

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk) & Cllr John Smith.

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 at this time.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed by 6 votes.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Area Fencing:

The fencing has been moved as agreed. Mrs J Croucher reported that the litter bins have been emptied.

KFRS Fire Hydrants:

The Clerk distributed copies of Fire Hydrant site maps to all Councillors.

Annual Budget:

The Clerk confirmed she has written to TWBC requesting the precept.

Correspondence:

The Clerk confirmed that a letter has been sent to the primary school with regard to their request to place no dog fouling signs on the footpath at the rear of the school building.

Mrs J Croucher reported that she has spoken to Community Warden Adam Osborn who in turn has spoken to the owner of the offending dog with regard to leaving dog excrement in the area around Valence View.

It was confirmed that the piece of land for auction at Valence View has been jointly purchased by local residents.

Any Other Business:

Mr J Beech reported that he has received a quote for the Laundry Lane tree works from Bridgelands. Two further quotes are awaited.

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk is to invite tenders for the various grounds maintenance contracts, to be returned to the Parish Council in time for a decision to be made at the following meeting.

6. ROAD REPORT

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Mr J Beech reported that he is still awaiting the summary report from Stephen Node.

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that an Enforcement Officer has visited the site on Staplehurst Road where fly tipping has taken place. It is hoped this will soon be removed. Xmas trees have been deposited in Sand Lane and a pile of wood has been left on the Park Wood Lane/Mill Lane junction. Mrs A Holroyd has reported the latter. Deep potholes on Headcorn Road are a hazard. As there have been no long periods of frost so far this winter the minor roads through the village have not been salted as they are not a priority.

Having investigated dropping the kerb outside of the school for pushchair and wheelchair users etc. some months ago, and due to a change in legislation, it has been discovered that the school would now need to apply for a license to instigate this, at their own cost.

KCC and TWBC have confirmed that they no longer offer free sand bags to residents, who in future will have to purchase their own if required. The Clerk is to request James Tuke to put a notice on the website informing residents of this change.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the 30mph interactive speed sign is still not working, despite engineers working at the site recently.

Mr M Cooper reported the break up of the road surface at Park Wood Lane.

Mr J Beech has received a complaint from a resident with regard to ice on the road at Satins Hill due to water seepage. The road has not been gritted throughout the cold weather. Mr L Gosbee is to report this to Highways.

It was confirmed there is still water seepage on Headcorn Road.

Mr M Cooper reported a blocked drain causing flooding on the road outside of Maplehurst Mill.

Mrs H Cullingworth stated that she has copied the Clerk into an email she has sent to various relevant authorities regarding extending the white lines outside of the school.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

13/03550 **Great Water House, Knoxbidge** – Single storey rear extension

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to recommend Approval.

13/03793 **Brissenden Farm, Sand Lane** – Conservatory and single storey rear extension

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to recommend Approval.

13/03799LBC **Brissenden Farm, Sand Lane** – Conservatory and single storey rear extension

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to leave this to the experts and to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

13/01284 **Great Hungerden Farm, Green Lane** – Conversion of Bullock Lodge to 1 dwelling unit; Retention of Dutch barn as covered parking area; Conversion of stables to holiday let; Retention of cart lodge as garage; Removal of the outbuildings to the sides and rear of the Cart Lodge; Removal of the modern agricultural buildings to the north of the Bullock Lodge; Associated landscaping

Permission GRANTED.

13/03094LBC **Former Bakery, Headcorn Road** – Conversion of bakery to two bedroom house

Permission GRANTED.

- 13/03385 **Knoxbridge Farm, Knoxbridge** – Change of use of land for the siting of additional solar panels to provide electricity for poultry unit
Permission GRANTED.
- 13/03430 **2 Ian Cottages, Knoxbridge** – Single storey rear extension
Permission GRANTED.
- 13/03438 **Sinksnorth Farmhouse, Staplehurst Road** – Hard surface tennis court and 2.75m high fencing
Permission GRANTED.
- 13/03484 **Pound Hill Farm, Biddenden Road** – Removal of Condition 9 of TW/07/02571 relating to conversion of redundant building into holiday cottage – to allow rental period of more than 6 weeks
Permission REFUSED.

Correspondence:

There is none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

It was reported that a resident in Bubhurst Lane has been contacted by the Caravan Club with regard to a consultation period for the opening of a caravan site at Holin Root Farm. Cllr Smith reported that following letters received from local residents with regard to this license application, mainly referencing access to the site, TWBC have written to the Caravan Club and are currently awaiting their response.

Corylus Planning and Environmental Ltd:

Notice of a public consultation drop-in meeting on Wednesday 5th February 2014 from 2-8pm at Frittenden Memorial Hall - for a proposed Solar Installation at Pullen Farm, Staplehurst Road.

9. FINANCE

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

Craigdene.....	£150.00
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
St Leger Services.....	£200.00
Stationery Express UK Ltd.....	£6.95
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
Streetlights.....	£84.12
D A Jenkins Salary.	£182.90
Expenses.....	£32.60
Transport Accessibility Group.....	£14.00
Eon DD.....	£17.36

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Smith reported that a TWBC Councillor is undertaking a campaign report to implement a borough wide policy to reduce the speed limit to 20mph outside of school premises. There is a request for any parish

wishing to be included in the report to contact their local Councillor. The chances of success are about 20%. It was agreed Frittenden would wish to be included.

TWBC budget is to reduce by 17%, a cut of £702,000. The biggest savings will come from staff reductions and efficiencies. There will also be an increase in car parking fees in the town centre. No major reduction in services will be made. There is a proposed 1.9% increase in Council Tax. There will be no use of general reserve to balance the budget. The revenue generated from Council Tax is now greater than Central Government support.

A recent change in housing policy has reduced the numbers on the housing list. All those on the register have been informed by letter of the changes and any amendments to their own listing. No residents from Frittenden have written in response to these changes.

Land at Wilkes Field, Cranbrook is likely to be gifted to Cranbrook Parish Council, along with a proposal for 11 houses. Cranbrook PC has agreed to this proposal. TWBC have provisionally agreed to financially help Cranbrook PC with funds raised from the sale of the Council Offices in the town. Sissinghurst PC has put in a request for funding assistance for a new village hall. Cllr Smith stated that if Frittenden is in need of funding for a project then this is the time to apply.

Mrs H Cullingworth requested that future parish council meetings start at 7.30pm. This was agreed by all.

Mrs A Holroyd has received a letter from Helen Grant MP stating that funding is available for WW1 commemoration events. Councillors were asked to give some thought to this. The Historical Society and the British Legion are to be informed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52 pm

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Cllr Sean Holden & Hazel Gosbee

Cllr Holden was invited to speak before having to leave the meeting to attend a prior engagement. He asked Councillors to think about what an available grant could be used for, to help the village in some way, and to advise him accordingly. This KCC budget is the first under the transformation policy. A reduction in government funding has meant the County Council making many cuts. An increase in tax of 1.99% has been recommended. The Freedom Bus Pass for school children will not be discontinued but there will be changes to the cost and usage.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr J Beech & Mrs N Aldhouse.

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

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

3. TO APPROVE THE 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

Play Area Fencing:

Mrs J Croucher reported that the litter bins have not been emptied. Owners are still taking their dogs into the play area despite the fencing. The Clerk is to order 'No Dogs' sign for the gates.

Laundry Lane Tree Works:

Mrs A Holroyd reported that Bridgelands have been instructed to complete the work to the tree in Laundry Lane. As a result of the Clerk receiving a call from the Cranbrook Tree Warden, Bridgelands have also been requested to inspect a tree at the War Memorial, thought to need some attention. whilst they are working in the village.

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Mr L Gosbee left the room at this point and took no part in the discussions.

Despite the Clerk inviting 6 companies to tender for the various contracts only 3 tenders had been received. It was agreed to make a decision on the quotes received. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to accept the following quotes:

CONTRACT 1 - to mow the Parish Field grass (a maximum of 16 cuts per annum March to November, weather permitting) to include mowing the new play area, and strimming around equipment as necessary, under trees and surrounding areas including field edges; to mow/cut the grass mounds within the Parish Field (a maximum of 8 cuts per annum March to November, weather permitting) to Landscape Services @ £1309.12

CONTRACT 2 - to mow the grass and cut the hedge at the War Memorial (a maximum of 16 cuts per annum March to November, weather permitting) to Mr L Gosbee @ £100.00

CONTRACT 3 - to cut the Paddock hedges, including hedge on road boundary and hedge between Paddock and Frittenden House. (a maximum of 2 cuts per annum) to Landscape Services @ £105.55

CONTRACT 4 – to cut the outer side of hedge between the Parish Field & Laundry Lane, by hand, and to remove all cuttings. (1 cut per annum) to Landscape Services @ £116.13

CONTRACT 5 – to cut all internal vertical faces of hedges within the Parish Field, and to remove all cuttings. (1 cut per annum) to Landscape Services @ £137.24

Mr L Gosbee was invited to return to the meeting at this point.

6. VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY

It was agreed that a Clean-Up Day should take place this year following the success of previous years. After much discussion it was agreed this should take place on Saturday 5th April 2014. The Chairman is to speak to TWBC regarding the borrowing of equipment. Mrs J Croucher is to approach Sean & Rosie Croucher with regard to the possibility of a lunch being available on the day at the Bell & Jorrocks, to volunteers,

7. WW1 COMMEMORATIONS

Mrs a Holroyd informed Mr L Gosbee that Tor Millard, Secretary of the Historical Society, will be writing to him imminently regarding the rose planting project at the War Memorial. It was suggested that the grant offered by Cllr Sean Holden could be put towards the addition of the missing names on the Memorial and the cleaning of it. Mr M Cooper stated the Historical Society will be writing an article for every edition of the Parish Magazine for the next 4 years. It was agreed that a celebration to mark the end of the war in 4 years time should be considered.

8. ROAD REPORT

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

There is nothing to report.

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that although the interactive Speed Sign has recently been repaired it is not always operational. He is to report this.

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that having written to various authorities regarding extending the white lines outside of the Primary School she has been notified by Stephen Node that this project has been given the go ahead.

Mr L Gosbee noted that there are currently traffic lights situated in Sand Lane. However, he is not sure of their significance. Surface water and pot holes at Satins Hill have been reported and subsequently inspected by Kent Highways. Water at Buckhurst Bridge has been reported. Numerous pot holes on Headcorn Road have been reported. Mrs A Holroyd noted a further pothole in the Great Hungerden Farm area. Mr L Gosbee is to report this.

Mr M Cooper updated Councillors regarding the Emergency Assistance initiative. It was agreed that all requests should be filtered through the Parish Council. Mr L Gosbee and Mrs J Croucher have volunteered to be the agreed points of contact. Both councillors were formally thanked for this offer. Various items of equipment have been offered by residents including tractors and chain saws. Those residents offering their assistance include: Dick Munton, Paul Hope, Tony Staples, Mark Conti, Howard Lilley, Jeremy Beech and Ivor Jauncey. Mr M Cooper is to write an article for the Parish Magazine informing residents of the scheme.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

There is none.

Decisions:

13/03550 **Great Water House, Knoxbridge** – Single storey rear extension

Permission GRANTED

Correspondence:

There is none.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Notification of a Family Fun Day on 18th August 2014 from 1- 5pm
Request for a pledge to fund large equipment hire for the Family Fun Day – It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr L Gosbee to pledge the sum of £300. The Clerk is to write to the organiser confirming this

ACRK:

Renewal of membership form – It was agreed to continue this membership

West Kent Neighbourhood Watch:

Request to attend meeting – Clerk to accept and suggest suitable dates

Various letters of thanks following donations

11. FINANCE

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

Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
D A Jenkins Salary.	£212.06
Expenses.....	£21.06
Eon DD.....	£17.36

Mr M Cooper requested the Clerk order the display panels that the Tent Team has agreed to purchase for the Historical Society at the sum of £154.80

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mrs H Cullingworth noted that the Philip Hope Memorial Board is in need of updating following a change in the Chairmanship.

Mrs J Croucher asked if a welcome pack is still given to new residents. The Clerk is aware that the Village Guide is in need of updating. She is to contact Howard Lilley to see if he has the original copy of this on his computer which can then be modified.

CRIME SAFETY UNIT PRESENTATION

The Chairman introduced Mr Steve Whitehead, Community Safety Manager Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Unit, to the meeting. An invitation to Mr Whitehead to attend the meeting had only been confirmed the previous day. Mr Whitehead informed Councillors that a Strategic Assessment to engage community stakeholders and find out resident issues is currently taking place. The CSU is based in the Town Hall in Tunbridge Wells. CCTV last year assisted in approximately 200 arrests. Statistics have confirmed that Tunbridge Wells Borough is the safest place to live in Kent. All crime, however minor, should be reported to Kent Police on telephone number 101, before informing the CSU. The main priorities for CSU this year are anti-social behaviour; violence/domestic abuse; substance use; shop lifting and scams. If a resident is experiencing a lot of nuisance calls or scams CSU are able to offer the loan of a unit to attach to a telephone that only accepts calls from recognised callers. The CSU is willing to put resources behind the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and will provide free signs. Mr Steve Whitehead can be contacted on Tel no. 01892 554224 ext. 3324

The Chairman thanked Mr Whitehead for attending the meeting and for giving an informative speech.

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

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr L Gosbee.

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

There was none.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Area Fencing:

The Clerk has collected the signs for the gates. Mrs H Cullingworth offered to erect these. It was reported that the gate at the top of the play area is not self closing as it should be. Mrs A Holroyd is to inspect this and oil it if necessary.

Laundry Lane Tree Works:

Mr J Beech reported that the tree at the War Memorial has been looked at and the advice given is to leave it for the present. The tree in Laundry Lane is still awaiting the work to be completed.

Grounds Maintenance:

The Clerk confirmed she has written to all the contractors who tendered quotes.

Village Clean-Up Day:

The Chairman reported that all the required forms to be completed have been received. A risk assessment is to be carried out. Mr Ivor Jauncey has offered the use of his field for collected rubbish on 5th April. TWBC are to leave the equipment to be loaned at the Bell & Jorrock's as in previous years.

WW1 Commemorations:

Mrs A Holroyd reported that a site meeting has taken place with the Historical Society to which Mr L Gosbee also attended regarding planting at the War Memorial. The Chairman stated that she has applied for a grant of £3000 from Lottery Funding.

Road Report:

Mr M Cooper confirmed that an article will appear in the forthcoming issue of the Parish Magazine nominating Mr L Gosbee and Mrs J Croucher as the first point of contact for residents requiring emergency help.

Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that Peter Rolington, Chairman of West Kent Neighbourhood Watch, is to attend the Parish Council meeting on 20th May 2014.

Finance:

A thank you from Mr Phil Betts, following receipt of the display panels, on behalf of the Historical Society has been received.

Any Other Urgent Business:

Mr M Cooper has been updating the Village Guide as and when the updates from the various village groups have been received. The Clerk has received an update from the Gardening Society to be included. Outstanding reports from some groups are yet to be received.

5. ROAD REPORT

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Mr J Beech confirmed he has chased Stephen Node for the report.

General:

The Clerk read out a report from Mr L Gosbee in his absence. The bin at Dig Dog Lane has been stolen and the salt/sand has been emptied on the road. Mr L Gosbee has shovelled this into the lay-by.

Potholes at Satins Hill have been repaired and a further one outside Burnt Wood has been reported and inspected by Graham White from TWBC.

Park Wood Lane is on Highways agenda for repair, but it is not known when this will be completed.

6. PLANNING

Applications:

14/00648 **Whitsunden Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road** – Conversion of existing detached garage ground floor area to provide annexe living accommodation

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to recommend APPROVAL with the condition that the garage remains within the curtilage of Whitsunden Farm Oast.

Decisions:

13/03515 **OS Plots 6528 & 7340 Coldharbour Lane** – Erection of stable block and construction of 60m x 20m outdoor riding arena. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use.

Permission GRANTED

13/03793 &
13/03799 LBC **Brissenden Farm, Sand Lane** – Conservatory and single storey rear extension

WITHDRAWN

Correspondence:

There is none.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Headcorn Airfield:

Notice of 2014 Aerobatic Free Days: 3rd & 25th May; 14th & 29th June; 5th & 20th July; 2nd & 24th August

Various letters of thanks following donations

8. FINANCE

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

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ACRK	£65.00
Iden Signs.....	£36.00
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Stationery Express.....	£20.08
Mr L J Gosbee.....	£50.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
D A Jenkins Salary.	£227.96
Expenses.....	£23.79
Eon DD.....	£15.68

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that the cuttings from the hedge at the rear of Hill House have been left on the Parish Field, and are very wet. It was confirmed these will be cleared when the remainder of the hedge has been cut.

Mr J Beech raised the issue of the pub becoming a community asset. The Clerk replied that having previously discussed this with the Chairman she is to investigate the matter further.

The Clerk read out a report Mr L Gosbee had sent her regarding Headcorn Airfield and Staplehurst Health Centre as follows:

At the Airfield meeting on 4th March, Jamie Freeman informed us that there have only been 2 occasions on which it was possible to do night flights this season, and they were undertaken for health and safety reasons. They say that they will try not to fly over Frittenden village, but flight paths are rotated at times, sometimes due to weather conditions. Planes flying over 1,000 feet are regarded by law as non-offensive as the sound is so small. Only low flying aircraft can be reported. They say that if you see low flying planes over the village, the likelihood is that it is nothing to do with them, but they would assist in an investigation. Shenley Airstrip was used to land a very early aircraft from WW1 with just the aid of a wind sock.

Malling Health has been given the franchise to run Staplehurst Health Centre for the next 10 years. There are 3 full time doctors there now, including one lady doctor Lyn Burnett. Her specialised field is palliative care and medicine management. There are also 3 practice nurses (one male). So hopefully after a lot of comings and goings it will be a more stable practice. On 12th April, Dr Robert Rumfield will be giving a talk at the Centre at 7pm on the life of a GP.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02 pm

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr L Gosbee and KCC Councillor Sean Holden.

The Clerk read a request from Cllr Holden to think about how he may be able to assist Frittenden with his Members Fund which this year has been reduced in value.

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

There is none.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Area Fencing:

Mrs H Cullingworth confirmed she has attached the signs to the gates. Mrs A Holroyd confirmed that she has looked at the self closing gate which now seems to be working.

Laundry Lane Tree Works:

Mr J Beech stated that he is chasing Bridgeland's regarding Laundry Lane tree works.

Village Clean-Up Day:

Mr J Beech reported that the day had been very successful with the involvement of approximately 30 people. A report will appear in the Parish Magazine thanking all those who took part. The Parish Council wished to record their thanks to Ivor and Carol Jauncey for the use of their field, and to Sean and Rosie Croucher for the use of the Bell & Jorrocks.

WW1 Commemorations:

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she has received a reply from Lottery Funding regarding the grant application requesting an expansion of the information previously sent.

Village Guide:

Mr M Cooper is awaiting an update from Frittenden Pre-School but otherwise most of the Guide has been updated and will be circulated to all Councillors for any further updates or amendments as necessary. Mr M Cooper suggested updating the picture on the front cover which was agreed and a picture of the Village Sign was proposed. Mr M Cooper asked Councillors if they had a photo of this please could they forward it to him.

Any Other Business:

The Clerk reported that she has downloaded a form from TWBC website regarding the registering of Community Assets, which she has begun to complete. The form has been passed to the Chairman for further input.

5. **ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The following agenda items were agreed for the APA:

Apologies for Absence	Chairman's Report
Minutes of the Previous APA	Any Other Business
Matters Arising	
To Receive the Accounts of Charities	

6. **ROAD REPORT**

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Mr J Beech confirmed that he is still chasing Stephen Node for the report.

General:

In the absence of Mr L Gosbee the Clerk reported that Park Wood Lane is still to be repaired and the majority of potholes have been filled.

It was noted that there are potholes near East Lodge on Cranbrook Road and outside of the Memorial Hall car park and Biddenden Road nearby Longmeadows.

7. **PLANNING**

Applications:

14/00614 **Broadlake, Mill Lane** – Listed Building Consent: Removal of chimney from the interior of the first floor bathroom and above roof level

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

14/00742 **Beale Farm, Sand Lane** – Rear conservatory extension

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

14/01047 **Great Hungerden Farm Cottage, Green Lane** – Listed Building Consent: First floor rear extension over catslide roof, conservatory on south elevation and single storey rear extension on north elevation; Internal alterations and repairs

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

Decisions:

13/02293 **Hill House, The Street** – Extension of Time – Erection of a 2-storey detached house and garage (Planning permission TW/10/02565 refers)

NOT PROCEEDED with application

13/03324 **Westfield, Sand Lane** – First floor extension

Permission GRANTED

13/03471 **Shenlands Farm, Ayleswade Lane** – Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing) Use of agricultural land as residential curtilage

Lawful Use GRANTED

Correspondence:

There is none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

ACRK:
Oast to Coast magazine – Mr J Beech

Kent High Weald Project:
Brochure – Mrs H Cullingworth

9. FINANCE

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

KALC Subscription.....	£325.70
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£188.20
Expenses.....	£15.93
Eon DD.....	£17.36

A quote for the sum of &780 plus VAT to clean and restore the War Memorial has been received from The Stone Shop, Maidstone.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mrs N Aldhouse reported that she has received a telephone call regarding travellers and gypsy's having the same constraints levelled on them as others regarding planning and land occupation. Once the relevant paperwork has been sent she confirmed she will bring this to the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Hazel Gosbee & Mr Peter Rolington Chairman of West Kent Neighbourhood Watch

Mrs Anne Holroyd introduced and welcomed Peter Rolington to the meeting. Mr Rolington explained that he is a volunteer for Kent Police and is the Editor of e-watch, the bi-weekly crime e-newsletter. Anyone can sign up for this, and is encouraged to do so. This can be found at www.e-watch.co. He is currently visiting all 76 parishes within his area. Mr Rolington reported that Frittenden is one of the safest places to live, having very little reported crime. There are 6 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators registered in Frittenden. Oil theft in the area has been a major concern, but since a group of oil thieves has been apprehended the problem has virtually been eliminated. Mr Rolington informed Councillors that he has also recently become Chairman of Kent Crimestoppers who can be contacted on 0800 555 111. The Chairman thanked Mr Rolington for his informative presentation and for attending the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr M Cooper.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs A Holroyd confirmed her willingness to serve for a further year as Chairman. It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously that Mrs A Holroyd be re-elected as Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr J Beech confirmed that he is willing to serve a further term as Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously that Mr J Beech be re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

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

There is none.

5. TO APPROVE THE 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.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Laundry Lane Tree Works:

Mr J Beech confirmed that the work has been completed.

WW1 Commemorations:

Mrs A Holroyd reported that a meeting has taken place with the gardener who is to dig the rose bed ready for planting. The expansion of information required on the grant application for Lottery Funding has not yet been completed.

Village Guide:

Mr M Cooper has finished completing the update of the Village Guide

Community Assets:

The Chairman confirmed that Sean Croucher has completed part of the application form and she will fill in what she is able before returning the form to the Clerk.

Any Other Urgent Business:

Mrs N Aldhouse is to chase the information offered on planning constraints for gypsy and traveller sites.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

There are no matters arising.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2014

All Councillors had previously been circulated a copy of the accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2014. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been reviewed earlier in the year by Mr M Cooper and that Mr B Millard had recently performed the internal audit. It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014.

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

9. ROAD REPORT

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Following the A229 traffic survey the follow up reports and data have been received from Steven Noad and circulated to all Councillors by the Vice-Chairman. Once these have been fully digested a number of questions are certain to arise. Mr J Beech proposed that he invite Mr Noad to either the June or July Parish Council meeting, along with representatives of the Knoxbridge action group, to answer any questions.

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that repairs should have taken place to Park Wood Lane by 15th May 2014. Mrs A Holroyd is to confirm this. Various pot holes have been ringed in white and should be repaired imminently. Mrs J Croucher confirmed that the potholes outside the Memorial Hall have been filled. Mrs H Cullingworth has been informed by Steven Noad that there are no funds available for extending the lines outside of the school despite previously confirming this would happen. The Clerk suggested contacting Cllr Sean Holden requesting a grant from his Highways Members fund for this work. This was agreed. Mr L Gosbee has approached Highways with regard to the construction of a lay by outside of The Orchards, Biddenden Road to overcome parking issues. However, he has been informed that as there has not been any parking related incidents in the last 3 years in Biddenden Road this project would not gain priority funding.

Mrs N Aldhouse reported a number of large potholes in Grandshore Lane.

The Clerk reported that she has received notice of a new local highway steward for Frittenden; Emma Pavitt.

10. PLANNING

Applications:

14/00940 **Pound Hill Farm, Biddenden Road** – Variation of Condition 9 of TW/07/02571 relating to conversion of redundant building into holiday cottage – to allow continuous occupation for the maximum period admissible.

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

14/01530 **Poplar Cottage, The Street** – Proposed replacement garage with garden room.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to recommend APPROVAL.

Decisions:

- 14/00648 **Whitsunden Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road** – Conversion of existing detached garage ground floor area to provide annexe living accommodation
Permission GRANTED
- 14/00738 **Beale Farm, Sand Lane** – Rear conservatory extension
Permission GRANTED
- 14/00940 **Pound Hill Farm, Biddenden Road** – Variation of Condition 9 of TW/07/02571 relating to conversion of redundant building into holiday cottage – to allow continuous occupation for the maximum period admissible.
Permission GRANTED

Correspondence:

There is none.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk has received an email from Kim Dale regarding the Frittenden Family Fun Day advising that the funds needed to secure the climbing wall and spider mountain has not been raised. An alternative offer to provide a circus skills entertainer at a cost of £200 is offered. Councillors discussed this and decided not to accept the offer. The Clerk will advise Kim Dale accordingly.

Kenward Trust:
Magazine Spring/Summer 2014

Mr J Beech informed Councillors of the Age Concern AGM on 21st May 2014 in Cranbrook. Unfortunately, no-one is available to attend.

12. FINANCE

The Clerk informed the Council that following discussions with the Chairman her salary scale has increased by one increment on the National Salary Scale as from 1st April 2014.

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

G Bridgeland Ltd	£252.00
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£348.00
Expenses.....	£131.79
Maidstone Association of Youth.....	£100.00
Eon DD.....	£16.80
Income received: TWBC Precept 1 st Instalment	(£5207.84)

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee apologised for not having mowed the grass at the War Memorial due to his accident.

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that the stinging nettles are very tall on Laundry Lane and require cutting. She also mentioned the main grass and boundary to the playing field is not being maintained very well by the contractor. The Clerk has spoken to Landscape Services but will do so again.

Mrs J Croucher stated that Cllr John Smith had mentioned, at a previous meeting he attended, funds from the sale of the old council offices in Cranbrook being available to the parish. The Clerk is requested to contact Cllr Smith to ask if funds are still available and if applications are still being accepted.

Mrs J Croucher mentioned that the grass outside the bungalows in Mill Lane, maintained by TWBC, is unkempt.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Wednesday 18th June 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Mrs A Holroyd (Chairman)
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Cllr John Smith & Mr George Collins

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr J Beech & Mr L Gosbee.

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

There is none.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were amended on Page 1587, Item 12 Finance. The sum of £1584.92 payable to Aon is deleted. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed by 4 votes.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

WW1 Commemorations:

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she has been informed that the application for lottery funding is currently being assessed over an 8 week period. This will be followed by a meeting in August. We will be notified whether or not we have been successful after this time.

Village Guide:

Mr M Cooper suggested a new picture for the front cover of the Village Guide, now it has been updated. A photo of the village sign is to be used.

Community Assets:

The Clerk has received an acknowledgement from TWBC confirming that a decision to the request will be made within 8 weeks.

Gypsy & Traveller Site Constraints:

Mrs N Aldhouse has not received any further information.

Correspondence:

The Clerk has informed the organiser of the Frittenden Family Fun Day that the Circus Entertainer will not be required, and that Frittenden WI has agreed to provide refreshments. The Fun Day will go ahead without the big equipment.

Any Other Urgent Business:

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that the stinging nettles on Laundry Lane have been cut.

Mrs J Croucher asked Cllr Smith if funds are still available following the sale of the Council Offices in Cranbrook. Cllr Smith replied that there are monies available through the Community Grant. Mrs Barbara Dunn, Chairman of FMHMC has sent him a wish list for the Memorial Hall.

Mrs A Holroyd believed a scheme initiated by TWBC meant that the land at the bungalows in Mill Lane owned by TWBC could be purchased by the Parish Council for £1. Cllr John Smith confirmed this. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for next month for discussion.

5. **ROAD REPORT**

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

The Chairman reported that Steven Noad has not replied to an invitation from Mr J Beech to attend a Parish Council meeting.

General:

In the absence of Mr L Gosbee, the Clerk read out a written report, received from him, as follows: the grass verges will be cut within the next couple of weeks; Park Wood Lane repairs are complete; the water leak in Biddenden Road is still ongoing. Mr M Cooper stated that repairs to Park Wood Lane have not taken place. He is to contact Mr L Gosbee with this information.

6. **PLANNING**

Applications:

The Chairman invited Mr George Collins to speak regarding his proposal to apply for permitted development rights to convert the agricultural barn at the Old Junk Yard into two houses. Permission was refused 5 years ago to convert the buildings into holiday lets. Mr Collins requested the support of the Parish Council in this venture. Councillors agreed they are keen to see the site tidied up and the buildings brought back to use.

There are no new planning applications.

The Clerk reported that due to changes in the planning system following a merger between TWBC, Maidstone BC and Swale BC for the administration and processing of applications a delay to the planning process has occurred. All consultees will be given a further 21 days to respond to new applications following the date they are processed.

Decisions:

14/00614 **Broadlake, Mill Lane** – Removal of chimney from the interior of the first floor bathroom and above roof level

Permission GRANTED

14/01047 **Great Hungerden Cottage, Green Lane** – LBC – First floor rear extension over catslide roof, conservatory on south elevation and single storey extension on north elevation; Internal alterations and repairs

Permission GRANTED

Correspondence:

There is none.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

ACRK:

Oast to Coast magazine – pass to Mr J Beech

KALC Area Committee:

An invitation to a meeting on Wednesday 25th June

Copy of a letter from Mrs H Cullingworth to Steven Noad regarding painting white lines outside of the primary school; Mrs J Croucher suggested Mrs H Cullingworth contact Cllr Sean Holden regarding this matter.

8. **FINANCE**

The Clerk confirmed that following a review of Parish Council Insurance she has managed to reduce the sum paid, for the same cover, by more than two thirds by transferring to Came & Co. from 1st June 2014.

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

Broker Network Ltd.....	£519.20
Mr B Millard.....	£50.00
S.T. Support.....	£45.00
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£290.15
Expenses.....	£37.01
Mr M Cooper.....	£64.80 (EF)
Eon DD.....	£17.36

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Smith informed Councillors that he is now back on the Planning Committee and much has changed since he last sat on it. The planning laws have been relaxed considerably and an influx of applications from developers is expected because of this. Agricultural barns can be converted to up to three dwellings under permitted development, within certain constraints. Cllr Smith is to email a summary of the changes to Councillors.

A written report on Headcorn Airfield meeting from Mr L Gosbee was read by the Clerk. Two complaints regarding the parachute plane have been received from new residents at Waterman Quarter and Vine Farm respectively. Both properties are within the flight path. The parachute plane does vary the areas it flies and noise is kept to a minimum. The air show will proceed again this year and tickets will soon be on sale. Two Lancasters, a Spitfire and the Red Arrows will be on display. The museum project has had a number of problems but will be completed soon. The next meeting will take place on 7th October 2014 at 2.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sean Holden.

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

There is none.

3. TO APPROVE THE 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

Village Guide:

Mr M Cooper to contact asked if a photo of the Village Sign is available. He was advised to contact either Phil Betts or Howard Lilley for a photo. When the Guide is updated with a new front cover Mr M Cooper will send this to the Clerk who is to have 100 copies printed by Stationery Express.

Community Assets:

TWBC has written to the Clerk requesting further information. Sean Croucher has completed this for the Clerk to return to the Borough Council.

Members Grants:

The Clerk reported that Cllr Sean Holden is awaiting to hear what the Parish Council would wish to spend a part of his Members grant on. Funding is also available through Cllr John Smith.

Land at Valence View:

Mrs A Holroyd has yet to contact TWBC regarding a scheme to purchase land currently owned by the BC for £1. If the Parish Council is to pursue the purchase of land at Valence View all future maintenance costs would be paid by the PC.

5. BIDDENDEN ROAD SPEEDING ISSUES

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by a resident, Mrs Clare Perry, regarding speeding cars on Biddenden Road. It was agreed that this has been an issue for many years. Various options have been investigated in the past but ultimately there is no way of enforcing a speed restriction. Mr J Beech suggested that the Police are requested to perform a speed check on the road. This was agreed. Mrs Cullingworth felt it would be better to do this when the children are back at school, after the summer break. It was also suggested that the funds available from Cllr Holden & Cllr Smith could provide at least one further interactive speed sign, as it is believed this does slow down the speeding motorist. Mr M Cooper stated that he believes one interactive speed sign in the village is not sensible and that further signs, preferably on all roads into the village, would be ideal. The Clerk is to contact Cllr Holden regarding funds available for a further speed sign.

6. ROAD REPORT

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Mr J Beech reported that Steven Noad will be pleased to attend a meeting with the Parish Council and members of the Knoxbridge speed campaign group. This is to be organised by the Vice-Chairman.

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that the grass verges have been cut. He has been assured that repairs to Park Wood Lane, combined with other outstanding repairs in the village, including Grandshore Lane, will commence on 29th July. A large pot hole at the end of Sand Lane has been reported. Lately there has been excessive fly tipping and TWBC have not collected this as quickly as in the past. It is thought this is due to restrictions placed on visitors taking rubbish to the North Farm tip.

Mrs H Cullingworth reported pot holes at Pound Hill and Mrs J Croucher reported pot holes on Dig Dog Lane/Cranbrook Road. Mr L Gosbee is to report these.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

14/500159 **Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn** – Permission to hold an air display weekend of 13th/14th September 2014 to include BBMF, Bi-Wing formation. In total 6 sorties each day. Grand event: Southern modern club as in previous years.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to APPROVE the application.

Decisions:

There is none.

Correspondence:

There is none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

9. FINANCE

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

Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£180.66
Expenses.....	£15.86
Eon DD.....	£16.80

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman had been asked by Mr L Gosbee if, following the relaxation in planning laws, the issue of affordable housing in the village could be revisited. Mrs A Holroyd has been in contact with TWBC. It is hoped that the relevant officer, Deborah Dixon, will be able to carry out a site visit. Mr M Cooper stated that the change to planning laws isn't relevant on sites for affordable housing.

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that the footpath outside of The Orchards is being obstructed by parked cars.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the grass under the willow tree on the parish field requires cutting. The Clerk is to contact the grounds maintenance contractor

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 26th August 2014 at 7.30 pm.

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

In attendance: Mr Andrew Lavey, Mrs Maureen Lavey, Mr Ned Ferris, Mr Sean Croucher, Mr Jamie Read, Mrs Caroline Lancaster, Mr Richard Gosbee, Mrs Hazel Gosbee, Mr John Day, Mrs Sue Day, Mr Colin Highwood, Mrs Janet Highwood, Mr Roy Ecclestone, Mrs Jose Ecclestone, Mr Howard Lilley, Mr Mitch Godden (ACU).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Deborah Jenkins, Mrs Heather Cullingworth, Mr Roy Latham and Mrs Josie Latham.

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

Mrs Janet Croucher, Mr Lester Gosbee.

3. DIG DOG LANE GRASS TRACK MEETING

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the special meeting which had been called to discuss the recent Grass Track Meeting which had been held at the top of Dig Dog Lane on Mr Gosbee's land. She stressed that the Parish Council had not been informed of the event, and had been unable to react ahead of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was therefore to discuss the event and to understand how it came about.

Mr Gosbee reported that he had been approached in June by a motorcycle club, and apologised for not notifying the Parish Council. He felt that the setting up of the event would be apparent and pointed out that farmers are permitted to hold such events on their land.

The Chairman asked where the motorcycle club had come from and Mrs Croucher confirmed that they were a Sussex club who were aware that an event had been held on the field in the past.

Mr Ferris expressed his concern that the footpath had been blocked. Mr Godden responded that footpaths were an alternative access to the site and that these should be monitored by organisers but not closed.

Mr John Day said that he wished to "live and let live", but complained that too little notice had been given to local residents and the Parish Council was partly at fault. Mr Mike Cooper responded accepting the point. Mr Jeremy Beech expressed the view that the Parish Council could not be held to have some universal obligation to prevent events like this being held, or any responsibility for mistakes or lack of communication by others.

A letter from Mr and Mrs Ecclestone, residents of Dig Dog Lane was read out, expressing the view that the noise level was not excessive, and giving the support to local farmers to use their property for such events if they so wish.

Mr Beech reported a complaint by Email which he had received from Mr and Mrs Bull of Mill Lane, about the level of noise, particularly on a Bank Holiday. Mr Howard Lilley pointed out that noise nuisance is not in fact a Parish Council responsibility, and that in his view the level of noise was not worse than other noise nuisances in the area.

The Chairman enquired about dates for any future events, and was advised that venues are normally chosen in October each year for the following year. Mr Andrew Lavey, a resident of Dig Dog Lane, emphasised that picking the date is a very important consideration for locals.

Mr Mike Cooper noted that a significant number of riders at the event were locals, which was an important point. Mr Godden confirmed that there is a strong base of support locally for grass track events. Mr Cooper went on to ask whether therefore people were objecting in principle to such events. Mrs Sue Day, a resident close to Dig Dog Lane, stated that they were not against the principle, but needed notification, "especially if you have animals on your property". She expressed disappointment that she had not been informed in advance.

Mr Ferris expressed the view that the event had had the beneficial effect of tidying up the field.

Mr Lavey suggested that if there are to be future events, that these should be held at the other grass track site on the Headcorn Road. Mr Godden responded that only a limited number of events can be held on any given site, because the land needs time to recover, and to reduce the dust hazard to competitors and spectators.

Mr Gosbee asked whether he should publicise future events in the Parish Magazine. There were several responses confirming that the magazine was one way of publicising events, but that it was not sufficient on its own and that wider general publicity needs to be given to such events. The fact that the event organisers undertake publicity along with all other aspects of the event, could not absolve the landowner from a duty to ensure that they, the organisers, discharge their obligations properly when using his land. It is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure publicity or the proper conduct of any event, but the Parish Council will take issue with landowners who fail to discharge their duty to the community.

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended and indicated that the Parish Council would now consider its response to the event. Members of the public were welcome to stay if they wished.

The public withdrew and Parish Councillors, with the exception of Mrs Croucher and Mr Gosbee considered the response which the Council should make. It was agreed that the event had been unfortunate, that it had not reflected well on the Parish Council, that in future advance notification must be given, and the Council should write to Mr Gosbee expressing their concerns. The Chairman would draft a letter to Mr Gosbee.

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

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden, on Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs A Holroyd (Chairman) & Mrs N Aldhouse.

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

There is none.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Following an amendment to Page 1593 Any Other Business line 4 from 'doesn't have any effect' to 'isn't relevant' the acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Guide:

The Clerk has had 100 copies printed as agreed. Copies are to be available in the village shop and pub as well as being handed out to new residents.

Community Assets:

The Clerk has received a letter from TWBC confirming the Bell & Jorrocks has been listed as a Community Asset for a period of 5 years.

Members Grants:

The Clerk has written to Cllr Sean Holden with regard to applying for funds for an interactive speed sign on Biddenden Road. A response has not yet been received. The Clerk is to follow this up.

Land at Valence View:

The purchase of land is currently being investigated.

Biddenden Road Speeding Issues:

Mrs Clare Perry has requested that Mr M Cooper place an article in the Parish Magazine regarding speeding on Biddenden Road.

5. AMENITY VEHICLE

The Chairman is to attend a meeting at TWBC on 2nd October 2014 to discuss the future of Discretionary Services to Town & Parish Councils.

6. AIRCRAFT NOISE

Mr M Cooper confirmed that following concerns raised by Andy Green he has investigated the consequences of proposed increases in air traffic from Gatwick Airport flying over Frittenden, and has concluded that this should not be an issue due to flight paths lying east and west of the village.

7. **WW1 COMMEMORATION**

The Clerk reported that Mrs A Holroyd has been informed that the grant application for lottery funding has been turned down. However, other sources of funding are being investigated. Names missing from the War Memorial but listed in the church are to be added.

8. **ROAD REPORT**

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

A meeting date with Mr Steven Noad is to be organised by Mr J Beech.

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that the majority of potholes have been filled. A salt bin has been requested to be placed in the lay-by adjacent to the brickworks in Dig Dog Lane. Reported fly tipping is currently taking 2 to 3 weeks to be removed. Mr L Gosbee has spoken to Edwin Burgess at TWBC who apologised and advised Mr Gosbee to contact TWBC further if fly tipping is not collected within 5 days of it being reported.

9. **PLANNING**

Mr M Cooper has been in contact with TWBC following a report from Mrs N Aldhouse regarding what was believed to be unauthorised activity taking place at Grandshore Place, Grandshore Lane. Mr M Cooper was informed that there had been no planning applications at this site since 2007 apart from an application for an operator's license for a lorry business for which the Parish Council was not a consultee. An Enforcement Officer is to visit the site on 16th September 2014 to investigate a possible breach.

Applications:

There is none.

Decisions:

14/500930 **Great Hungerden Cottage, Green Lane** – Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) First floor extension from rear catslide to form 1st floor bathroom; single storey bootroom/boilerhouse extension to north wall of main house – 2no. new conservation roof lights to catslide over existing kitchen. New conservatory to southeast corner of existing building.

LAWFUL

14/501031 **3 Folly Cottages, Mill Lane** – Retrospective – Minor material amendment to include the installation of two small roof lights (demolition of outhouse and construction of a two-storey side extension 13/1536 refers)

GRANTED

14/501235 **The Old Junk Yard, Staplehurst Road** – Prior Approval for the proposed conversion of the existing barn into two dwellings, with development to be started within three years of the date of the decision notice.

GRANTED

14/5012164 **Broadlake Farm, Mill Lane** – Prior Approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building (tractor shed) to a dwellinghouse with development to be started within three years of the date of the decision notice.

GRANTED

Correspondence:

There is none.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr R Latham has reported that the gatepost into the field has been compromised and requires resetting. The Clerk has asked Cranbrook Fencing to quote for the work.

It has been noted that two bolts have been removed from a panel of the play area fencing to allow access for the mower. The Clerk is to contact the contractor. Mrs J Croucher reported that Mr Mike Ashbee had kindly repaired the monkey bars. Mrs H Cullingworth reported a damaged panel on the small climbing frame.

KALC:

Information & prices of obtaining a defibrillator – passed to MC as Tent Team thinking of purchasing one. Further discussion to take place with regard to siting, training, cost & ongoing maintenance before the PC can decide whether to purchase a defibrillator for the village.

WRAP:

Request for Street Cruiser bus funding - As this amenity does not visit the village and is not needed it was decided not to make a contribution.

Healthwatch Kent:
Annual Report & Poster

11. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to pay the accounts as follows:

Mr M Cooper.....	£35.36 (EF)
PKF Littlejohn LLP.....	£120.00
Commercial Services Trading Ltd.....	£848.81
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£30.00
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£298.36
Expenses.....	£15.86
Eon DD.....	£17.36
Eon DD.....	£17.36

Councillors thanked Mr L Gosbee for a donation of £220 to the Parish Council.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee raised his concerns with regard to proposed housing at Common Road, Sissinghurst. Mr J Beech invited Borough Cllr J Smith to reply. Cllr Smith informed Parish Councillors that a company called Gladman Property Developers have submitted an outline planning application for 65 homes, 30% of which are affordable, on the hop field opposite the new school entrance. A residents meeting with Head of Planning and the Planning Officer from TWBC is to take place on 17th September in the Parish Rooms. Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council has recommended Refusal. Borough Cllr Smith stated there is no housing allocation for Sissinghurst, or Frittenden, in the 5year land supply. An Officer decision on the application is due in a couple of weeks. If the application is refused, Gladman could submit a full application or alternatively go to appeal. Cllr Beech said this is of considerable concern as it will have an impact on Frittenden and the Parish Council would do all it could to support Cranbrook & Sissinghurst PC in opposing the development.

Borough Cllr Smith is to send the CPRE summary document on future planning to the Clerk for distribution to Councillors.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Upstairs Meeting Room, The Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden on Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), County Cllr Sean Holden, Mrs Hazel Gosbee, & two representatives of Frittenden Tennis Club.

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. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes from 26th August 2014 meeting were proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed by 6 votes. The acceptance of the minutes from 16th September 2014 meeting were proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed by 5 votes.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Guide:

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she had received positive reports regarding the Guide. Thanks went to Mr M Cooper for his work on this.

Members Grants:

County Cllr Sean Holden reported that he has been trying unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with the Police Commissioner with regard to him purchasing a laser speed gun with his Members Grant for use by the villages. At present villages that partake in Speedwatch use radar equipment where at best a letter is sent to the offender breaking the speed limit. However, the use of Laser equipment could be used as evidence in a prosecution case. Cllr Holden has also requested meetings with Helen Grant MP and Gregg Clark MP as well as Chairs of Parish Councils, all of whom are receptive. Cllr Holden is to write to the Police Commissioner again requesting a discussion about the use of laser equipment by volunteers.

Mrs J Croucher does not believe that the interactive speed sign on the Cranbrook Road has any effect in slowing motorists down. Mrs J Croucher asked Cllr Holden if there was any evidence in favour of interactive speed signs that display the speed of the motorist against those that display the speed limit. Cllr Holden replied in the negative.

Cllr Holden left the meeting at this point.

Land at Valence View:

The Chairman is to follow up the purchase of land.

WW1 Commemoration:

Funding is currently being investigated.

Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that the gate post has been replaced by Cranbrook Fencing.

Mr J Beech reported that he has repaired the bolts on the play area fencing. The Clerk has spoken to the Contractors who will put a padlock on the panel in preference to removing the bolts to gain access each time the grass is cut.

5. TENNIS CLUB MAINTENANCE

The Chairman invited Mrs Judith Addis to speak with regard to the tennis court. Mrs Addis stated that due to the hedge at the rear of the court not being cut this has caused spores to affect the surface of the court which will require some professional attention. The Clerk has previously contacted the Grounds Maintenance Contractors with regard to the hedge which is due to be cut imminently. The Clerk will contact the Contractor again. Mrs Addis then spoke about the dwindling funds, membership and future of the club. Mr J Beech replied that this is something for the Tennis Club to decide. However, if assistance with maintenance was required from the Parish Council he thought this could be possible. Although the land was given by the Parish Council to the Tennis Club for the site of the court, the management and ownership of the court is solely in the charge of the Tennis Club Committee.

6. AMENITY VEHICLE

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she had attended a meeting at TWBC regarding the future of the Amenity Vehicle. It was clear that the Borough Council were as keen to stop the service as the Parishes were to keep it. The annual cost of operating the service is £32,700, not all villages have or want the service. The cost to send the vehicle to Frittenden is £900 per year. TWBC dispose of the waste that is collected to land fill in Essex, this being the major portion of the total cost. The majority of the villages in this area who had already discussed the issue want to keep the vehicle stating the distance from the Council Tip as the main reason, with a possible increase in fly tipping a further reason. Fly tipping collection costs the Borough £500 per visit. Some Parish Councils have suggested reducing the service to their villages and to pay towards the visits. Mr J Beech didn't believe that to pay for the service would be sustainable in Frittenden, or indeed to have to increase the precept by 10% for the few people that use the vehicle. There is also the issue of any future annual increases in the service. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would not be prepared to pay for the Amenity Vehicle.

7. COMMUNITY WARDEN

The Clerk reported that a consultation is currently being undertaken by KCC regarding the future of the Community Warden. It was agreed that the service of the Community Warden is valued and the Parish Council would not wish to lose this presence. Mrs H Cullingworth stated that having the Warden in the vicinity of the school during drop off and collection times has been very useful with regards to parking issues. It was agreed the Clerk should send comments as stated to KCC. Mr M Cooper suggested only the comments part of the questionnaire should be completed.

8. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

Mr M Cooper reported that some residents have asked if a summary of the Parish Council meetings could be placed in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk had summarised the minutes for the magazine in the past but had not done this for some time. Mrs H Gosbee offered to send her notes taken for inclusion in the Kent Messenger newspaper to Mr M Cooper for the Parish Magazine. Mrs H Gosbee's offer was gratefully accepted by all.

9. VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Mr M Cooper has been looking into the idea of having a defibrillator for use in the village. Firstly it has to be agreed that one is wanted, and if so where would it be situated and how would it be funded. Mr M Cooper has ascertained that users do not need to be trained as the process of using the machine is talked through step by step when the defibrillator is in operation. Mr J Beech stated that the Tent Team donate funds to good causes rather than funding an item as this. He suggested the way forward was for an individual or group to put together a package and then approach the Parish Council to adopt. Mr J Beech believed it would be prudent to contact other villages that already have a defibrillator to see how they approached the purchase. Mr L Gosbee offered to speak to a nurse at Staplehurst Health Centre whose village has purchased one. Mrs J Croucher offered to contact Cranbrook PC who also has one. The Chairman agreed to go on a fact finding mission. Mr M Cooper reminded Councillors that the KALC reduced price offer ends in mid January 2015.

10. HEADCORN AIRFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr L Gosbee had been unable to attend the meeting in person but Mr James Tuke had kindly taken notes

on his behalf. A new organisation, in it's infancy, has begun at the Airfield whereby a Spitfire, Howard and Tiger Moth have been purchased by a local person for renting out to people to take a flight. A Pole Barn requires the authorisation of the Planning Authority to allow it to remain as it is built on a temporary structure. The closure of Manston Airport has not benefited Headcorn Airfield as all aircraft went to Lydd Airport.

11. ROAD REPORT

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Mr J Beech reported that he has been in contact with Mr Steven Noad who is to confirm a date and time to meet.

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that Highways have been notified of a large pot hole in London Lane. He hopes that the Highways Steward will visit the village to view the awful repairs that have been made to roads in the village. Mrs N Aldhouse had informed him that three accidents had occurred at Rocks Hill recently. Mr L Gosbee reported a fatal accident at Stilebridge on Friday 17th October, the second fatality in this area of the A229 this year. Mrs J Croucher mentioned that pot holes in The Street that were marked by white paint in the summer have still not been repaired.

12. PLANNING

Applications:

14/500471 **Reynards Copse, Rocks Hill** – Retrospective: erection of a sectional building for weather protection and storage of bee keeping equipment.

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

14/502718 **Rose Cottage Oast, Knoxbridge** – Reinstatement of a single storey side extension.

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

14/504175 **Brissenden Farm, Sand Lane** – Provision of a single storey rear extension

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

Decisions:

14/503199 **Peach Tree Cottage, Headcorn Road** – T1 – Plum Fell. G-1 Fell group of outgrown hedge trees.

NO OBJECTION

Correspondence:

There is none.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Offer of funds towards Christmas lighting – it was agreed to request £50 for outdoor tree lights

CAB:

Annual Report and funding request – to be addressed with annual donations

ACRK:

Oast to Coast magazine - JB

Frittenden School:
Offer of plastic goals for Parish Field – Clerk to accept

Mr C Parish:
Future maintenance of School Paddock following house sale – Clerk to respond PC will liaise with school.
AH to speak to school.

14. FINANCE

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest.

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

Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
Mr M Cooper.....	£16.50 (EF)
Stationery Express.....	£45.78
Mr L J Gosbee.....	£50.00
Cranbrook Fencing	£96.00
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£281.94
Expenses.....	£23.26
Mrs A Holroyd.....	£45.00
E-on DD.....	£16.80

Income: TWBC second part of precept received £4,400.00.

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mr J Beech reported that he had received a complaint from Mr Bernard Bowles, whose property backs on to Manor Farm, with regard to toxic fumes emanating from a fire involving tyres earlier this year. The fire had resulted in a plume of black smoke, and Mr Bowles was concerned about the toxicity of this and requested some reassurance that there would not be a recurrence. In response to a question Mr Beech said that he did not know why the matter had been raised so long after the incident. Mr Gosbee declined to comment.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Hazel Gosbee, & three members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs H Cullingworth.

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

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest in Item 10 regarding application 14/504310 and Item 13.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Members Grant:

The Clerk had received an email from County Cllr Sean Holden who believed that a member of the PC had left him an indistinct answer phone message regarding funding for the village hall. It was confirmed that nobody from the Parish Council had telephoned Cllr Holden.

Mrs A Holroyd suggested that a contribution towards the cost of a defibrillator might be requested from Cllr Holden's Members Fund.

Mrs J Croucher had recently spoken to the Police Officer responsible for Frittenden, who informed her that this week he will be performing a Speed Check in the vicinity of the Primary School in conjunction with Speed Awareness Week.

Land at Valence View:

The Chairman is to pursue the land purchase issue at the next Parish Chairman's meeting on 25th November 2014.

WW1 Commemoration:

The Chairman reported that she had been unable to source funding for the Commemoration. She will contact the Historical Society to ask them how they wish to fund the planting at the War Memorial.

Correspondence:

Mrs J Croucher reported that the bolts replaced by Mr J Beech on the play area fencing are working well. The Contractors have not yet placed a padlock on the fence panel as agreed.

Amenity Vehicle:

Mrs A Holroyd confirmed this item is on the agenda at the Parish Chairman's meeting on 25th November 2014. She will update Councillors at the December PC meeting.

Community Warden:

The Clerk has completed and returned the consultation document.

Parish Council Reports for Parish Magazine:

Mrs Hazel Gosbee confirmed she had submitted an entry in the Parish Magazine, for which she was thanked by Councillors.

Village Defibrillator:

Mrs A Holroyd and Mrs J Croucher have both been investigating defibrillators installed by other Parish Councils. Further information regarding costs is being sought.

A229 Speed Reduction Campaign:

Mr J Beech reported that he has become very frustrated with Mr Steven Noad who is very difficult to contact. He will, however, keep trying. Mr L Gosbee is to give Mr J Beech the name of another contact who may be able to help.

Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from TWBC that the Christmas Lights grant request for £50 had been approved.

Mrs J Croucher confirmed that the plastic goals offered by the Primary School are on the Parish Field.

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she had spoken with the Primary School regarding the future maintenance of the Paddock. The School suggested that someone within the school should be able to mow the grass. The Clerk had written to Mr C Parish confirming that the maintenance will be taken care of.

5. REVIEW OF FLOOD SIGNS IN MILL LANE

Mr M Cooper established that he had erected the permanent flood signs in Mill Lane approximately 3 years ago, but these have had very little effect. Cllr Cooper suggested that these signs are now removed and new temporary flood warning signs made from the existing signs are placed on the road when required. It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to remove the existing signs.

6. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES

The Clerk had previously circulated suggested meeting dates for 2015. The following dates were agreed:

Tuesday 20 th January	Tuesday 19 th May	Tuesday 17 th November
Tuesday 17 th February	Tuesday 16 th June	Wednesday 8 th December
Tuesday 17 th March	Tuesday 21 st July	
Tuesday 21 st April	Tuesday 15 th September	
Wednesday 13 th May (APA)	Wednesday 21 st October	

The Clerk is to book the hall accordingly.

7. DONATIONS

The Clerk had circulated a list of the donations paid last year under Section 137 payments, to all Councillors. It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously that the same donation payments should be made this financial year, as follows:

Kenward Trust	£100	Victim Support	£25
Kent Air Ambulance	£100	Angley School Farm	£50
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital	£50	Samaritans	£50
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100	Frittenden Primary School	£100
Frittenden Pre School	£50		
Royal British Legion	£50		
Frittenden Parochial Church Council	£350		
Hospice in the Weald	£75		
Kent Youth	£30		

8. ANNUAL BUDGET

The Clerk presented to Councillors the previously circulated proposed Annual Budget papers. It was agreed that the precept should remain at £8,800 for the financial year 2015/2016. This was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

9. ROAD REPORT

General:

Mr L Gosbee reported that he had recently met with the new Highways Steward for Frittenden, Emma Pavitt and a tour of the roads in the village had taken place. Various issues were highlighted including Biddenden Road edges; top of Grandshore Lane, which Ms Pavitt informed Cllr Gosbee will not be repaired this financial year due to funding issues, but will possibly be done next year; siting of the salt bin at Dig Dog Lane, which was confirmed cannot be re positioned as Highways do not own the lay-by, although Cllr Gosbee suggested he could approach the owner for their permission; white lines on roads around impending repairs not yet carried out; and a request to extend the white line marking outside of the school. The request for the large salt bag to be positioned at Bettenham had caused some confusion as this is within Biddenden Parish. However, the matter is in hand. Mr L Gosbee believed that on the whole Highways attend to Frittenden very well.

Mrs J Croucher confirmed that the white lines outside of the school have been extended.

Mr L Gosbee reported that fly tipping in Biddenden Road was reported and collected within 5 days, and a dead horse found abandoned in Dig Dog Lane was removed by TWBC.

Mr L Gosbee had asked Emma Pavitt if there was a possibility of acquiring a supply of sand bags to be stored at Manor Farm, and was informed this may be a possibility.

Mr J Beech asked if fly tipping left near Saw Lodge Farm and at Sinkhurst Green had been reported. As it had not Mr J Beech is to report this.

10. PLANNING

Applications:

14/504310 **Peach Tree Cottage, Headcorn Road** – First floor extension to existing single storey extension

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to remain NEUTRAL.

14/504473 **Parsonage Farm, Cranbrook Road** – Vehicular access and offroad parking for two cars

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to recommend APPROVAL.

Decisions:

14/52718 **Rose Cottage Oast, Knoxbridge** – Reinstatement of a single storey side extension.

Permission GRANTED

Correspondence:

Mr J Beech reported that he had been contacted by Lee Townsend of Bubhurst Lane informing him that a planning application will imminently be submitted for his property and he wished to keep the PC informed of his proposal. Mr Townsend has a model of how the building will look and has invited Councillors to view this. Mr J Beech has invited Mr Townsend to attend a PC meeting.

Mrs N Aldhouse reported that she had been approached by Mr Brazil who suggested he would sell his land to 'travellers' but also made an offer to 'concerned neighbours'. Mrs N Aldhouse does not want to purchase the land but is concerned that Mr Brazil intimated that he would sell to travellers. Mr M Cooper has spoken to TWBC Enforcement Officer Rob Campbell who has visited both the site and Mrs N Aldhouse, and has stated that the Borough Council would resist any occupancy of the land. He also confirmed that the existing hardstanding should be removed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none that hasn't already been dealt with in these minutes.

12. FINANCE

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

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£15.00
S T Support.....	£60.00
Cory Environmental.....	£9.60
D A Jenkins Salary.....	£265.51
Expenses.....	£12.82
E-on DD.....	£17.36

13. COMPLAINT CONCERNING FIRE AT MANOR FARM

Since the previous meeting Mr Bernard Bowles had written to the Clerk on three occasions regarding the fire at Manor Farm and had confirmed his attendance at the meeting on 18th November as he was not content with the answers he had received so far. The item had been added to the agenda for a second time for this reason. However, Mr Bowles did not attend the meeting and, therefore, there was nothing further for Councillors to discuss. Mr J Beech informed the meeting that following Mr Bowles complaint he had contacted Environmental Health concerning the fire and had been informed that the matter would not be taken further as it was an accident. It was agreed that this issue was not a matter for the Parish Council. However, if Mr Bowles wished to contact either the landowner or Environmental Health directly, then that was his prerogative.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher confirmed that she will attend the Play Area inspection to be carried out by Maria Cook on Friday 21st November 2014 at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm