

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Memorial Hall, The Street, Frittenden on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Cllr A Staples
Cllr R Vernon
Cllr L Gosbee
Cllr S Murray

In attendance: Mrs E Nightingale (Clerk)

[The meeting was chaired by Cllr Staples (Vice Chairman) in the absence of Cllr Lawrence.]

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr G Lawrence, Cllr Tuke, Cllr Viviers, Cllr Fairweather (Borough), Cllr Warne (Borough) & Cllr S Holden (County)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct Part 2)

None

3. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATE

None

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Gosbee, seconded by Cllr Viviers, and **RESOLVED** by all members present that the Minutes from the Council meeting on 11th December 2024 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

That being so, the Vice Chairman will sign the said Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Maidstone Borough Council : Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document – Preferred Approaches (Regulation 18b) Consultation

The Clerk has submitted the comments approved by the Parish Council and circulated a copy of the comments submitted by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

Double Yellow Lines at the crossroads in the centre of the village

Kent County Council (KCC) are preparing to begin the public consultation phase of this project.

Cllr Staples noted that this week's TWBC newsletter made reference to a consultation on parking strategy. In paragraph 7 of the consultation document, it states that if a parking issue is a matter of

public safety, TWBC must support attempts to address it under the new policy. Cllr Staples also noted that paragraph 7.5.15 of that documents says that there are no known parking issues in Frittenden. This is factually incorrect as parking around the crossroads is a longstanding issue on which the Council has previously attempted to engage TWBC without success. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit a comment to correct that factual inaccuracy, note KCC's proposal to install double yellow lines and advise that a Working Group was being set up to try to address parking issues in the village more generally.

6. KALC COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME 2025

Cllr Gosbee suggested a recipient of the award and it was unanimously agreed that they should be nominated. Cllr Staples will prepare the relevant citation for submission to KALC.

7. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Staples reported that no sessions had taken place since the last meeting due to the Christmas holiday, but January's sessions were due to start on the 8th. A new bag had been purchased by Sandhurst Parish Council for the tripod. The Council will be responsible for half of the cost and so Cllr Staples will chase his counterpart at Sandhurst for a copy of the relevant invoice.

8. PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS / EQUIPMENT

Cllr Gosbee confirmed that, other than the playground being very wet, there were no maintenance issues to report.

9. ROAD REPORT

Cllr Gosbee reported that the edges of the road along London Lane were scheduled for repair, but he was still trying to get the same repairs carried out along Dig Dog Lane. He had also sent an email to Cllr Holden about the very poor state of the road surface at the end of Biddenden Road. That part of the road fell within Ashford Borough Council. Cllr Vernon noted that there were big potholes opening up on Cradducks Lane but, again, that was outside of the borough.

Cllr Gosbee has reported a nasty pothole on Headcorn Road, but he didn't think it would be repaired until the weather improved.

All the salt bins around the Parish had been filled.

Cllr Gosbee reported that there had been another accident at the Bounds Cross Crossroads. The Council would continue to call for a redesign of this junction as it is dangerous.

10. PLANNING

New Applications

24/03224/FULL	Poundlands Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden Proposed ground floor side extension, side porch, flat roof glazed window, internal alterations, new wood burner flue & new retaining external dwarf wall Proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Gosbee RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL
24/03133/FULL	Willow Cottage, Ayleswade Lane, Headcorn Single storey extensions to front side & rear of existing bungalow. Erection of new standalone garage / car port.

	Proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Murray RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL
24/02986/FULL	2 Weald View, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden Variation of Condition 2 to planning application 24/01983/FULL – Erection of a rear conservatory of smaller dimensions and elevations instead of a single storey rear extension. Proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Gosbee RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Outcome of Previous applications

24/02248/FULL	Little Brookwood Barn, Green Lane, Frittenden Proposed garage PERMISSION GRANTED
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Planning appeals

- None

Cllr Staples noted that the planning application relating to Knoxbridge Farm was being considered on 8th January 2025 and that TWBC was minded to support it because it would provide rural employment. It was noted that, if permission was granted, there would need to be further applications to address appropriate planning conditions around traffic movements etc. once it was known what the industrial units would be used for.

Cllr Murray noted that a resident had raised a query around the status of a mobile home. It was agreed that the clerk would ask TWBC to consider this.

11. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- The Clerk had received and circulated an email from a resident who believed that the owners of the Knoxbridge Inn were actively looking to put in place a new manager and reopen the pub. They were concerned that the terms of the licence under which the pub was previously operated, particularly around opening hours, were unreasonable. It was noted that there was little that could be done in anticipation of a new manager being installed and that the Council would need to await a new license application addressing the change of manager before commenting.

12. FINANCE

- It was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Gosbee, and **RESOLVED** by all members present to pay the accounts/ as follows:

FRITTENDEN PAYMENTS – JANUARY 2025					
Cheque Number	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
BACS	£17.00	Nil	£17.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Hall Hire (1 x session + winter surcharge)
BACS	£50.40	£8.40	£42.00	Urbaser Ltd	Street Cleansing – December
BACS	£53.60	Nil	£53.60	Mrs E Nightingale	Clerk's Expenses - January

BACS	£127.78	Nil	£127.78	Mrs E Nightingale	Clerk's Salary – January
BACS	£32.00	Nil	£32.00	HMRC	PAYE
BACS	£250.00	Nil	£250.00	KSS Air Ambulance	S137 Donation
BACS	£200.00	Nil	£200.00	Frittenden School	S137 Donation
BACS	£200.00	Nil	£200.00	Frittenden Preschool	S137 Donation
BACS	£200.00	Nil	£200.00	Heart of Kent Hospice	S137 Donation
BACS	£200.00	Nil	£200.00	Hospice in the Weald	S137 Donation
BACS	£100.00	Nil	£100.00	Hawkhurst Community League of Friends – Cottage Hospital	S137 Donation
BACS	£50.00	Nil	£50.00	Victim Support	S137 Donation
BACS	£50.00	Nil	£50.00	Tunbridge Wells CAB	S137 Donation
BACS	£50.00	Nil	£50.00	Samaritans	S137 Donation
BACS	£50.00	Nil	£50.00	Relate	S137 Donation
BACS	£50.00	Nil	£50.00	Royal British Legion	S137 Donation
BACS	£50.00	Nil	£50.00	Snowfields Academy Farm	S137 Donation
BACS	£350.00	Nil	£350.00	Frittenden Parochial Church Council	S137 Donation
DD	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	Hugo Fox	Website Hosting fee
DD	£92.12	£4.39	£87.73	Npower	Streetlighting Energy – December
Total	£2,184.89	£14.79	£2,170.10		

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:15pm.

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____