ice. Mr L Gosbee is hoping that Highways representative Sue Bickerstaff will attend a meeting with him to drive around the village noting the state of the roads.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/00498: TREE-LARCH-Fell at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/10/00748: Two-storey side extension at 1 Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

TW/09/03366: Demolition of seven existing poultry sheds; erection of three replacement poultry sheds, manure store and extension of packing shed. One existing poultry building to be converted into a store at Knoxbridge Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00052: Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) – Single-storey extension at Longmeadows, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00110: Alterations to existing to include velux roof windows in north east elevations and gable windows on North West and south east elevations at Pearsons Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00199: Two-storey side extension with detached garage and new entrance gates at Cherry Tree Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

Mr M Cooper reported that he has received confirmation that an application for Corner Farm has been filed with TWBC.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Kent Highways:
Speed Limit Review update

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:
Rural Community Retailer application - EB

Audit Commission:
Appointment of External Auditor

West Kent Mediation:
Newsletter

Complete Landscapes:
Notice of first grass cut and payment schedule

9. FINANCE

The Clerk has been informed by TWBC that a further grant of £1k was available from KCC Playbuilder Funding for administration and opening event costs, and had been requested to submit an invoice. It has been confirmed that this sum will be awarded to be used for any project to do with the play area. It was suggested that the grant be used for screening for the tennis court and planting around the area.

In November 2008 the budget forecast for the Clerks salary for the year 2009/2010 was set at £3k. However, due to the work involved on the Breathing Places scheme and the new Play Area this has been exceeded by £157.03 It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to pay the Clerks salary of £164.03 for March 2010.

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to pay the remaining accounts as follows:

Mr L J Gosbee.....	£50.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Frittenden Youth Club.....	£100.00 (Equipment Fund)
Cory Environmental.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Expenses.....	£4.73
Gala Tent Limited.....	585.94
EDF Energy DD.....	£14.91

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs A Holroyd is to attend a KAPC meeting on 18th March 2010 where the future of the Civic Amenity Vehicle is to be discussed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Thursday 15th April 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Barbara Varney Chairman of TWBC Standards Committee, Mr Paul Cummins Monitoring Officer and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Varney and Mr Cummins to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr John Smith.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Page 1429 Any Other Business first paragraph, "At a cost of £20 a selective DNA marking kit is available if residents are interested" was amended to "At a cost of £20 a selective DNA marking kit is available if residents are interested through the neighbourhood liaison officer." The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

New Playground:

The rota for the weekly inspection is working well.

Street Lights:

The street lights have finally been repaired by EDF. A new photo cell has been fitted to the lamp outside "Bobbys" due to the light staying on 24hrs a day following the repairs.

Public Transport:

The Chairman has devised a questionnaire for residents, which is to be distributed with the Parish Magazine. Further copies are to be placed in the pub and shop. Mrs J Croucher offered to give a copy to those residents whom she knows do not use any of these facilities. A collection box for responses is located in the village shop by kind permission of Mrs Eileen Bridges.

Planning Correspondence:

The hearing date for The Hatchin Tan has been set for 28th April 2010 at 9.30am. The whole day has been set aside for the case. Mr H Lilley is to attend. Unfortunately, the Chairman has a previous engagement that day. However, Mrs J Croucher and Mrs N Aldhouse are to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman and Mr M Cooper have not yet investigated the purchase of shed alarms. Mrs J Croucher reported that shed thefts locally have decreased.

Frittenden Village Day:

The Chairman reported that as previously Mrs J Croucher will be organising the litter picking gangs. Mr J Beech has completed a risk assessment and the insurance company has confirmed cover. The equipment has

been ordered from TWBC and is to be delivered on 29th April 2010 to the Bell & Jorrocks. It will be collected, along with the rubbish on the 4th May 2010. All volunteers are to meet at the pub for a 10.00am start and finish at 12.30pm. The Chairman suggested that rather than the Bell & Jorrocks providing a reduced rate ploughman lunch for the workers, the Parish Council make a contribution to lunch of £1 per head. This was agreed. Mr Tony Staples has confirmed the Burial Ground does not need any attention this year, however, along with Mrs Judy Staples he will be helping on the day. Mrs H Cullingworth suggested the path through the paddock is in need of weeding between the paving stones. A decision regarding this will be made on the day. Community Warden Martin Sherwood has offered his services and is to be asked to perform the duties of a steward in his car safeguarding the volunteers working outside the 30mph zone. The Chairman requested all Councillors email him with numbers of volunteers for the day.

Mr M Cooper stated that PC Dave Hulme was in the village today performing a speed check. However, until the speed limit sign is re-erected he is only permitted to warn drivers if caught speeding.

5. VISIT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mr Paul Cummins, Monitoring Officer and Legal Services Manager, introduced himself and thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to the meeting. He went on to explain that he had been in the position since June 2008, taking over from William Benson, and listed his responsibilities.

The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Mrs Barbara Varney, explained that she is an independent member of the independent Standards Committee, which has an equal number of Councillors and independent members along with representatives from the Parish Councils. Their primary responsibility is the ethical and behavioural standards of TWBC, i.e. the Code of Conduct. All complaints regarding Councillors are referred to them. The process for dealing with complaints was explained. Mrs Varney's predecessor Peter Blackwell also organised training to which Parish representatives were invited and this is set to continue. The Standards Committee has spent the last two years reviewing and updating the constitution of the Borough Council. The priority this year is to review the ethics of any TWBC partners. Mrs Varney asked if the Toolkit recently sent to all Parishes is useful. It was agreed it is, although it is extremely long and rather daunting. Mr J Beech thanked both visitors for coming to speak at the meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The following items were agreed for the agenda of the APA:

Apologies for Absence
Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Assembly
Matters Arising
To Receive the Accounts of Charities
Parish Council Chairman's Report
Village School
Any Other Business

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that there are still a large number of potholes in the village, Biddenden Road being especially bad along with Satins Hill. Highways have been contacted but as yet no response has been received. The Gateway/speed sign on Cranbrook Road still needs erecting. Mrs N Aldhouse asked if at the junction of Grandshore Lane/Cranbrook Road the lines can be painted on the road as they have been worn away. Mr J Beech stated that the edges of Biddenden Road near the bridge need attention as they have broken away. Mrs J Croucher believed if the ditches were cleared along this same stretch this would help. Mr L Gosbee will report these requests to Highways.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/00578: Retention of use of land as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families, each with one static and one tourer; Retention of shed and erection of amenity block as replacement for existing portacabin; Retention of hardstanding, driveway and septic tank at The Hatchin Tan, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal.

TW/10/00848: Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension with glazed link at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road.

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/00879: Single storey side extension at Rock Farm Oast, Grandshore Lane.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/10/884: Demolition of existing single storey attached WCs, kitchen and storage block; demolition of existing single storey detached nursery and erection of part two storey part single storey extension comprising hall, kitchen, nursery, IT suite, library, MI room WCs and storage at Frittenden CEP School, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to fully support.

TW/10/00939: Single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and porch at Hodge Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Remain Neutral.

TW/10/01093: LDC (Existing) – Barn for storage of agricultural machinery at Lake House, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Remain Neutral.

TW/10/01172: Conversion of existing playroom and store to kitchen/dining room; installation of new windows to dining area and new flue terminal; installation of new roof lights at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/10/01177: LBC - conversion of existing playroom and store to kitchen/dining room; installation of new windows to dining area and new flue terminal; removal of easting internal wall and ceiling; installation of new insulated plasterboard ceiling to roof pitch; installation of new roof lights at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to Remain Neutral.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

There was none.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Following the Chairman contacting TWBC with his concerns that Hyde Housing are not being pro-active with regard to their negotiations regarding the purchase of land for Affordable Housing a draft letter, via Jenny Hudson at TWBC, from Hyde Housing to Mr Homersham has been received. The Chairman is to reply with constructive comments.

TWBC:

Bad weather services review

KCC:

Community Grant Schemes

Mobile library staff implementation

KAPC:
Parish News

Kent Wildlife Trust:
Garden Awards Scheme 2010
Newsletter

10. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

KALC.....	£303.94
J Honey-Green.....	£90.00
Stationery Express.....	£16.64
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Gordon Bridges.....	£200.00 (Equipment Fund)
Mrs D.A. Jenkins	£295.74
EDF Energy DD.....	£14.91

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher has noticed a large amount of dog fouling on the Parish Field and suggested inserting fencing either side of the gate at Laundry Lane to stop dogs entering unless they are with their owner. Steve Relf is to be contacted for a quote. Signs requesting users to “Please shut the gate” are also to be purchased from Iden Signs.

The Chairman reported that with the onset of spring he has placed an article in the Parish Magazine with regard to being responsible when walking on footpaths which cross farmland, when accompanied by dogs.

Mrs N Aldhouse stated that she has experienced serious problems on her land with regard to dogs attacking livestock and running across fields off the lead.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the upstairs room at the Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden on Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs J Croucher
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk) and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs A Holroyd.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously that Mr J Beech be re-elected as Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously that Mrs A Holroyd be re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

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

Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth declared an interest under Item 10 Planning, outstanding applications.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Public Transport:

The Chairman reported that to date 19 completed questionnaires have been received, out of more than 265 distributed. The Parish Council will act on the outcome of the survey, which may conclude that this is not a priority concern for residents at this time.

Planning Correspondence:

Mrs J Croucher and Mrs N Aldhouse had attended The Hatchin' Tan hearing on 28th April 2010. The appeal was dismissed and Mr Brazil was fined £2000, plus costs.

Frittenden Village Day:

The Chairman thanked all those that took part on the day. The Parish Council had offered to subsidise the lunch at the Bell & Jorrocks for all participants. However, although Sean & Rosie thanked the Parish Council for this offer they had been informed that in future TWBC may not have the funds to provide the equipment for the clean up day. Mr and Mrs Croucher said that they would rather the Parish Council use this money to purchase any equipment necessary to be able to continue the Village Day. The Chairman expressed his grateful thanks to them.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman has inspected the gaps either side of the Laundry Lane gate into the playing field. A further number of gaps in the hedge along this boundary were identified and it was suggested that the hedge be cut back and stock fencing erected. This will be hidden once the hedge grows back. A quote from Steve Relf is to be obtained. If this exceeds £200 then further tenders will be sought.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Village School:

The Clerk contacted the school regarding the queries raised by Bianca Lawn. However, as some confusion has arisen from this it was suggested that the Headteacher be asked to speak directly to Ms Lawn. The Chairman is to contact the school regarding this matter. Mr M Cooper will contact TWBC planning department regarding the provision for lorries and other heavy equipment attending the site whilst building works takes place.

Any Other Business:

Mr Graham Lee has subsequently written a letter to the Chairman reiterating the questions he raised at the APA. Mr J Beech is to reply to this.

Following much discussion it was agreed that Mr P Holroyd's suggestion of purchasing land to prevent gypsies from doing so is not a practical proposition.

In respect of Mr Holroyd's second question, the Village Hall Committee has previously discussed a reserve fund being raised to build a new village hall. However, at present there are no grants available and it has been decided to continue maintaining the current building as it stands. A new hall would also have to be maintained and promoted to compete with the surrounding villages of Headcorn, Smarden and Benenden who all have excellent facilities. It was agreed to refer the comments made by Mr P Holroyd to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee asking him to discuss this matter directly with Mr Holroyd.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010

The Clerk distributed a copy of the receipts and payments ending March 2010 to all members. The accounts had been reviewed by Mr M Cooper earlier this year, and recently audited internally by Mr Bernard Millard. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2010.

The annual governance statement was read to all members by the Chairman. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to approve the Statement of Assurance.

The Clerk explained that the balance of the Capital Account of £14,916 is relatively high as a retainer amounting to £6,300 is yet to be paid to the Play Area contractor. Approximately £1000 remains within play area funds for planting and general maintenance. The balance of £7,600 is the actual reserve figure held.

9. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that the manhole fault had been repaired quickly. There have been some minor pothole repairs but more are due to take place. The leader of KCC recently announced that all potholes on Kent roads will be repaired within 16 weeks. The Gateway sign has not yet been erected and there has been fly tipping in Sand Lane. Mr M Cooper stated this had also occurred in Park Wood Lane and TWBC have been contacted. A resident in Sand Lane informed Mr L Gosbee that a hedge he has recently planted has been stolen. With regard to the request for a drop kerb and road markings outside the school nothing further has been heard. The repainting of white lines at the Grandshore Lane/Cranbrook Road junction has not taken place to date. Mr L Gosbee is to pursue Highways regarding these matters.

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that an accident had occurred on Biddenden Road this week and the person involved had asked if a 'Slow' sign is possible in the area. As the incident happened within the 30mph zone, it was not felt this would be of any benefit.

10. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/01384: Side and rear single storey extensions, installation of dormer windows and roof lights at 4 Sunnyside Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral. Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth, who had declared an interest, took no part in the discussion.

Decisions:

TW/10/00748: Two-storey side extension at 1 Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00879: Single storey side extension at Rock Farm Oast, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/10/00939: Single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and porch at Hodge Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

There was none.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Note of thanks from Paul Cummins re invitation to April meeting

KCC:

Explore Kent magazine

Cllr Charles Mackonochie:

Notice of meeting between Parishes and Kent Highways 2/6 – LG

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Kent Village of the Year application – JB

12. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

AON Limited.....	£1371.52
Cory Environmental.....	£18.80
Direct Technical Services.....	£90.48
Stationery Express.....	£44.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Bernard Millard.....	£50.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£270.89
Expenses	£4.92
EDF Energy DD.....	£37.26

A receipt of £4,400 has been received from TWBC, being the first instalment of the precept.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr M Cooper reported that Mr Gordon Bridges is unhappy with the view of the container from his garden, and conservatory. TWBC planning department is to be consulted regarding raising the fence along the boundary.

Mr L Gosbee has been asked by some residents if the gate to the Parish Field can remain open for longer during the summer evenings. The Clerk is to contact the Keeper of the keys.

Mrs J Croucher reported on the following issues:-

Brambles adjacent to the basketball area need cutting back and grass cuttings have been discarded under the hedge – the Clerk is to ask the Grounds Maintenance Contractor to remove these.

Verges on one side of the highway only, have been cut – it is hoped the remaining verges will be cut in the next few days.

Community Warden Martin Sherwood had offered to attend a meeting to talk about safety.

Hoax calls regarding computer problems have recently been received by 5 or 6 village residents

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that the undergrowth beneath the weeping birch in the playing field needs cutting. The Clerk will contact the Contractors.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 15th June 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk) and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr J Beech, Mrs J Croucher and Cllr John Smith.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Public Transport:

It is thought that no further questionnaires have been completed.

Laundry Lane Fence:

Mr L Gosbee has kindly offered to supply the fencing for this project and Mr J Beech has offered to cut the hedge, therefore, the only cost to the Parish Council will be for the labour to erect the fence.

Village School:

Mr M Cooper has left a message for Antonia James, Planning Officer, regarding provision for lorries and other vehicles at the site during building works, and regarding the Objection to the application submitted by TWBC. He has not yet received a reply.

The Clerk reported that Mr J Beech has been in contact with Mrs Bradshaw, Headmistress, who agreed that a further meeting with residents would be beneficial to answer any concerns they may have.

Any Other Business:

Mr M Cooper has spoken to Mr Bridges with the suggestion that the fence is topped with some trellising to obscure the view of the container. Mr Cooper is currently investigating the initial planning application for the fence before proceeding further.

The Clerk reported that Mr Latham has confirmed he will lock the gate to the field at 9pm during the summer months unless due to inclement weather he will lock it earlier. Mrs H Cullingworth reported that nuts on the gate are loose. Mr M Cooper is to tighten these.

The Clerk reported that Maria Cook has this week completed the 6 monthly inspection of the Play Area

The Clerk has contacted the grounds maintenance contractor who have cut the brambles and removed the grass cuttings, and cut the undergrowth beneath the weeping birch. Permission has also been given to spray the nettles along the hedge and under the seating.

Mrs N Aldhouse reported that she had received a call from a company called First Response purporting to be working in the Frittenden area and suggesting they be contacted in preference to the emergency services. Mrs H Gosbee had received a similar call. Mr M Cooper is to report this in the Parish Magazine.

5. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported on his attendance at a Kent Highways meeting for all parishes within TWBC held on 2nd June 2010, Chaired by Cllr Roger Manning:

- Some parishes are unhappy with the Highways website
- Potholes are not being repaired to a good standard
- Liaison Officers being moved around constantly so that no relationship can be built with the parishes
- Some parishes are responsible for their own verge cutting
- The 20mph speed limit restriction is unenforceable by law
- Painted road signs on the highway are the last to be done in order of priority.

Mr L Gosbee raised the following issues on behalf of Frittenden Parish Council:

- The verges have only been cut on one side of the road, as last year. It is believed the same contractors are being used
- When potholes are filled can't others seen within close proximity be repaired at the same time, rather than waiting for a further report from the PC
- Cllr Manning was asked when the flashing speed limit sign would be installed - he couldn't answer this but hopes sometime over the summer.

A questionnaire from Highways has also recently been completed by Mr L Gosbee on behalf of the Parish. All outstanding issues have been noted. However, due to cuts in funding it is not known if and when these will be completed.

Mr L Gosbee reported that the hedges adjacent to the 30mph speed limit signs are to be cut; if the signs are obscured they are unenforceable.

6. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/01276: Demolition of former barracks building; Erection of single outbuilding containing garage/pool room and stables, outdoor swimming pool and tennis court with 2.75m high upvc covered chain link fence at Poundlands Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/01750: LBC – Replace existing cement render panels with traditional lime render panels on north elevation at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

Decisions:

TW/10/00498: Tree – Larch – Fell at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00578: Retention of use of land as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families, each with one static and one tourer; Retention of shed and erection of amenity block as replacement for existing portacabin; Retention of hardstanding, driveway and septic tank at The Hatchin Tan, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/10/01172: Conversion of existing playroom and store to kitchen/dining room; installation of new windows to dining area and new flue terminal; installation of new roof lights at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/10/01177: LBC - conversion of existing playroom and store to kitchen/dining room; installation of new windows to dining area and new flue terminal; removal of easting internal wall and ceiling; installation of new insulated plasterboard ceiling to roof pitch; installation of new roof lights at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00848: Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension with glazed link at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road.

TW/10/00851: LBC- Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension with glazed link at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road

Permission Granted.

TW/10/01093: LDC (Existing) – Barn for storage of agricultural machinery at Lake House, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/10/01384: Side and rear single storey extensions, installation of dormer windows and roof lights at 4 Sunnyside Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

There was none.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

LDF consultation

Parish Briefing training 29/6

Vehicle for change – Clerk to pass to Annie Bull

KCC:

Kent Minerals & Waste Development scoping report

Summer Activities days on field 13/8 & 20/8

Statement of Community Involvement draft consultation

Kent Highways:

Response to drop kerb request

KAPC:

Parish News

CPRE:

Notice of meeting at Matfield 18/6

8. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

Mr J Honey-Green.....	£90.00
Cory Environmental.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£156.57
AON Limited.....	£27.17
EDF Energy DD.....	37.26

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee reported on the Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee meeting he had attended that afternoon.

- The aerobatic plane, which hasn't yet returned, will not fly beyond 6pm
- A planning application has been submitted for the Battle of Britain overspill from the event held at Paddock Wood. The Red Arrows will perform a fly past on 15/8. Spitfires and Lancasters will also be present.
- Next meeting on 5th October 2010

Mr L Gosbee stated that further fly tipping has taken place on Park Wood Lane. TWBC have been informed.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 20th July 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Cllr John Smith and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr John Smith to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr M Cooper and Cllr Roger Manning.

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

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest under Planning: TW/10/02161 Providence Chapel, Biddenden Road, as the property borders his own land.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Public Transport:

The Chairman reported that approximately 50 questionnaires have been completed. These are to be analysed and the results will be reported at the next meeting in September.

Laundry Lane Fence:

The hedge will be cut as soon as possible and the fence will then be erected.

5. CORE STRATEGY

Cllr John Smith explained that the recently released Core Strategy forms the basis of all planning in the Borough. This was supported by the majority and has been adopted by TWBC. There is to be an immediate review of the number of properties needed by 2026, previously agreed at 6k, following the change of Government. There is no target at present. There was only one proposed site in Frittenden after the Brickworks site was discounted.

The Chairman confirmed that Mr Homersham does not want to sell his land for affordable housing. Mr J Beech stated that the stakeholders, Highways, Hyde Housing etc. have no real interest in the project; the key issue being that reasonable sums need to be offered for the land. Cllr John Smith agreed that rural issues are different to issues in the towns and these are to be reviewed. Mr J Beech asked if a compulsory purchase order could be issued. Cllr Smith stated it could and he will raise this at a meeting he is to attend the next evening. The Chairman felt that there is no alternative but to pursue this line.

Cllr John Smith explained that many changes are to take place at TWBC with staff numbers reducing from 400 to between 250/300. The sale of the site in the centre of Tunbridge Wells is also being investigated with the real possibility of the Council moving to the Land Registry site.

6. AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had received the signed certificate of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2010, from the external auditors. There were no queries to report. An invoice for the sum of £400 had also been received. The increase from £155 last year is due to the increase in income, being the grant received for the play area. The Clerk has queried this with the Audit Office without success. The Chairman is to contact them regarding this sum.

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that the majority of potholes and road edges have been repaired. However, the repairs made on Waller Hill are not as extensive as was felt necessary. There is still surface water on the road which will be monitored. The white lines at the Grandshore Lane junction with Cranbrook Road have not yet been painted. Mr Homersham's hedge has been cut, however, Mr Bone's, on the opposite side of the road is still to be cut. A salt bin at Dig Dog Lane has been requested but there is only a slim chance of receiving this. The damaged salt bin at London Lane has been reported. Mrs J Croucher has spoken to Cllr Roger Manning regarding the promised flashing speed signs for the Cranbrook Road, who confirmed that funds have been allocated but will not be signed off until a firm price has been received.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/02161: Modification of existing extension to include: removal of roof and rear wall, extension to the rear of the existing extension, new raised roof to create new first floor within extension at Providence Chapel, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/TEMP/0013: Renewal of planning consent for the continued use of the School House as administration space in connection with adjoining primary school at School House, Frittenden Primary School, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to support this renewal.

Decisions:

TW/10/01541: Single storey rear extension and bricking up of 2 no. ground floor windows on side elevation at Poplar Cottage, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/01750: LBC: - Replace existing cement render panels with traditional lime render panels on north elevation at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

TW/10/00578: Notice of Appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate: Retention of use of land as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families, each with one static and one tourer; Retention of shed and erection of amenity block as replacement for existing portacabin; Retention of hardstanding, driveway and septic tank at The Hatchin Tan, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

The Clerk and Chairman are to construct a letter to the Planning Inspectorate against this appeal.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Core Strategy

Notification from Jenny Hudson re Mr Homersham unwilling to sell land for affordable housing

KCC:

Call for sites for Minerals & Waste Development

Community Safety newsletter

KAPC:
Parish News

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:
Traffic Management Forum

10. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

Cory Environmental.....	£9.40
Direct Technical Services.....	£51.23
KALC Honorarium.....	£30.00
Audit Commission.....	£400.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£166.51
Expenses.....	£57.57
EDF Energy DD.....	£37.26

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs N Aldhouse reported that she had been informed of available funding for play areas through Kent Playing Fields Association.

Mrs J Croucher asked if the verges had been cut. Mr L Gosbee replied that the lanes only have been completed but not the village centre, which will now have to wait until the second cut takes place. Mr L Gosbee informed the meeting that some parishes pay for their own verges to be cut. It was agreed he should investigate this further.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 21st September 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), and Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

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

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Laundry Lane Fence:

Mr L Gosbee reported that as the hedge has been cut the fence will be erected next week.

Audit Report:

The Chairman reported that he had sent an email to the Auditor regarding the excessive invoice received, but has not yet received either an acknowledgement or reply. Payment to date has been withheld.

Road Report:

Mrs A Holroyd stated that at the recent Highways meeting it was confirmed that the erection of flashing speed signs is in hand.

Any Other Business:

The verges are currently in the process of being cut. Mrs A Holroyd reported that part of Headcorn Road only has been cut. This will be monitored and action taken if not completed properly.

5. TRANSPORT SURVEY

The Chairman reported that although it had been important to hold the consultation the response had not been overwhelming. The main issue highlighted was shopping, and this is a basis for going forward. It was suggested that the bus companies be approached to ask if a diversion to the current route, to take in Frittenden, perhaps once or twice a week, is possible. The Chairman asked the Councillors to think about this matter, and put forward any proposals to be discussed at the next meeting. Mr J Beech is to contact Arriva.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that, along with Mrs A Holroyd, he had met with Highways and their contractor regarding the verge cutting and various other issues. Highways confirmed that a binding contract is currently in place regarding the verge cutting, which cannot be broken. A 40mph speed limit at Knoxbridge was discussed. However, Highways stated that a reduction in the speed limit would be unlikely due to the low incident rate. Mr L Gosbee has since contacted Helen Grant MP requesting her support in this matter. The salt bin in London Lane is to be re-sited. The one in Mill Lane is still awaiting repair and the bin requested for Dig Dog Lane hasn't yet been confirmed either way.

Highways have offered a large bag of salt for use on the roads in severe weather conditions. A position for this will have to be decided imminently. Ice signs have recently been erected in the region of Saw Lodge Farm following a number of incidents, due to ice on the road, last winter. It was noted that water from the spring is still flowing across Biddenden Road. Mr L Gosbee is to contact the water board.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/02163: LBC – Modification of existing extension to include: removal of roof and rear wall; extension to the rear of existing extension, new raised roof to create new first floor within the extension at Providence Chapel, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/02189: Erection of hay barn at Cherry Tree Farm, Mill Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to recommend Approval.

TW/10/02248: Retrospective – Erection of a barn for storage of agricultural equipment at Lake House, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/02255: Demolition of conservatory and construction of garden room at 2 Kenwards Cottages, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/02565: Extension of Time – erection of a 2-storey detached house and garage (Planning permission TW/07/00114 refers) at Hill House, The Street, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

TW/10/01276: Demolition of former barracks building; Erection of single outbuilding containing garage/pool room and stables, outdoor swimming pool and tennis court with 2.75m high upvc covered chain link fence at Poundlands Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/02058: Renewal of planning consent for the continued use of the school house as administration space in connection with the adjoining primary school at School House, Frittenden Primary School, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/00248: Retrospective – Erection of a barn for storage of agricultural equipment at Lake House, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

TW/10/02255: Demolition of conservatory and construction of garden room at 2 Kenwards Cottages, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

The Chairman reported that the Hatchin' Tan appeal date has been set for 8th December 2010 at TWBC.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Civic Amenity Weekend Service proposals – Clerk to respond in support

Notice of referendum to veto excessive council tax increase

KCC:

Notice of proposal to divert footpath WC256 (adjacent to Primary School) – Clerk to respond in support

Kent Highways:

Suspension of Speed Limit Review Area 1 Mid Kent

KALC:

Invite to Finance Conference 25/9

Parish News

Boundary Review guidance

West Kent NHS:

Choose Health leaflet and forms

Staplehurst PC:

Request for support to reduction of speed limit through Knoxbridge

Victim Support:

Newsletter

EDF:

Quote received for renewal of contract – Clerk to investigate alternative suppliers

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

Complete Landscapes-J Honey-Green.....	£270.00
Cory Environmental.....	£18.80
Iden Signs.....	£35.26
Direct Technical Services.....	£142.69
Mr M Cooper.....	£169.23 EF
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£1500.00 EF
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mr L J Gosbee.....	£50.00
Mr S Holloway.....	£300.00
Gala Tent Limited.....	£1532.89 EF
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£280.83
Expenses.....	£6.79
EDF Energy DD Aug.....	£37.26
EDF Energy DD Sept.....	£37.26

The Clerk reported that Mr L Gosbee had donated the sum of £515.66 to the Parish Council being the proceeds made from a boot fair. The Chairman thanked Mr Gosbee and the appreciation from the Parish Council was noted.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that a Post Office representative had been in contact, following the closure of the post office in the pub, with regard to using the village hall for one session a week, Thursday 10am-1pm, offering postal services. A meeting is due to take place between the Post Office rep, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Ivor Jauncey, Mr J Beech and Staplehurst Post Office.

Mr J Beech is to attend a training session at TWBC on Counter Terrorism.

Mr L Gosbee confirmed that following reports of an offensive odour at Sawlodge Farm, he had contacted the relevant authority.

Mrs H Cullingworth stated that a nut is missing on the top of the Laundry Lane gate. The Chairman is to look at this.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the old mound is in need of cutting and the steps on the new mound need weed killer on them. The Clerk is to contact the Grounds Maintenance contractors.

Mr M Cooper informed the Councillors that the Equipment Fund had just purchased two new tents to replace the originals. The sum of £8.5k has been raised from the hiring of tents etc. and these funds have been used to make donations to various village organisations, along with the purchase of new equipment.

Mrs A Holroyd was pleased to report that the post box on Staplehurst Road has been replaced.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Upstairs Room at the Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden on Tuesday 19th October 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr M Cooper.

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

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Laundry Lane Fence:

The Chairman thanked Mr L Gosbee for completing a great job in erecting the fence on the Parish Field. It has been agreed that a skirt will be attached to the bottom of the gate as there is a large gap between the gate and ground.

Audit Report:

There is nothing further to report.

Transport Survey:

The Chairman has contacted Arriva whose immediate reaction to a bus service through Frittenden is negative, mainly due to costs. KCC subsidises some services in Kent, including Arriva, however, there are no available funds at present. The Kent Karrier service is run as a membership scheme. Journeys are pre booked 7 days in advance and routes and times vary depending on numbers. The Chairman is to write to Arriva to try and convince them that diverting a bus service through Frittenden either 1 or 2 times a week is a viable prospect.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman reported that no further progress had been made with regard to the Post Office meeting as the Staplehurst postmaster is currently on holiday.

The Chairman confirmed his attendance at the Counter Terrorism training which he found very interesting, but more relevant to urban areas. The underlying message is for everybody to be more vigilant and to report anything untoward.

5. LOCAL CHILDREN'S TRUST

Mrs E Bradshaw, Headteacher at Frittenden Primary School, has sent a letter to the Parish Council with regard to her position as interim Chair of Tunbridge Wells LCT Board. Following Mrs Bradshaw's request for a volunteer to serve on the Board and raise the profile of rural communities, it was agreed the Chairman should approach Mrs Julia McGinley, former NHS Manager and long standing Chairman of the pre-school,

and current Governor and parent at the primary school, who has agreed to offer her services as representative of the village.

A number of issues are to be addressed by the LCT of which 2 were agreed more relevant to Frittenden; Adolescent Engagement, and Primary Aged Children's Learning. Although there is a very well utilised Youth Club in the village for 9-14 year olds there are no other facilities for young people. It was agreed that the Chairman write a letter to Mrs Bradshaw supporting these two areas.

6. HEADCORN AIRFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr L Gosbee reported that due to being unable to attend the last meeting he had asked for any items of significance to be sent to him. However, nothing has been received.

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that the imminent Government spending cuts may mean that we will lose some services currently offered. Although all the potholes were eventually filled after last winter, this did take some time.

It is not yet known whether Frittenden will be one of the areas in the salt bag trial. Mr Ivor Jauncey has offered a corner of his field as storage for this. It was agreed to accept this offer being in the centre of the village. A salt bin, to be placed in Dig Dog Lane, is still being pursued.

It was reported that Mrs H Cullingworth had called the police recently after stumbling upon a pile of rubble at night in London Lane.

There has been no further progress with the flashing speed sign.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/03306: Removal of existing conservatory; single-storey rear pitched roof and flat-roofed infill extension at Old Jorrocks, The Street, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/03346: Two storey rear addition and internal and external alterations at Appleton Farm Cottage, Green Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to recommend Refusal as the proposed contemporary addition is not in keeping with the external character of the existing house and surrounding property. However, there was no objection to an extension of this size.

Decisions:

TW/10/02161: Modification of existing extension to include: removal of roof and rear wall, extension to the rear of the existing extension, new raised roof to create new first floor within the extension at Providence Chapel, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/02163: LBC - Modification of existing extension to include: removal of roof and rear wall, extension to the rear of the existing extension, new raised roof to create new first floor within the extension at Providence Chapel, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/02189: Erection of hay barn at Cherry Tree Farm, Mill Lane, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

An invitation to comment on an amendment to application TW/10/884 Frittenden CEP School received on disk. The Chairman is to view this and report back if a comment is necessary.

KCC letter of proposed changes to validation process.

A letter from TWBC confirmed the necessity for planning permission to raise the fence adjacent to the container at the Memorial Hall car park. The Chairman reported that at a recent meeting held with those involved he had suggested excavating the ground to bring the floor of the container to ground level, which would also ease the use of entrance/exit to the container. This is to be investigated.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:
2011 Census Councillors handbook – JB

KCC:
Notice of preparation of Minerals & Waste Core Strategy

Kent Highways:
Salt Bags trial update and FAQ's

KALC:
AGM booking form 13/11 – AH
AGM Agenda & Annual Report – AH
Parish News

Kent High Weald Partnership:
Autumn newsletter

Hospice in the Weald:
30th Anniversary Year Book

TW Citizens Advice Bureau:
Annual Report

10. FINANCE

Following a huge increase in the renewal quote for energy supplies from EDF, who have introduced standing charges for the first time, quotes for electricity supply have been sought elsewhere. Few companies are willing or able to quote for unmetered supplies; however a quote from E.on has been received and is very competitive. There is currently no standing charge and the price per kWh is 3.25p lower than EDF.

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to accept the quote from E.on and to pay the accounts as follows:

Cory Environmental.....	£9.40
Hop Engineering (Kent) Ltd.....	£39.77 EF
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£205.13
Expenses.....	£4.92
Mr J Beech.....	£23.50
EDF Energy DD.....	£37.26

It was noted that the annual increment rise awarded to the Clerk had been back dated to May 2010, and paid this month.

TWBC second instalment of precept amounting to £4400.00 received.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman has been notified that the street light outside the shop is on until 3am. The Clerk is to contact the Electrical Contractor, after the clocks have changed, to rectify this.

The Chairman has erected 'Please shut the gate' and 'No dog fouling' signs on both entrances to the field. Despite a report from a resident of dog fouling adjacent to the play equipment, which when investigated proved to be fox waste, the situation has improved. Councillors were asked to be vigilant when in the vicinity.

The Clerk reported that Mr R Latham had requested that the Aeroskater is oiled before winter, as it is a little stiff. She is to report this to Maria Cook who will be carrying out the annual inspection of the equipment in November. Mrs J Croucher asked if a Parish representative can be present when this takes place. The Clerk is to acquire a date from Mrs Cook.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 16th November 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Hazel Gosbee and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies. .

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

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Audit Report:

The Chairman has received a reply from the Audit Office which is both bureaucratic and dismissive of the Parish Council's efforts to negotiate a reduction in the exorbitant fee being charged. It was agreed the Chairman should pursue this matter until a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

Transport Survey:

The Chairman has drafted a letter to Arriva but this has not yet been sent.

Post Office:

The Chairman reported that the Staplehurst Postmaster has still not returned from holiday and therefore a meeting has not taken place. It was further reported that the Post Office in Staplehurst has closed due to bankruptcy, and is currently in the hands of the official receiver and the Post Office. The proposition by the Post Office to operate a service from the village hall will be pursued.

Planning Correspondence:

Mr M Cooper reported that a quote of £250 has been received for moving the container in the Memorial Hall car park. It is hoped that this may be completed for less money, and further quotes and methods are still being sought.

Correspondence:

Mrs A Holroyd reported on the recent KALC AGM that she had attended. Speakers included the new police Chief Constable who spoke with regard to cutbacks the Force has to make. His aim is to reduce the number of administration staff rather than Officers. The Director of Kent Highways stated that his costs during the past winter were high due to adverse weather conditions, and MP Gregg Clark, Minister for Decentralization, reported on a bill he is hoping to get through parliament to give more power and choice to Local Authorities. The AGM was declared a great success and the best in a long while.

Any Other Business:

Maria Cook is to carry out the annual play inspection on Thursday 25th November 2010 at 2.30pm. MC, AH & JC are to attend. Mr Roy Latham is also to be invited.

Mr J Beech stated that planting in the area needs to be decided and the ground prepared ready to implement this in the spring.

5. BUDGET 2011/12

The Chairman reported that at the previous Parish Chairman's meeting TWBC had stressed the need for Parish's to have a 0% increase in their precepts, due to cutbacks. The budget therefore, had been prepared with this in mind. Although election costs would mean an overall increase in expenditure next year, it is hoped a slight under spend this current year will cover these costs. It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to keep the precept at £8,800.00. The Clerk is to notify TWBC.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that a letter he had received from Kent Highways stated that a reduction of the speed limit along the A229 at Knoxbridge cannot be implemented due to a lack of evidence to facilitate this. It was agreed Mr Gosbee should continue in his efforts for a reduction.

The pot holes in Sand Lane have been reported. Mrs N Aldhouse said there is also a large pot hole in Grandshore Lane. Mr Gosbee is to report this.

Highways have confirmed that all villages requiring large salt bags will receive them if and when deemed necessary by weather conditions. Mr L Gosbee has been informed that the criteria for requesting a salt bin in Dog Dog Lane, has been met.

Mrs N Aldhouse requested a new chevron at the end of Grandshore Lane.

Mrs A Holroyd has spoken to Cllr Roger Manning regarding the flashing speed sign who was surprised that it hadn't yet been installed. This will be pursued.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/10/884: Amended Details: Demolition of existing single storey attached WCs, kitchen and storage block; demolition of existing single storey detached nursery and erection of part two storey part single storey extension comprising hall, kitchen, nursery, IT suite, library, MI room WCs and storage at **Frittenden CEP School, The Street**, Frittenden.

TW/10/03329: LBC - Demolition of existing single storey attached WCs, kitchen and storage block; demolition of existing single storey detached nursery and erection of part two storey part single storey extension comprising hall, kitchen, nursery, IT suite, library, MI room WCs and storage at **Frittenden CEP School, The Street**, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to recommend Approval in the interests of the village.

TW/10/03405: Extension of Time: Conversion of barn to dwelling (TW/02/02886 & TW/07/03896 refers) at **Buckhurst Farm Buildings, Biddenden Road**, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/10/03448: Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) – Non-compliance with agricultural occupancy condition (TW/82/0997 refers) at **3 Folly Cottages, Mill Lane**, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to recommend Approval. Agricultural occupancy has not been exercised for many years and is an irrelevance. The project as a whole will transform this much maligned site to health.

TW/10/03749: Part ground floor and part first floor extension to front elevation including relocation of front door at **Whealers Oast, Biddenden Road**, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to recommend Approval. These minor changes will enhance the property aesthetically.

Decisions:

TW/10/02565: Extension of Time – erection of a 2-storey detached house and garage (Planning permission TW/07/00114 refers) at **Hill House, The Street**, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

New Planning Guide – MC

Budget Questionnaire – sent to all Councillors

KCC:

Medium Term Plan 2014/15

Annual Performance Report website details

Library Trial Period notice – sent to all Councillors

Kent Police Country Eye:

Neighbourhood Watch for rural properties – notices available

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

Mr M Cooper.....	£10.99 EF
Bell and Jorrocks.....	£350.15 EF
Cory Environmental.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£234.55
EDF Energy DD.....	£37.26

VAT return amounting to £466.92 has been received. This is apportioned as £333.63 to the Equipment Fund and the balance of £133.29 to the Current Account.

A direct debit form payable to E.on was signed.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee is concerned that since Mr Homersham decided not to sell his land for Affordable Housing there has been no further progress with regard to building homes for those people wishing to remain in the village. The Chairman replied that the whole process has been very frustrating, especially the lack of ability of Hyde Housing to purchase the necessary land. Mr J Beech is to contact Cllr. John Smith, and Jenny Hudson, with regard to the options that are open to the Parish Council. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Upstairs Room at the Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden on Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr M Cooper
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), & Mrs Hazel Gosbee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs A Holroyd & Cllr. Roger Manning.

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

There were none at this time.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Transport Survey:

The Chairman confirmed that he has sent a letter to Transport Integration at KCC, who have a contract with Arriva, requesting a re-route of the No. 5 bus service, through Frittenden, twice a week; including a Saturday.

Post Office:

The Chairman reported that Staplehurst Post Office has now reopened with a temporary Postmaster. The notion of introducing a post office service from the Memorial Hall will be pursued as soon as practicable.

Budget 2011/12

The Clerk confirmed that a letter requesting a precept of £8,800.00 has been sent to TWBC.

Affordable Housing:

The Chairman reported that he has spoken with Jenny Hudson at TWBC. A meeting has been arranged for the 17th January 2011 at Longmeadows, Biddenden Road, between Ms Hudson and the Parish Council on how to proceed with this issue. The Chairman is also to arrange a meeting with Joy Temple, the new Conservative candidate for Frittenden & Sissinghurst, as soon as possible.

5. DONATIONS

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to send donations to the following organisations, under Section137:

Kenward Trust	£100
Kent Air Ambulance	£100
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital	£50
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
Frittenden Pre School	£50
Royal British Legion	£50
Frittenden Parochial Church Council	£350
Hospice in the Weald	£75
Kent Youth	£30
Frittenden Primary School	£100

Victim Support	£25
Angley School Farm	£50
Samaritans	£50

6. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES

The Clerk circulated a copy of meeting dates for 2011, which had been previously discussed with the Chairman. It was agreed not to hold a full council meeting in June as the Chairman is unable to attend. However, if necessary, a planning meeting will be held. The following dates were agreed:

January 18 th	February 15 th	March 15 th
April 19 th	May 10 th APA	May 17 th
June 21 st (Planning)	July 19 th	September 20 th
October 19 th	November 16 th	December 13 th

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that the requested 1 ton bag of salt had been received from Highways but had, for some reason, been left at Bettenham. It is hoped to move this to the centre of the village. The bag is filled mostly with sand, not salt, as promised. A request for the salt bins to be filled has also been made. Some potholes have been filled. However, due to the adverse weather conditions there is a fear the remaining holes will be a low priority.

The flashing speed sign at the entrance to the village has now been erected. The Chairman wished to record the Parish Council's thanks to Cllr. Manning for his efforts to secure the sign for the village. It was agreed this draws attention to the driver's speed, and does slow the traffic down. It was noted that Mr Bone has still not cut his hedge, which slightly obscures the 30mph speed limit sign.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

There were none.

Decisions:

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Permission Granted.

TW/10/03329: LBC - Demolition of existing single storey attached WCs, kitchen and storage block; demolition of existing single storey detached nursery and erection of part two storey part single storey extension comprising hall, kitchen, nursery, IT suite, library, MI room WCs and storage at **Frittenden CEP School, The Street**, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/10/03346: Two storey rear addition and internal and external alterations at **Appleton Farm Cottage, Green Lane**, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

Correspondence:

Notice of the felling of two Ash trees at Gate House, Cranbrook Road

An informal enquiry re solar panels at Appleton Farm Cottage, Green Lane.

Mr M Cooper reported that he had been approached by residents following an article in the local press regarding an extension to Staplehurst Golf Centre, Cradducks Lane, Staplehurst, with concerns over lorries using Frittenden Road. The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter. There followed some discussion and the Clerk showed a diagram of the proposed route the lorries are to take, obtained from Staplehurst Parish Council. It was agreed that the MBC planning website should be viewed for a full understanding of any implications.

The Chairman confirmed his attendance at the Hatchin' Tan hearing on 8th December 2010. A site visit also took place. There has been a loss of Special Landscape Area status across the whole of the Borough, which has affected this area. The site in Grandshore Lane can also no longer be declared as containing ancient woodland, since Mr Redford felled the trees. A conclusion to this appeal is awaited.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

M & N Communications:

Introduction letter re appointment as consultants re the future of civic complex Tunbridge Wells

Kent Fire & Rescue:

Questionnaire on Improving Services

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Membership Subscription details

Oast to Coast magazine

Annual summary 2009/10

Maria Cook:

Annual Play inspection report – it was noted in the spring areas of the mound need re-seeding and new soil and re-seeding around one of the boulders is necessary.

10. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

Mr J Honey-Green (Complete Landscapes).....	£270.00
E.on.....	£17.03
Stationery Express.....	£9.79
Cory Environmental.....	£9.40
Direct Technical Services.....	£12.93
D A Jenkins Salary.	£127.48
Expenses	£11.32
Mr J Beech.....	£21.90

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm