

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mr N Eveleigh
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Borough Cllr John Smith.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

The Chairman has spoken to Mrs Eileen Bridges offering the general help of the Parish Council as well as specifically with a leaflet drop. Hold ups with internal fittings have delayed the opening. Mr L Gosbee is awaiting Mrs Bridges notification of the opening date so that he can announce it in the Parish Magazine.

Parking:

There has been no change.

Closure of Cranbrook TWBC Offices:

Mr H Lilley and Mr C Highwood attended a meeting in Cranbrook on 4th January 2007 where a background of events was given. A full cabinet meeting of TWBC took place in February 2006 where it was decided to close the Cranbrook Council Offices. Many Councillors were unaware what they were voting for at the time as it came under the heading 'rationalisation', along with other sites in Tunbridge Wells. Tenants in the building were then given notice, but not a closure date. In December 2006 a further Cabinet meeting agreed a closure date of 31st March 2007. The disposal of the building should have also been decided at this time, however, due to the Parish Councils in the old RDC becoming aware of the situation this did not go ahead. TWBC have now appointed Consultants to decide the future of the site.

It was agreed that the whole process has been very badly handled by TWBC. Some tenants, including CAB and Age Concern have no new premises to go to. A press release to be issued by Borough Cllr John Smith along with other Borough Cllrs representing parishes within the old RDC, supports the local organisations involved. Frittenden PC, with the support of Cranbrook PC is also to issue a press release detailing the basic facts behind the closure. The Chairman has written to all 14 members of the TWBC Cabinet. He agrees with the decision that the building has to close, but this leaves some very worthy organisations within the local community without a home, which could mean they have to fold. He suggested that closure of the offices is delayed until at least October; that the organisations without a home are helped to find suitable premises and any profits from the sale of the site should benefit the old RDC. Two acknowledgments have been received so far.

Cranbrook PC is to make a formal complaint to TWBC regarding their handling of the closure, along with a complaint to the ombudsman. They have also placed flyers in newspapers locally. It was agreed that the Parish Council should give their support to Cranbrook PC.

Cleanaway:

Following the decision not to pay Novembers invoice Cleanaway have withdrawn their services. It was agreed the Chairman should contact the CEO and TWBC who recommended them.

Affordable Housing:

The Chairman spoke to Mr Peter Turner a fortnight ago and is currently awaiting his updated report. Mrs J Croucher expressed her concerns regarding the site adjoining Marsh End at Mill Lane. It was felt that as this site was probably unsuitable due to its size, it would not be an issue even though it appeared on the list. The Chairman hoped that by the APA a schedule of constructive suggestions for sites will be available.

4. HATCHIN TAN

Following a formal complaint made by the Chairman to Lois Howell at TWBC a meeting was finally arranged with Suzanne Bond and Alan Bringloe, Enforcement Officer. The Chairman attended along with Mr C Highwood. Three enforcement notices had been issued that morning, 22nd December 2006, against the siting of the mobile homes, the erection of a garden shed and laying of hardcore with six months to comply. The enforcement notice upheld by the Appeal Inspector regarding the bunds is due to be complied with by the end of April 2007. It was agreed that if this did not happen TWBC would issue a summons to the magistrate's court. A press release was issued by TWBC regarding the outcome of this meeting.

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk is to issue letters inviting at least three companies to tender for each of the four maintenance contracts, to be returned before the next meeting on 14th February 2007. Each of the contracts was read out but no changes were made. A letter had been received from a new company wishing to tender. It was agreed to send a contract to them.

6. ROAD REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the owners of Lowlands Farm who asked for the possibility of a salt bin to be placed in the area. Highways had been contacted and the Clerk is awaiting a decision.

The Chairman reported that the No Through Road sign at Bubhurst Lane had been recovered after the wind blew it down.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the Neighbourhood Watch sign on the Biddenden Road was leaning over.

It was noted that the Gateway signs on the Cranbrook Road have not yet been altered.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/03620: Alterations to part of cart shed/garage to form annexe at Whitsunden Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed by three votes with two against to Recommend Approval subject to it being temporary for the lifetime of Mrs Cage Senior, and that it remains within the curtilage of Whitsunden Farmhouse.

TW/06/03699: Replace existing house and granny annexe with two x four bedroom detached houses at Jessamine, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds that it is an over intensification of the site, it contravenes planning policies RS1 and RS5 building a new dwelling in the countryside.

Decisions:

TW/06/03107: LBC – Removal of existing window in west elevation and installation of conservation roof light in south elevation at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/03170: Renewal of Consent – Demolition of former barracks building; Erection of garage/pool room; Stable block and outdoor swimming pool (TW/02/00464 refers) at Poundlands Farm, Biddenden Road Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

There was none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:
Countryside Access Improvement Plan – D Hooker
Kent & Medway Structure Plan 2006 adoption – NE

Kent Fire & Rescue Services:
Integrated Risk Plan 07/08 brochures – JC, LG, HL

KAPC:
Water Resource strategy for Kent CPRE
Parish News

HWA:
Shaping Services brochure – HL

Veolia:
Cancellation of litter bin emptying

NALC:
LCR

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£160.90

The Clerk reported that she had not increased her pay in line with the national guidelines last April and, therefore, had backdated the hours worked at the new sum to be included in this cheque. It was agreed that an increment increase should also be given backdated to April 2006. This will be reflected in next months pay.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher reported that water has been pouring down the Cranbrook Road from the area of Frittenden Orchards, and despite two calls to the water board, who don't believe the problem is theirs, it is still happening.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 14th February 2007 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mr N Evelegh
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk) and Janet Greenroyd, Community Warden.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Sims.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

The shop is now open to customers. The Chairman thanked Janet Greenroyd for delivering many of the leaflets advertising the opening. This was also publicised in the press and on the radio. The range of goods offered is excellent. Councillors were asked to spread the word.

Cleanaway:

The service has been resumed.

Hatchin Tan:

A Notice of Appeal had been received against three enforcement decisions at the Hatchin' Tan, Grandshore Lane. It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously that the Chairman reply to the Planning Inspectorate against the appeal by Mr Brazil on all three enforcement notices.

Any Other Business:

The water board has repaired the leak on the Cranbrook Road.

4. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk had received two replies to the tenders for the maintenance contracts which were opened and reviewed at the meeting. Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to award the contracts as follows:

Contract 1 – to mow the Parish Field and mound, including around trees and edges - to KCC Landscape Services @ £599.83

Contract 2 – to mow the grass and cut the hedge at the War Memorial – to Mr L Gosbee @ £90.00

Contract 3 – to cut the Paddock Hedges, including road hedge and hedge between Paddock and Frittenden House – to KCC Landscape Services @ £94.48

It was decided to defer the contract to cut the hedge between the Parish Field and Laundry Lane until a quote had been received from Mr M Palmer.

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr H Lilley, Mr L Gosbee and Mr N Eveleigh met with Town & Country Housing Group, formerly HWH, on 11th January 2007 regarding housing in Frittenden. A draft contract between Town & Country Group and the Parish Council regarding local lettings has been written, allowing the Parish Council to nominate 25% of lettings in the 28 properties owned by the organisation. The current register of applicants needs to be updated. The Chairman is to place an article in the Parish Magazine requesting residents wanting housing to add their names to both the Parish List and TWBC Joint Housing Register. Liaison between parishes will enable residents to move around the Borough more easily. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to sign the new contract with Town & Country Housing Group. The Clerk is to sign and return the contract.

A piece of land has been offered by the owners of Frittenden Orchard, Cranbrook Road, for affordable housing. The Chairman has met with Mr Peter Turner to survey the land. Although it is quite far out of the village it has been added to the list which has been brought up to date as follows, in order of preference:

1. 4 Acres, Cranbrook Road
2. Frittenden Orchard, Cranbrook Road
3. Biddenden Road beyond Redrays
4. Village side of Sunnyside, Biddenden Road

6. CLOSURE OF CRANBROOK TWBC OFFICES

The Cabinet has recommended to TWBC Council that closure of the Offices be extended until September 2007, giving time for the current residents to find new premises and for local organisations to come forward with a proposal for the future of the building as a community base. It is believed TWBC will want payment for the building even though the ratepayers of the old Rural District Council have already paid for it. It was agreed in principle to support Cranbrook PC in their efforts to save the building as a community facility.

The Chairman is to attend the meeting to be held on 7th March 2007, and is to give as much support to Cranbrook PC as is able.

7. LOCAL ELECTIONS

The forms should be available in the next couple of weeks. The Chairman has placed an article in the Parish Magazine asking residents to stand. He has received a number of calls from people showing an interest. The forms will be available either from TWBC or Mr H Lilley. The position of Borough Councillor is also up for election. It is hoped someone who is interested in representing the village at Borough level will be elected.

8. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman today met with the Highways Agency following a letter Mr John Dutton had sent to them regarding surface water on Biddenden Road outside his property. This is to be investigated.

A meeting with Highways also took place earlier this month regarding the road surface in Biddenden Road from Sand Lane to the centre of the village. This is to be resurfaced when the budget allows. A reflective post may also be erected on the bend which should stop parking in that area.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/00114: (Part site) Erection of two-storey detached house and garage at Tickles Place, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

TW/07/00231: Two storey side extension at Lower Buckhurst, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection.

TW/07/00238: Swimming pool at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Evelegh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/07/00276: First-floor bedroom extension to south west corner incorporating dormer to rear at Pillar Box Cottage, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr N Evelegh and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection.

TW/07/00321: Single storey rear and side extensions/rear dormer and detached single garage at Poundlands, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed by four votes with one abstention to Recommend Approval.

TW/07/00352: Two storey extension at Balcombe Barn, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

Decisions:

TW/06/02701: Conversion of redundant barn as an annexe at Little Bubhurst Farm, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

TW/06/03258: Addition of a pitched roof and rear summerhouse to existing garage (amendments to previously approved application TW/02/03077) at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/03620: Alterations to part of detached cart shed garage to form annexe at Whitsunden Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/03699: Replace existing house and granny annexe with 2 no. 4 bedroom two storey dwellings with integral garages at Jessamine House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman received a letter from the Mayor re Toy Appeal donation

A letter to the Chairman, from the residents of Maplesden Lane, requesting the Parish Councils support against a further family moving on to the site adjacent to the caravans at Perfect Place. It was agreed to give support.

TWBC:

Invitation to discussion meeting re Code of Conduct Consultation Document 15/02/07 - LG

Notice of Meeting re Closure of Cranbrook Council Offices 07/03/07

Easter Activities Venue Hire request

Letter Cllr. Ron Wheedon re closure of Cranbrook Council Offices

Copy of letter from William Benson re closure of Cranbrook Council Offices

Equality Scheme brochure - NE

Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:
Tunbridge Wells Local Board Agenda Meeting 21/2 Minutes 1/11/06

Maidstone Borough Council:
Local Development Framework preference options consultation

Kent Highways:
Blank Monthly Schedule of Works form
Various leaflets

Audit Commission:
Appointment of External Auditor

KAPC:
Shaws Order form
Operation Stack flyer
ROSPA Inspection leaflet
Planning Information Day 17/03/07
Local Council Administration Book order form
Primafox Lighting leaflet
Parish News
Review of Quality Town & Parish scheme
Booklet on St Georges Day Celebration ideas

Burlite:
War Memorial maintenance services – Clerk to obtain quote

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:
Opinion Survey 2007
Membership Form

Various letters of thanks from beneficiaries of donations

11. FINANCE

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

Printing at Cranbrook.....	£22.35
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
KCC (KCS).....	£338.85
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£228.06
Expenses.....	£16.00

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee asked Councillors to be on the look out for people dumping rubbish following a spate in the village.

Mr L Gosbee asked that residents keep hedges cut and paths clear enabling freer access for wheelchairs in the village.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 14th March 2007 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs J Sims
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk). Cllr John Smith attended the latter part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr N Eveleigh and Cllr Roger Manning.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

The shop is reasonably busy and members were asked to encourage residents to use it as often as possible.

Cleanaway:

No problems have been noted. Mrs J Croucher commented that the roads have not been swept recently. The Chairman believed this should occur approximately every six weeks.

Hatchin Tan:

Mr H Lilley and Mr C Highwood attended a meeting with TWBC attended by the Enforcement Officer, Alan Bringloe and the Borough Solicitor. The submissions for the appeal have been completed. Mr Brazil is requesting the time for compliance be extended to three years. The compliance time for the removal of the bunds and foundations has now elapsed and prosecution could proceed. However, TWBC are expected to wait until the current appeal has been heard, which is expected to go in their favour, and prosecute on all counts at once.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the Brazils have been planting alongside the road adjoining their land. The Chairman is to speak to Highways.

Closure of Cranbrook Council Offices:

The Chairman along with his contemporaries at Goudhurst, Hawkhurst, Benenden and Cranbrook Parish Council's met with the Consultants appointed by TWBC. It was strongly felt, by the Councils, that the building should be for business use, and that no part of the site should be used for housing.

Mr C Highwood attended a workshop where the presenter looked at the potential uses for the current building which would be redesigned, incorporating a second floor. It was felt the building should be for community use, not housing or retail, and that the management should be set up as a trust.

An exhibition is to take place on the 27th March, hopefully with plans for the redevelopment.

It was agreed that continued support should be given to Cranbrook Parish Council.

Local Elections:

The Chairman reported that around 13 people had shown an interest in standing at the elections. The election papers have been received from TWBC for completion by the candidates who will hopefully attend the APA where they can be introduced to the voting public.

Planning:

The Chairman commented on the planning application at Tickles Place which had been recommended for approval by the Planning Officer, the Parish Council raised No Objection, but was refused at Committee level. It is believed the applicant will win at appeal. The Parish Council will be consulted about the appeal.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman confirmed he had written in support of the residents at Maplesden but has not heard further.

4. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk had received a quote from Mr M Palmer regarding Contract 4 - to cut the hedge between the Parish Field and Laundry Lane (1 cut) at £20.00. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to award Mr Palmer the contract.

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TWBC Planning Officer Mr Peter Turner has now completed his report on the possible sites and has requested the Parish Council choose between three and five preferred sites. Eighteen sites had been identified for inclusion into the report. Two of these, sites east and west of Manor Way Cottage respectively, had been included following a letter received by the Clerk, from dha planning consultants who requested the sites be looked at on behalf of their client who wished to sell. Both the Chairman and Mr L Gosbee declared an interest, Mr H Lilley subsequently left the room, and took no further part in the following discussion to decide whether to include these two sites in the preferred sites. After much discussion it was agreed unanimously not to include either site due to them being on a bend in the road limiting visibility, being too small for the number of units needed and the east plot having a pond limiting building potential. The Chairman then returned to the room and further discussion took place on the remaining sites. It was agreed that the following five sites should be put forward to Peter Turner in order of preference:

1. 4 Acres Cranbrook Road
2. Frittenden Orchards Cranbrook Road
3. Site Adjacent to Redrays Biddenden Road
4. Site East Side of Headcorn Road
5. Site West Side of Headcorn Road

The Chairman reported that three housing associations had shown an interest in building the homes. These are Hyde, Warden and Kelsey Housing Associations.

6. STREET LIGHTS

Following a telephone call from Cllr. Roger Manning to the Clerk regarding the availability of a Local Schemes Grant, the Clerk had requested and received two quotes for the replacement of the street lamps in the village, which are very old and difficult to get parts for. The quote from EDF Energy was the most competitive at £2602.53, plus Vat, for the replacement of nine lanterns with energy efficient lighting. The Clerk has requested a grant of £2500.00 which has been recommended by KCC Tunbridge Wells Local Board and is currently being reviewed for approval by KCC'S Cabinet. The difference will be paid for out of the Parish Council's reserves. EDF Energy was also asked by the Parish Council to quote for a further lantern to be erected opposite the village hall, the cost for this is £742.05 plus Vat. It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed by four votes, with one against, to install a tenth street light to be paid for from reserves. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously for the Chairman to place an order with EDF Energy for the replacement lights once the grant award is confirmed.

It was noted that the trees outside Street Farm are very tall and obscuring the light at the end of Laundry Lane.

7. HEADCORN AIRFIELD

Mr C Highwood attended the AGM on 6th March 2007. A new Vice-Chairman was appointed due to Mr C Highwood retiring. Mr Brian Bristow, of Smarden PC was voted in as the new Vice-Chairman. Mr C Highwood reported as follows:

1. Aerobatic plane is still abroad
2. A list of aerobatic free days is available and will be posted at the APA
3. The prom is on the 28/7 and something hopefully will be negotiated for the 29/7
4. The airfield is to try again for the balloons
5. The turbine planning application is still outstanding
6. Night flying occurred in Jan/ Feb without complaint
7. Complaints regarding a plane on Remembrance Day were unconnected to the airfield.
8. Next meeting on 5/6, AGM 4/3/0

Regarding the accident on Sunday, when a pilot died after failing to take off and ploughing into a stationary plane, Mr C Highwood has spoken to James Tuke who witnessed it. An investigation is to take place.

The Chairman formally thanked Mr C Highwood for all the years he has represented the Parish Council on the Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee.

8. ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The following items were agreed:

Apologies for Absence	Affordable Housing
Minutes of the previous APA	Parish Council Elections
Matters arising from those Minutes	Cranbrook Council Offices
To receive the Accounts of the Charities	Fly Tipping
Chairman's Report	Any Other Business

9. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman reported that the drainage outside The Stables, Biddenden Road is being investigated. A large pothole in the road, which damaged a car tyre, has now been filled. Biddenden Road has now moved up Highways list of priorities, for resurfacing. It was also noted that the haunches in Sand Lane have broken down, there are two pot holes in Headcorn Road, Mill Lane has water running down it and Satins Hill has both water and pot holes. The Chairman is to report all these items to Highways.

The chevron on Headcorn Road has still not been replaced and the No Through Road sign at Bubhurst Lane came off and is currently being held by Mr N Evelegh. The Chairman is hoping Highways will replace the sign this time instead of him. At the crossroads in the centre of the village the sign is currently propped up against the currently unused door at Poplar House.

The Clerk has written to Cllr. Roger Manning regarding the gateway signs on the Headcorn Road and Cranbrook Road which are limiting site lines for residents exiting their properties. These are to be removed, imminently, on the left hand side of both roads when entering the village and replaced with a single pole.

10. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/00500: LBC – Conversion of attic room from storage to room at 1 Poundlands Cottage, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

TW/07/00454: Replacement garage at Orchard Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to raise Recommend Approval.

MA/07/0492: Amendment or renewal of condition. Variation of condition 7 of MA/77/1559 to hold an event with orchestra to involve flying to music on 28/07/07 at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn, Ashford.

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

TW/07/00321: Notification of revised planning application details. Single storey rear and side extensions/rear dormer and detached single garage at Poundlands, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

No Comment.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

TWBC: Proposed revised arrangements re consultation replies when put forward for committee decision.
Planning Enforcement & Compliance Strategy – CH

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had received a letter from a resident wanting to be added to the Affordable Housing register

TWBC:

Consultation re LDF Issue & Options - JS
Sports News - LG
Confirmation re Easter Activities Venue Hire
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Local Scheme Grant recommendation

KAPC:

Agenda Meeting Tunbridge Wells Area Committee 14/3
Minutes Meeting 29/11/06

Hospice in the Weald:

Invitation to Supporters Day 16/3
Newsletter

SEERA:

Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007

NALC:

Local Council Review

Kenward Trust:

Donation Request

West Kent Mediation:

Newsletter

Hawkhurst PC:

Copy of draft letter to TWBC re Dunorlan Park double taxation – HL

Nick Bradshaw:

Request link on FPC website to Gatwick Airport news web page – James Tuke

Various letters of thanks from beneficiaries of donations

12. FINANCE

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Mr M Ashbee..... £80.00

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mr L Gosbee.....	£45.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£171.84

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr John Smith stated that he was happy to call in any planning the Parish Council wished.

Cllr. John Smith had received letters from residents regarding rumours that Frittenden Primary School is to close and merge with Sissinghurst Primary School. He reported that he had replied to these letters and also written to KCC. Sissinghurst is currently hoping to build a new school which would be larger and, therefore, could have an impact in the area. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council would strongly campaign to prevent any closure of Frittenden Primary School, which is currently at full capacity.

Cllr. John Smith reported that Sissinghurst has recently received joint funding enabling the purchase of speed signs for the village. He is willing to offer support if Frittenden wish to do the same. The Chairman stated this would be up to the new Council. However, he is happy to operate the mobile speed unit when wanted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at Manor Way Cottage, Frittenden on Monday 26th March 2007 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mr L Gosbee

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Evelegh and Mrs J Sims.

2. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/00743: Two traditional leaded dormer windows to south elevation of roof at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and unanimously to raise no objection, subject to the judgement of the Conservation Architect.

TW/07/00745: Listed Building Consent. Two leaded dormers to roof of south elevation. Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and unanimously to raise no objection, subject to the judgement of the Conservation Architect.

TW/07/00799: Side extension and new first floor at Beech House, Sand Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal as the proposed works would be out of scale with the existing bungalow contrary to policy. It would create a prominent feature in the Special Landscape Area and result in the loss of a bungalow which should be retained as part of the varied housing stock in the Parish. It is also larger than the permitted level of extensions allowed under policy. If our views are contrary to the Officer's report, we would request that the decision is made by the Eastern Area Planning Committee.

TW/07/00815: Erection of a conservatory to rear, at 2 Sawmill Cottages, Dig Dog Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection

TW/07/00681: Construction of oil and gas tank bunds for existing tanks at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection

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

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 18th April 2007 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)
Mr N Evelegh
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Croucher.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

The shop is doing well and Mrs Eileen Bridges is happy with the level of custom she is receiving. Mr N Evelegh felt that recognition of her efforts and service to the village in opening the shop should be given perhaps by way of an award. Mr H Lilley agreed and added Sean and Rosie Croucher at the Bell & Jorrocks should be recognised for the same reason.

Closure of Cranbrook Council Offices:

The Consultants working on behalf of TWBC are to present a preliminary report on 26th April 2007 stating three alternative uses for the building: a modest community facility with housing; a modest community facility with office space; a significant community facility with office space. The Chairman favoured the latter option and stated that the rent received would cover the cost of the building. Some of the existing tenants have vacated the building already. However, others including Age Concern are expected to remain until September when the building closes.

Local Elections:

The Chairman was pleased to report that 14 candidates are standing for election. He has placed an article in the Parish Magazine with a resume on each candidate and leaflets have been printed with the same to be delivered to all households in the village. It is hoped that many people will turn out to vote. There are also two candidates for the position of Borough Councillor: John Smith and Graham Lee.

Planning:

An appeal has been lodged against the decision for planning at Tickles Place.

Grounds Maintenance:

The parish field is being cut regularly. Mr L Gosbee is to contact Mr M Palmer regarding an invoice due for cutting the hedge at Laundry Lane for the year 2006/2007.

Street Lights:

The Clerk has placed an order. Mr H Lilley contacted EDF Energy today who confirmed that work is due to commence in the week beginning 7th May 2007. The Chairman has looked at the trees obscuring the light at Street Farm but does not feel these yews can be cut back further.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman reported that Frittenden Primary School currently has over 100 pupils and is a very successful school. Having spoken to various people, neither he nor anyone else is aware of any plans to close the school, either now or in the future, and rumours to this effect can be very damaging. Mr H Lilley is to brief the incoming Chairman to keep a watchful eye on this matter as the Parish Council would vehemently oppose any plans that would threaten closure of the school.

The Chairman is almost certain that funding would not be obtained for speed signs on roads into the village.

4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman had circulated reports he had received from two Registered Social Landlord's, Warden and Hyde Housing, who showed an interest in the affordable housing scheme in Frittenden. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to nominate Hyde Housing as the preferred partner.

The Chairman had received a letter of concern from Mr and Mrs Chris Brown of Redrays regarding the proposed affordable housing. He is to meet them to discuss these matters.

A reply had been received from the owner of 4 Acres. This stated that there is a covenant on the land. If the owner did agree to sell he would also wish to find suitable premises in a convenient location before vacating the current premises. For these reasons this site may not be viable as the process could be long and costly. However, it does still remain top of the list.

Mr Peter Turner, TWBC Planning Officer has stated that he wouldn't support the site offered at The Orchards.

The Chairman reported that Mr Robert Lewis is willing to give the land he has offered on the Biddenden Road free of charge, including enough ground to landscape and erect suitable screening. However, Highways are opposed to this site.

The Chairman has spoken to Ms Judith Norris regarding the Salvessens site on Dig Dog Lane which is very messy and recently had a burnt out car left on it. They are having problems selling the site which has a covenant on it. Mr H Lilley asked if Salvessens would be interested in giving the land for two affordable houses. Ms Norris is to approach Salvessens with the idea.

Mr Peter Turner is hoping to attend the APA on 25th April 2007 where he will make a presentation on Affordable Housing.

5. GRANDSHORE LANE

On 2nd April 2007 a very large mobile home was moved onto the site. The Chairman contacted TWBC who on the 3rd finally issued a Temporary Stop Notice. If any further work is carried out the owner can be prosecuted and fined up to £20k. Since then a digger has been at work digging trenches for pipes, in breach of the TSN. The Chairman has reported this to TWBC who sent the Enforcement Officer to investigate today, the outcome of which is unknown.

The Chairman has also received confirmation from Suzanne Bond at TWBC that when the TSN expires on 1st May 2007 an Enforcement Notice will be issued. Prosecution regarding the bunds will also commence as soon as the compliance period is over.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr C Highwood confirmed that the chevron on Headcorn Road has been replaced.

The Chairman stated that minor road repairs had been made in Sand Lane. The No Through Road sign at Bubhurst Lane has not been replaced by Highways; therefore, Bernard Millard has replaced it with the Chairman's sign. The post and sign at Poplar House is still blocking the doorway. An e-mail had been received from Cllr Roger Manning asking why the Gateway signs have not been removed. As Cllr Manning is head of the department that deals with these matters the Chairman has asked him to investigate. Mr H Lilley is hoping that Biddenden Road will be resurfaced in the summer.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/00681: Construction of oil and gas tank bunds for existing tanks at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Following Mr John Dutton's concern regarding a 2.6m fence being erected at the site the Parish Council were requested by the planning office to take a second look at this application. It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal unless a more suitable design can be agreed.

TW/07/00947: Extension of residential curtilage and formation of new access drive at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

TW/07/00949: Erection of extension, including alterations to existing at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval. However, the Parish Council would strongly oppose any future application for a garage that was more than single storey.

TW/07/01132: Single storey rear extension with accommodation in roof space, relocation of conservatory and a new porch at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/07/00114: Appeal - (Part Site) Erection of two-storey detached house and garage at Tickles Place, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously that the Chairman write a letter in support of the applicants appeal.

Decisions:

TW/07/00114: (Part Site) Erection of two-storey detached house and garage at Tickles Place, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/07/00231: Two storey side extension at Lower Buckhurst, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/00276: First-floor bedroom extension to south west corner incorporating dormer to rear at Pillar Box Cottage, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/00321: Proposed single storey rear and side extensions, the erection of a rear dormer, a porch to the front of the property and a detached single garage at Poundlands, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/00238: Swimming pool at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/00454: Replacement garage at Orchard Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

TWBC: It has been agreed that only Borough Councillors can call in planning. If the planning officer and Parish Council disagree on an application the Parish Council is to be notified within 5 days. The Borough Councillor can then be asked to refer the application to committee.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had received a letter regarding the Rural Strategy from TWBC.

Further to Hawkhurst PC raising the issue of Dunorlan Park now being paid for by residents of the Borough rather than by residents of Tunbridge Wells, TWBC have agreed to address the whole issue of special expenses next year.

TWBC:

Draft Parish Charter – HL
Draft Housing Association Parish Charter – HL
Housing Forum 16th May 2007 Invitation – No attendees
Parish Briefing – HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

PIPKIN transport priorities in Kent
Tour de France leaflets & posters
Explore Kent magazine
Website agreement renewal – Clerk to sign & return
TryAngle Awards nomination forms

KAPC:

Tunbridge Wells Area Committee Minutes 14/3 – HL
Next meeting date 27/6
Roadwork's leaflet
Clerks Information Day 16/5
About Councils booklet – HL
Parish News

SEERA:

Partial review of SE Plan: Revised apportionment of primary land-won aggregates

Environment Agency:

Decision on power stations website

Burlite:

Quotation for cleaning war memorial

Applause:

List of events – LG

9. FINANCE

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest. A cheque is to be paid to Keemlaw on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee, for the purchase of new kitchen equipment for the village hall, allowing the VAT to be recovered. It was proposed by Mr N Eveleigh, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

KAPC.....	£292.56
Veolia.....	£9.40
Allianz Cornhill.....	£889.01

Printing at Cranbrook.....	£23.20
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£182.72
Expenses.....	£0.05
Keemlaw.....	£1058.68

The Clerk had received notification from the Audit Commission that the annual return is to be completed and returned to them by 18th June 2007.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee thanked both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for their time of 20 years and 38 years respectively, served on the Parish Council.

The Chairman also thanked Mr Colin Highwood for serving 38 years on the Parish Council. His father, Percy Highwood served for 27 years. The Highwood family have served on the Parish Council for a total of 65 years which is over half of the time of the existence of the Council. Mr L Gosbee and the Clerk were also thanked for their hard work and contribution to the Parish Council.

Mr C Highwood thanked the Chairman for all he has done for the Parish Council over his term of service. Mr C Highwood said that things had got much more complicated than when he started 38 years ago. The Clerk was also thanked for her services to the Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 9th May 2007 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs J Croucher
Mr M Cooper
Mrs A Holroyd
Mrs N Aldhouse

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Borough Cllr. John Smith, Community Warden Janet Greenroyd and 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr L Gosbee proposed that Mr Jeremy Beech be elected Chairman of the new Parish Council; this was seconded by Mrs Nicky Aldhouse and agreed unanimously. The Chairman thanked the members and said he looked forward to working together with them.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

M L Gosbee proposed that Mrs Anne Holroyd be elected as Vice-Chairman; this was seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, who was the only member present at the previous meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

Mr J Beech asked what, or if any, form of award to Mrs Bridges had been agreed by the previous council. As it had not this is to be discussed further.

Grounds Maintenance:

An invoice is still outstanding from Mr M Palmer.

Street Lights:

The Clerk had been notified by EDF that work on the street lights began this week and should be completed by Friday.

Village School:

Mr Mike Cooper asked how rumours regarding closure of the school began. Borough Councillor John Smith replied that he had received a few letters from concerned parents on this matter. This followed questions he had asked regarding the impact on the surrounding schools when a new school is built in Sissinghurst. However, having written to KCC he had been assured that Frittenden School is not on the agenda for closure and that any current plans for a new school in Sissinghurst are for the same number of pupils as now.

The Parish Council is to write to Frittenden Primary school expressing their unanimous support for the school and offering their help if wanted. Mr M Cooper is to ask the Headmistress, Mrs Bradshaw, for an article to place in the Parish magazine.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Mr J Beech read a letter received from Mr H Lilley, the previous Chairman, who offered his support in the following areas of ongoing items within the parish if the new council wished; Grandshore Lane, Local Needs Affordable Housing and Planning Policies. Mr J Beech felt accepting Mr H Lilley's offer over the coming months would be very wise as five of the seven members were new to the council as yet with little knowledge of these areas.

Mr J Beech felt he would like the council to gain more knowledge on TWBC and Highways policies to be able to review all the affordable housing sites that were initially identified before proceeding further, even if this results in being narrowed down to the current five preferred sites. He also felt that Mr Adam Perry's comment on taking a longer term view is extremely valid.

The concerns expressed by Mr Calvin Moore regarding speeding in the village were shared by members of the council. The areas around the school and the crossroads in the centre of the village are of particular concern.

7. ELECTION OF HEADCORN AIRFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr L Gosbee stated that he was very willing to fill this role. It was proposed by Mrs Anne Holroyd, seconded by Mrs Heather Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to appoint Mr L Gosbee as the Frittenden representative.

8. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee asked if it is possible to place cones on the road outside the school at drop off and collection times to prevent dangerous parking. Mrs H Cullingworth, the crossing patrol lady, is to ask her supervisor whether this is possible. Mrs N Aldhouse asked if PC Hulme is able to attend at this time a couple of days a week to speak to offenders. Community Warden Janet Greenroyd replied that she would ask him but as his area covers Cranbrook and Sissinghurst as well as Frittenden his time is limited.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/01316: Single-storey extension to south east end and alterations to fenestration at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/07/01317: LBC - Single-storey extension to south east end and alterations to fenestration at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

Decisions:

TW/07/00500: LBC – Retrospective – Conversion of attic room from storage to room at 1 Poundlands Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/00681: Construction of oil and gas tank bunds for existing tanks at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/07/00743: Two traditional leaded dormer windows to south elevation of roof at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

TW/07/00745: LBC - Two traditional leaded dormer windows to south elevation of roof at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/00815: Erection of conservatory to rear at 2 Sawmill Cottages, Dig Dog Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

In the course of considering correspondence on a range of subjects, Mr Mike Cooper proposed that the new council should work as a team and therefore should consider appointing representatives to oversee different areas of the work load. This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed by all as follows:

KAPC – Mrs Anne Holroyd
Highways – Mr Lester Gosbee
Planning – Mr Mike Cooper
KCC Tunbridge Wells Local Board – Mrs Nicky Aldhouse

The Chairman stated this system could be reviewed later to see how effectively it is working.

In response to a question, the Clerk confirmed that to date the minutes have not been sent until just before a meeting. Mr J Beech suggested that an action list be sent to all members as soon as possible after the meeting to be agreed between himself and the Clerk. Minutes can then be sent once they have been completed.

Letter received from Local Crime Community Sentence Steering Group requesting to attend a meeting – Clerk to reply “not at this time”.

TWBC Planning Training seminars to be held on 19th September

Town & Country Housing Group Rural Strategy document

Chairman’s invitation to TWBC cricket week

TWBC:

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/ldf-consult -MC
Letter of thanks re Easter multi sport activities
Confirmation of Robert Cottrill and Jim Kehoe, Planning Dept, to attend July meeting
Invitation to 2007 Housing Forum 16th May – JB to attend
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Kent Minerals Development Framework site allocation public consultation
Invitation to Tunbridge Wells Local Board Meeting 16th May – NA to attend

Highways:

Request to send all mail to Katie Brown – LG

Ashford Borough Council:

Changes to submitted core strategy Planning & Development – MC

Standards Board for England:

New Code of Conduct – Clerk to distribute paper copies to all members

John Aspinall Foundation:

Leaflets re fund raising – JC

NALC:

Local Council Review – to be circulated to all members - LG

11. FINANCE

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

KAPC Honorarium..... £28.00

Veolia.....	£18.80
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£19.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00

A separate resolution was passed to pay the Clerk her salary and expenses for April as these were both greater than normal. The expenses included the tankards presented at the APA to the outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously as follows:

Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£291.48
Expenses.....	£161.79

A new bank mandate was signed and completed by all members.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr C Highwood regarding the appointment of Trustee to the Idenden Charity. It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to reappoint Mr P Betts.

Mr Mike Cooper asked for formal approval to be given by all members to publish their names and telephone numbers in the parish magazine. This was given.

Mr Jeremy Beech is investigating whether a grant is available for cleaning the war memorial before going ahead with the professional company to be paid for by parish funds. Mr L Gosbee believed a grant may be possible if the memorial is listed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 13th June 2007 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), 5 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

An addition was made to Page 1315; No. 10 Correspondence; TWBC: Draft Charter. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Street Lights:

The Chairman had received two letters of complaint regarding the installation of the new street light opposite the village hall, one from Mr & Mrs Gordon Bridges who live adjacent to the village hall, the other from Mr & Mrs Edmonds, who live further along the road on the same side as the light. The main issue is that no consultation took place with the residents before the installation. This was partly due to the whole exercise taking place with some speed due to a grant being received which expired at the end of March 2007. Mr J Beech and Mr H Lilley had visited the site and looked at the various options and EDF have been contacted. Following consultation with Mr & Mrs Bridges it was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to install a time clock, and to investigate adding a cowling and altering the angle of the lamp head, which is currently raised, to reduce the impact.

Village School:

Mr M Cooper had contacted Mrs Bradshaw who decided that as the rumours have ceased the school does not want to write anything in the Parish Magazine at present. For this reason the Chairman has also not formally written to the school.

Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Assembly:

Following the offer of assistance from Mr H Lilley on the issue of Grandshore Lane, it was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously that Mr J Beech, on behalf of the Parish Council, formally write to Mr H Lilley authorising him to continue dealing with the planning issues at this site.

Road Report:

Mrs H Cullingworth has been unable to speak with her Supervisor regarding placing cones outside the school. However, Mrs Cullingworth had spoken with the police who felt that something more permanent than cones was needed. They are to visit the area in the near future.

Correspondence:

On behalf of the Parish Council Mr J Beech and Mrs A Holroyd had responded to TWBC with suggestions regarding the Draft Charter.

Any Other Business:

Mr J Beech has spoken to various people regarding a grant to clean the war memorial but has been unsuccessful. He has spoken to the professional contractor who originally quoted for the work who confirmed that they use a jet wash under their own insurance. Mr J Beech is to speak to Mr Nick Evelegh, who was a grants specialist, before a decision is taken to use the contactors.

5. VILLAGE POST OFFICE

Mrs J Croucher declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion.

Mr J Beech has met with Sean & Rosie Croucher, at their request, regarding the future of the post office operating in the pub. Due to various reasons they are unhappy with the services they are expected to offer for very little remuneration. They have agreed to continue the operation for the present. However, Mr J Beech felt the Parish Council should decide if they want to actively consider the future of having a post office in the village which could perhaps be operated from a different site in the village.

6. COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr Tom Phillips at KCC regarding the offer of a Community Grant. It was explained that this grant had been applied for in the past and had paid for a lap top for the parish, fencing around the children's play area and the new street lights. The deadline for this year's application is 31st March 2008. It was agreed that the grant should be applied for and various suggestions were made from cleaning the war memorial, to installing flashing speed lights on the main roads into the village and replacing the slide on the field. Mr J Beech suggested the Parish Council compile a wish list for review when grants are available. All members were requested to contact Mr J Beech with their suggestions.

Mrs H Cullingworth informed the Parish Council that the end of the slide has split and is also resting on the ground. Mr L Gosbee is to investigate.

7. TWBC HOUSING STRATEGY

Mr J Beech reported that he had attended the Housing Forum on 16th May. The number one priority for TWBC is affordable homes, which is now the central issue. Mr J Beech felt that a long term plan is necessary in Frittenden.

8. POLICE LIASION

Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth reported on the recent meeting they attended. A new marking system for possessions is now available and can be obtained from Neighbourhood Watch for £20. If yellow lines were painted on the road possibly outside the school and Sunnyside, these would be enforceable. It was noted that crime in Frittenden is very low. The next meeting is on 9th September 2007. Mr M Cooper is to place an article in the parish magazine regarding the marking of personal possessions. It was suggested the Thursday clinic with the Community Warden also be advertised.

9. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2007

The Clerk reported that she had completed the accounts for the year end ready for audit. Copies of the accounts and supporting documents were passed to all members. Mr B Millard has also completed the internal audit. It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to approve the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2007. The Statement of Assurance was read out by the Chairman and acceptance was agreed. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

10. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee confirmed that he had been in contact with Highways regarding the verge cutting which has not been completed satisfactorily. Biddenden Road, from Sand Lane to the crossroads, is due to be resurfaced this financial year. Mr L Gosbee is keen to keep this on Kent Highways agenda. It was agreed before any resurfacing takes place it is essential the haunches are repaired. Mr L Gosbee is to continue chasing these matters.

11. PLANNING

Mr M Cooper reported that following the receipt of two planning applications which had to be returned at short notice a meeting was held and attended by five members of the Parish Council, where the following decisions were agreed on applications 00799 and 01506.

Applications:

TW/07/00799: Notification of revised planning application details; Side extension and new first floor at Beech House, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the same grounds as the previous refusal. To be referred to the Planning Committee.

TW/07/01506: Conversion of Atcost barn to holiday let accommodation, removal of other existing barns and erection of amenity building at The Old Junk Yard, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth declared an interest and left the room taking no part in any discussions.

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval on the grounds that it would create tourist accommodation which meets policy objectives, and would enhance the site. To be considered by the Planning Committee.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr Tim Archer, Case Officer, on receipt of the Parish Council's recommendations regarding The Old Junk Yard, who stated that the application would be determined at Officer Level as the proposal is clearly contrary to adopted policy. Mr M Cooper subsequently spoke to Mr Archer and agreed with his decision.

TW/07/01833: Retrospective: Below ground swimming pool at Little Bubhurst Barn, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

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

Decisions:

TW/07/00949: Erection of extension, including alterations to existing at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/01132: Single storey rear extension with accommodation in roof space, relocation of conservatory and a new porch at Hutton Design, Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

The Clerk requested the possibility of disposing of some of the paper planning records as originals are kept at TWBC. It was agreed that paper records for the last 5 years only, should be kept.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Invitation to Inaugural Meeting Play Partnership 26th June – NA/HC to attend
Invitation to Planning Seminar 18/7 or 19/9 – MC to attend 19th September

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Funding for new Parish Plans – JB & Clerk to actively pursue

KAPC:

Agenda re meeting 27th June – AH to attend
Summer Training programme – Clerk to e-mail dates to all members
Parish News – HC to copy & circulate to all members

Kent Police Authority:

Safer Kent Awards Booklet – No nominations

Standards Board for England:

Copies of revised Code of Conduct – All members received copies

KCC:

Footpath amendment – Not in Parish, Clerk to file

13. FINANCE

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

Printing at Cranbrook.....	£9.96
Veolia.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£215.35
Expenses.....	£7.82

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr J Beech had been asked by a resident if a nurturing and clean up day could be arranged in the village one day a year. Members were asked to report back with their thoughts at the next meeting.

Mr M Cooper requested that at the August meeting ideas on how to handle the hiring of the equipment be discussed.

Mrs N Aldhouse reported that the Tour de France on 8th July will mean road closures in the area and residents should be notified. Mr M Cooper will place a piece to this effect in the Parish Magazine.

Mr J Beech had discussed with Mr H Lilley the archiving of old papers that were held by the previous Chairman. It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to send to KCC Archiving all papers prior to January 2000, including Accounts and Minutes. Mr H Lilley is to pass all relevant records to Mr P Betts.

Mr L Gosbee reported on a Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee Meeting he attended. There had been one complaint regarding the parachute plane noise. This has now changed to the quieter LET. The investigation into the loss of a pilot's life is ongoing. The Air Proms will take place on 28th July, Brian Blessed is attending. The weekend of 15th/16th June 54 micro lights from Belgium will be landing

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 18th July 2007 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mr H Lilley

The Chairman welcomed Mr H Lilley to the meeting and thanked him for aiding the Parish Council with the on going planning issues at Grandshore Lane.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr M Cooper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

An amendment to page 1318; No. 5 Village Post Office was made. This now reads 'Sean & Rosie at their request'. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Street Lights:

A time clock has been placed on the newly erected street light and the Clerk has received an invoice for the work. The Chairman has spoken to Mr & Mrs Bridges and is to write to both them, and Mr & Mrs Edmonds confirming that the alterations to the light have been completed.

Road Report:

Mrs H Cullingworth has contacted the relevant authorities regarding cones and white lines outside the school, and is awaiting a representative to visit and observe during drop off and/or collection times. However, funds are currently unavailable to initiate any changes. The Clerk has received an e-mail confirming the problem is being investigated. Mrs Cullingworth is to pursue this issue.

Community Grant Scheme:

Members had been asked to come up with a wish list for the grant. This currently consists of Flashing Speed Lights, Cleaning of the War Memorial and Goal Nets. Further suggestions were requested.

Affordable Homes:

A meeting between Mr & Mrs Homersham, owners of the 4 Acres site, Hyde Housing and TWBC had been arranged at 4 Acres. However, Mr & Mrs Homersham failed to attend but a useful meeting did take place between Hyde Housing, Peter Turner and Jenny Hudson from TWBC, Mr Jeremy Beech, Mr Mike Cooper and Mr Howard Lilley. Janine Allen, from Hyde Housing, later met for a positive meeting with Mr Homersham who is to speak with his wife regarding the sale of the site, and obtain relative documents from his bank before progressing further.

Planning:

The Chairman stated that it would appear TWBC were already in mind to approve the most recent design at Beech House, Sand Lane before it went to committee. The owner of Catherine Wheel Barn has sent copies of his letters to TWBC opposing the scheme to the Clerk and Chairman.

Correspondence:

Mrs H Cullingworth and Mrs N Aldhouse had recently attended a Play Partnership meeting. The needs of the children in the village, especially 11-16 year olds is to be assessed. A letter is to be sent to the relevant households inviting the children to attend a meeting to discuss their needs.

Mrs N Aldhouse had been approached by a member of the Cricket Club offering financial help to replace the goals on the recreation field.

KAPC:

Mrs A Holroyd confirmed her attendance at a Tunbridge Wells KAPC meeting. The next meeting is to be held in September. Mrs Holroyd also attended a Councillors Information Day which she found very informative.

5. VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY

The Chairman had been approached by a resident with the idea of having a day or days when village societies or institutions would do something useful for the village e.g. tidy the edges of the field. Although it is felt the village is reasonably tidy the concept is a good one. The Chairman is to send a letter to the various organisations in the village, as well as the school, asking for their reactions and any ideas.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr Gosbee has made no progress regarding the verges despite numerous calls to Highways. A second cut will not take place until September. Mr J Beech believed the contractors had returned in some areas.

A large hole had appeared in a small lane leading off Mill Lane. Mr Gosbee will establish the name of the lane and report it. Mr H Lilley is to help with this.

Mr J Beech commented on the water outside Larchmere which is overflowing from a ditch outside the Gables. Mr H Lilley replied that this has been an ongoing problem for many years for which neither the Water Board nor Highways will take responsibility. Mr J Beech is to write to KCC Cllr. Roger Manning regarding this matter.

Mrs J Croucher raised the matter of road signs being obscured at Commenden Manor by overgrown hedges.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/00947: Notification of revised planning application details; Extension of residential curtilage and formation of new access drive at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

No Comment.

TW/07/01959: Two-storey rear extension and replacement of existing conservatory with single-storey side extension and internal alterations at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden.

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

Decisions:

TW/07/00799: Notification of revised planning application details; Side extension and new first floor at Beech House, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

The Chairman had received a telephone call from Mr Wootton, at Larchmere, who needed the Parish Council's approval to meet TWBC regulations, confirming hedge roots had not been damaged when digging a hole for immersion of the utility tanks. Mr J Beech visited the site to confirm this. Mr Wootton also requested the possibility of Larchmere placing two or three benches in the corner of the playing field and laying a path to them. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed

unanimously to approve this. The Clerk is to write to Mr Wootton, enclosing a copy of a letter sent to him previously regarding this matter, approving his request.

Mr H Lilley had received the appeal decision at Maplehurst where permission has been granted for a three year temporary residence limited to Mr Lee his wife and child.

Mr H Lilley reported that the second appeal at the Hatchin' Tan had been withdrawn. The Appeal Inspector has however, upheld all three enforcement notices on the original appeal. The time limit to remove all the buildings has been extended to July 2008 to take into consideration the education of Mr Brazil's daughter, but removal of the bunds and the replanting of the trees can go ahead immediately. Mr H Lilley had not heard the result of a meeting which took place today at TWBC to decide whether or not to prosecute.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that he had been asked by Mr Wootton his thoughts on parking by the War Memorial opposite Larchmere. Although it would mean losing some grass the Chairman felt there was enough room between the War Memorial and Forge House to create a lay by for parking. Mr L Gosbee also commented on parking problems opposite Sunnyside and suggested a hard standing outside The Orchards be created at the same time. It was accepted however, that these were merely first thoughts, and a discussion was needed with KCC Highways.

TWBC:

Consultation paper Valuing Diversity, Promoting Equality – JB
Standards Committee request to attend pc meeting – Clerk to reply 12/9 meeting
Code of Conduct Training Sessions – Members to contact Clerk if attending
Polling Arrangements Review – Clerk to reply

KCC:

Kent Minerals Development Framework – N/A
E-mail re extension of white lines outside school

KAPC:

Parish News - Distributed
Kent Volunteers Awards leaflet
SEERA leaflet
Vitalise donation request
Local Council Administration order form

EHRA:

Newsletter

NALC:

LCR - JB

9. FINANCE

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

Veolia.....	£18.80
EDF Energy.....	£4047.38
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£16.45
Mr B Millard.....	£50.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£180.55
Expenses.....	£23.51

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee requested the parish benches held in his barn be sited in the village. It was agreed that one should be placed adjacent to the children's play area on the field and the other outside Valance View if possible. The Clerk is to write to Country Housing requesting their permission for this. It was agreed to employ a person to lay the concrete plinths for the benches to stand on if necessary.

Mrs H Cullingworth felt the Philip Hope Board in the village hall should be updated with the new Chairman. Mr H Lilley is to arrange this with the sign writer. She had also been asked by Mrs Bradshaw if a sign could be placed showing directions to the playing field. Mr L Gosbee is to organise this.

Mrs A Holroyd asked if the 1996 Emergency Plan register still existed in the village. This is to be investigated.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 12th September 2007 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Lois Howell (Head of Legal TWBC) Peter Blackwell (TWBC Standards Committee Chairman) Janet Greenroyd (Community Warden) and 2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Roger Manning.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs H Cullingworth declared an interest regarding a planning application at 3 The Orchards, Frittenden.

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

Street Lights:

Following letters received from Mrs E Bridges and Mr and Mrs J Edmonds regarding the new street light, the Clerk has contacted EDF Energy requesting the timer be set to go off at 12.00am BST and 11.00pm GMT, and for the rear of the light to be screened. Mr Jeremy Beech is to meet with the engineer when the work is in process.

Affordable Homes:

Although the site at 4 Acres is still being pursued, the Chairman has received a request from Jenny Hudson for a list of other approved sites from the Parish Council. This will be sent once a discussion has taken place with Mr Peter Turner to discuss all the sites that were originally identified.

Village Clean Up Day:

The matter is in hand. A letter has been sent to all institutions in the village and feedback is awaited.

Correspondence:

The Clerk has requested a meeting between Mr Andy Bray at Highways and the Chairman and Mr L Gosbee, to discuss a number of Highways issues in the village.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman introduced Ms Lois Howell TWBC Head of Legal and Mr Peter Blackwell TWBC Standards Committee Chairman. Ms Howell stated that TWBC are keen to improve relationships between themselves and all the Parishes in the Borough, which she and Peter Blackwell have now completed visits to; Frittenden being the last. Any concerns regarding the Code of Conduct can be directed to her office. Training can also be given. The Standards Committee has been set up to help, advise and support as well as being a watchdog. At present two Parish Councillors sit on the Committee but this may be extended when in future any complaints will be passed to the Borough Committee rather than the Standards Board for England as at present. The Chairman thanked Lois Howell and Peter Blackwell for their offer of help and for attending the meeting. The guests then departed.

The new Code of Conduct has been reviewed by all members. It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to adopt the Model Code of Conduct, including paragraph 12(2).

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that a pot hole in Park Lane has been assessed by Highways and is to be repaired. The pot hole at Buckhurst Bridge has also been reported. Mr L Gosbee is so speak to Mr Paul Hope regarding an overhanging hedge belonging to him on the Headcorn Road. A number of issues were raised by members which the Chairman will discuss with Highways at the requested meeting, these are as follows: parking at the crossroads, Larchmere, Weaversden, Sunnyside and the school crossing; pot holes at the top of Grandshore Lane; unfinished cut of verges; sign concealed by hedge at Commenden Manor Lodge; leaning hedge at Park Lane and speed of cars passing through the village.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/01828: Alterations to provide a new staircase to loft room and dormer with solar collector, and internal re-arrangement of kitchen and bathrooms at 1 Lower Buckhurst Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

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

TW/07/02254: Proposed single storey extension and detached garage/store building at Greenacres, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval as the new extension is smaller than the building to be demolished.

TW/07/02571: Conversion of redundant building into holiday cottage at Pound Hill Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no part in the vote.

A site meeting took place at Pound Hill with six members present, Mrs H Cullingworth was unable to attend, where it was agreed to remain Neutral. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously providing the converted building remains within the curtilage of Pound Hill Farm and is used for short term lets only.

TW/07/02674: Addition of external stair, 2 no. windows and 2 no. roof lights to garage; to store over garage at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral providing the building is not used as ancillary accommodation.

TW/07/02829: Construction of 2 bay garage, incorporating boiler room and log store at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden

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

TW/07/02975: Rear conservatory at 3 The Orchards, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Mrs H Cullingworth, having declared an interest at the start of the meeting, left the room.

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

Decisions:

- TW/06/01115: Vehicular access with car parking and turning area at 2 Weald View, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/00947: Extension of residential curtilage and formation of new access drive at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/00799: Side extension and new first floor at Beech House, Sand Lane, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/01315: Single storey extension to south east end and alterations to fenestration at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/01317: LBC – single storey extension, alterations to fenestration and alterations to first and ground floors at Catherine Wheel Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden
Consent Granted.
- TW/07/01506: Conversion of Atcost barn to holiday let accommodation, removal of other existing barns and erection of amenity building at The Old Junk Yard, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden
Permission Refused.
- TW/07/01828: Alteration to provide a new staircase to loft room and dormer with solar collector, and internal re-arrangement of kitchen and bathrooms at 1 Lower Buckhurst Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/01833: Retrospective: Below ground swimming pool at Little Bubhurst Barn, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/01963: Garden room at Three Chimneys Public House, Bettenham Lane, Biddenden, Ashford
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/01965: LBC: Garden Room at Three Chimneys Public House, Bettenham Lane, Biddenden, Ashford
Consent Granted.
- TW/07/01959: Two-storey rear extension and replacement of existing conservatory with single-storey side extension and internal alterations at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden
Permission Granted.
- TW/07/02254: Proposed single-storey extension and detached garage/store building at Greenacres, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden
Permission Granted.

It was agreed that if planning applications received between normal monthly Parish Council meetings need a response before that meeting, then a formal public planning meeting will be held either at the Memorial Hall or Wagon Lodge, Mill Lane following a notice placed in advance on the parish notice board and in consultation with the Clerk. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to adopt this new system. Mr M Cooper is to place an article in the Parish Magazine to this effect.

It was believed that TWBC would enforce the removal of the bunds at The Hatchin' Tan. However, following the appeal decision to extend the removal of the caravans until July 2008 the Chairman reported that the Enforcement Officer has taken the decision not to enforce removal of the bunds at present.

The Chairman reported that movement on the site between The Hatchin' Tan and Pork Pie Farm has been noticed. It is also believed that re-occupation of Pork Pie Farm may have taken place. A meeting is to take place next week between Lois Howell and TWBC Enforcement Officer to discuss the next steps. The Chairman asked Mrs N Aldhouse to report to him if lights are seen on in the building.

At the planning site meeting at Pound Hill the Chairman reported to the members that he had been approached by a resident at Knoxbridge regarding concerns over a license application for the Knoxbridge Inn. Following this the Clerk sent a letter to the License Applications department at TWBC expressing these concerns. The Licensing Officer then asked if the Parish Council were going to make a formal representation. As a consequence of the Chairman then having received 12 letters or e-mails of concern regarding the license application a formal representation from the Parish Council was sent by the Chairman within a limited timescale. This was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed by 6 votes. Mrs J Croucher abstained from voting due to a minor prejudicial interest. The residents are not unhappy with the pub re-opening but are concerned regarding opening hours, noise and safety issues. The matter is to be determined at a meeting to be held on 27th September 2007. Regardless of the outcome of the application, the Parish Council is able to request TWBC to review the license if complaints arise in the future.

Correspondence:

TWBC has sent copies to the Clerk, of their response to Mr Michael Cowley's letters regarding his intention to take the Eastern Area Planning Committee to Judicial Review following the decision to grant planning permission at Beech House, Sand Lane.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Sports News – JC
Invitation to visit Allington Waste Plant – JC
Letter from Roy Bullock re Cranbrook Council Offices
Draft Licensing Policy – JB

KCC:

Countryside Access Improvement Plan – NA
Annual Plan – JB
Explore Kent booklet - distributed

Kent Police Authority:
Policing Plan 2007/10

Government Office for S.E. England:
Regional Spatial Strategy SE Plan – MC

KAPC:

Parish News – Distributed
Councillors Information Day leaflet
Roadworks leaflet – LG
Website password – Distributed
T. Wells Area Committee Agenda 13th Sept – AH

Kent Air Ambulance:
Newsletter

NALC:
LCR - JB

9. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed and was satisfactory. The relevant notice has been displayed on the parish notice board.

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no further part in the vote.

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

TWBC.....	£903.41
KCC (KCS).....	£407.91
Audit Commission.....	£141.00
Mr L Gosbee.....	£45.00
Veolia.....	£18.80
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£226.27

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A resident has reported to Cranbrook Post Office the theft of the post box at the top of Dig Dog Lane. He was originally told that this would not be replaced. However, following further discussion he has been informed the matter will be looked into further. The Parish Council has been requested by this resident to give their support in resolving the matter. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Manager of the Cranbrook sorting office requesting the replacement of the post box.

The Chairman has received a complaint from a resident regarding the rubbish bins on the playing field not being emptied since 20th August. The Clerk has spoken to Veolia who claim this is not the case. However, the resident has evidence that the bins have not been emptied. The Clerk is to contact Veolia again.

Mr L Gosbee reported on a meeting that he attended at Staplehurst Health Centre. On 17th October a Life Saving evening is being held; 1st December an Open Fund Raising Day; 5th December a meeting will take place regarding Dr Webb placing a bid to run the Centre.

The Chairman and Mr L Gosbee have looked at where the benches should be placed. In the playing field the preferred place is backing onto the hedge looking at the children's play area. The Clerk is to contact Town and Country Housing regarding placing a bench outside Valence View.

Mr L Gosbee is to checkout the condition of the surface play area and reports that the bottom of the slide is twisted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Wagon Lodge, Mill Lane, Frittenden on Tuesday 25th September 2007 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Deborah Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth.

2. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/03114: Replacement single-storey side extension at Grandshore Place, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

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

TW/07/03200: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension with glazed link; detached garage a Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed by four votes, with one against, to remain Neutral. However, the Parish Council would be unhappy to see the new extension become a separate dwelling in the future. They also wished it to be noted that the structure is larger than the previous application that was refused by TWBC.

TW/07/03202: LBC: demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension with glazed link; detached garage a Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

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

Decisions:

TW/07/02571: Conversion of redundant building into holiday cottage at Pound Hill Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Croucher.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Street Lights:

The Clerk is to chase, requesting EDF to change the timer setting.

Frittenden Village Day:

The Chairman has received constructive positive responses from the school, the Gardening Society and the Village Hall Committee to date. All ideas will be discussed once further replies have been received.

Planning:

Mr M Cooper placed an article in the Parish Magazine regarding changes to the handling of applications. Mr J Beech and Mr H Lilley met with TWBC regarding the Hatchin' Tan. (See under PLANNING)

Rural Speed Limits:

The Chairman attended an interesting meeting at Goudhurst, presented by KCC, regarding a study in changes to speed limits in rural areas within the boundary of A229, A21 and A262.

Post Box:

Nothing further has been heard and the box has not been replaced. All residents affected are being urged to write to the Royal Mail.

5. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS

A number of organisations and individuals have contacted the Chairman regarding small jobs that need attention in the village including siting of the benches, slippery play area surface, missing footpath signs, stile repairs, storage building for equipment, traffic calming measures, extension of the recycling area, gate to playing field dropped, uneven ground at entrance to field and Laundry Lane hedge cutting issue. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to employ a local person to carry out these and any future jobs that may arise. The Clerk is to contact KAPC for advice on the best way forward regarding this matter.

With regard to the slippery surface of the play area when wet the Chairman is to action this immediately.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that he is constantly talking to Highways regarding pot holes on village roads and will continue to do so until improvements are made. The Clerk has been trying to organise a meeting between Mr J Beech and Mr Andy Bray, so far without success.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/03293: Certificate of Lawful Development (existing): Dwelling occupied by persons other than members of the agricultural population, in breach of a planning condition under permission WE/5/49/148 at 2 Ponds Farm Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

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

TW/07/03329: Alterations and single storey extensions to barn at Balcombe Barn, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

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

TW/07/03385: Erection of two-storey side extension to form additional living accommodation at Castle Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds that this is not a modest extension being over the 50% guideline.

The loss of smaller housing stock in the village was also referred to on this occasion. However, the Chairman brought to the attention of the Council the TWBC reply to the recent Judicial Review proceedings, in which the TWBC view cast doubt on the Parish Council's previous understanding of the housing stock argument. Jim Kehoe and Rob Cottrill, TWBC Planning Department, are to attend the next Parish meeting when questions regarding this will be put to them.

TW/07/03237: Change of Use to dwelling at Frittenden Post Office, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

TW/07/03240: LBC - Change of Use to dwelling at Frittenden Post Office, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Following much discussion it was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed by 4 votes, with 2 against, to remain Neutral. However, the loss of commercial premises in the village was felt unsatisfactory by all present.

Decisions:

TW/07/02674: Addition of external stair, 2 no. windows and 2 no. roof lights to garage; to store over garage at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

TW/07/02829: Construction of 2 bay garage, incorporating boiler room and log store at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

Application for a Premises Licence at Knoxbridge Inn, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden – Approved with conditions.

The Chairman thanked Mr M Cooper for attending the hearing for the licence application and speaking on behalf of the residents.

Correspondence:

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with Kate Jardine and Jack Wheeler from TWBC along with Mr Howard Lilley regarding the Hatchin' Tan. It was made clear that the Parish Council felt it was naïve of TWBC not to proceed with a prosecution in respect of removal of the bunds as stated in the Appeal Inspectors report. Kate Jardine was very positive to this and agreed there was no reason to delay. The first court date available at Sevenoaks is 2nd December 2007. Information from the Forestry Commission is also being gathered as it is believed the issue of replanting the trees may be enforced. TWBC confirmed that the Enforcement Notice applies to the land; meaning that any subsequent owner will have to comply with the decision.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Grants for Xmas decorations – JB

Copies of Parish Charter – All

Copy of Town & Parish Seminar Presentation – LG to be circulated

Copy of Council's summary for contesting Judicial Review Beech House – MC

KCC:

Youth Opportunity Fund Grant Information – NA/HC

PO Consultation Changes – Clerk to respond

KAPC:

Parish News – Distributed

Notice of AGM - AH

BTCV:

Tree Warden Scheme

Kent High Weald Scheme:

Free Trees Scheme – MC re Parish Magazine

Newsletter

DEFRA:

Tackling Climate Change booklet

Standards Board:

Information Sheet

CAB:

Annual Report

RAF:

Invitation to Civic Reception 28/11/07

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Veolia.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£276.26
Expenses.....	£2.52

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr M Cooper has been contacted by Mr Paul Mason who wishes to start a Saturday football team in the village. Some improvements to the pitch including a small changing room for visiting referees are necessary.

The Chairman, having met with Mr Mason, advised him to get together a Committee to decide what is needed. Mr J Beech has contacted the Heritage Lottery Fund who confirmed that funding can be applied for. Mrs N Aldhouse suggested the Local Board grant may be another source of funding.

Mrs N Aldhouse stated that fly tipping had again taken place in Grandshore Lane. She was advised to ring TWBC regarding this.

Mrs A Holroyd reiterated the earlier point regarding the lack of small housing stock for residents wishing to downsize in the village. This issue is to be raised at the next meeting with TWBC Head of Planning.

Mr L Gosbee reported on the Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee meeting he had attended:

Air Proms will be held over two days during August bank holiday in 2008

A Hot Air Balloon race will take place the same weekend

A Classic Music evening will take place the following evening plus tribute band

A new quieter/lighter parachute plane carrying up to 14 persons will be introduced next year

The AGM will be held on 4th March 2008

Mr L Gosbee had also attended a meeting at Staplehurst Health Centre. The next meeting to decide the bid price will be held on 25th October 2007.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Wagon Lodge, Mill Lane, Frittenden on Thursday 1st November 2007 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Deborah Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs H Cullingworth and Mrs J Croucher.

2. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/03452: Extension (part 2 storey and part single storey) to provide additional residential accommodation and enlarging existing spaces at Street Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr L Beech and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval on the grounds that the proposed extension is not excessive, the design is in keeping with the existing building and the proposal is to build on the site of a previously demolished barn. There is no visibility issue.

TW/07/03586: Two replacement timber sheds at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

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

Decisions:

TW/07/03114: Replacement single-storey side extension at Grandshore Place, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

The Clerk had received a letter from Kent Highways Service asking for the consent of the Parish Council regarding the stopping up of highways – Highways Act 1980 – Section 116 and twelfth schedule – Land Adjacent to Forge House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

After much discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council did consent to the acquisition of the land. However, there would be an objection to the erection of any boundary fence or wall.

The Clerk is to reply to Highways to this effect.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 14th November 2007 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Peter Turner & Kate Hudson TWBC Planning Department, Jim Kehoe Head of Planning Services TWBC, Janine Edbrooke Hyde Housing, Janet Greenroyd Community Warden, Cllr. John Smith & Mr H Lilley.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr M Cooper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Improvements and Repairs:

The Clerk has contacted KAPC regarding the hiring of local people to execute small jobs in the village as and when necessary, and was informed that we are not required to go to tender for this.

Correspondence:

There have been no further developments regarding the Hatchin 'Tan.

Any Other Business:

Mr Paul Mason has formed a Committee to run the football club and is to prepare a brief to present to the Parish Council. A further meeting will then be held and the public informed of the intentions of the club to use the field. Mr Peter Turner advised the club should contact Sport England and the Kent FA for support.

Planning Meeting:

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

5. TWBC PLANNING POLICY – JIM KEHOE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The Chairman introduced Mr Kehoe who gave a brief outline of Planning Services. The three main areas of the department are Policy, Control and Enforcement. In Frittenden parish there are approximately 30-40 applications per year out of a total at TWBC of 2200 per year. The Borough Council relies on the parishes for their local opinions. Over the last six months TWBC has disagreed with Frittenden Parish Councils recommendations on two applications.

A new development plan, the TWBC directive for all applications, is to be written to be re-named the Local Development Framework (LDF). A six week consultation period for parishes to comment with their views is to take place in December-January. This would be the time for Frittenden to highlight the issue of the loss of small housing stock in the village. It was suggested that this would have more impact if a number of villages with the same problems banded together. A survey of the housing stock in the village, presenting a factual base, would also aid the issue.

If an application is refused by TWBC they are prepared to negotiate with an applicant who wishes to do so to overcome the problems. This may necessitate a variation in design rather than volume to meet criteria and allow the application to be passed. The appeal process also offers another point of view. If parishes have any concerns regarding decisions, the planning department is always happy to discuss individual applications. Cllr John Smith stated that often it is better to approve an application with strict conditions rather than allowing the application to go to appeal and have no control. The Chairman thanked Mr Kehoe for attending the meeting.

6. PREFERRED SITES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter Turner and Kate Hudson, TWBC Planning Department, and Janine Edbrooke, Hyde Housing. He reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had previously expressed a preference for five specific sites to be the subject of further evaluation, and that these had been discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly. Given the discussion at that meeting and the election of five new Parish Councillors since, he recommended that the Council confirm whether or not there was agreement that the sites previously identified were the right ones for further investigation.

Janine Edbrooke confirmed that she has spoken to Mr Homersham, owner of the site at 4 Acres, who is amenable to selling part of the site for housing. Mr Homersham has obtained a document detailing restrictions at the site which he is to forward to Hyde Housing, although it is believed the restrictions expire in two years time. Mr Homersham would wish to retain his storage facility at the site.

Mr Peter Turner commented that as part of the LDF the allocation of rural sites will be adopted. All sixteen sites initially viewed will be revisited due to the changes to the development plan. Any site adopted in the plan can then be used for further development, if needed, over the life of the LDF without going through the process of identifying another site.

A short discussion on the list of preferred sites took place, and it was agreed that the Homersham site was still first choice. Three members voiced their objections to the site on the Biddenden Road. Janine Edbrooke and Peter Turner advised that it was unnecessary, at present, to review the site priorities further, until such time that the Planning Inspector has visited the sites and submitted his evaluation against the revised criteria.

The current mix of housing, following the survey, is for 4 x 1 beds, 2 x 2 beds and 1 x 3 beds.

The Chairman thanked everybody for coming to the meeting and for the information they imparted.

7. BUDGET

The Clerk distributed copies of the budget to all members. Having clarified the over spends for the current year the Chairman went on to explain the projected budget for the following year. The precept will need to be increased if the limited reserves are to remain intact for any contingencies. Councillors were asked to review the budget and to make comments where necessary so that the precept can be set and the budget adopted at the next meeting.

One area that will need to be paid for by reserves if a grant is not forthcoming is repairs to the play surfacing. This currently needs cleaning but ultimately will need to be replaced. A quote has been requested for both. Mr H Lilley offered to clean the surface with his power washer. Mrs N Aldhouse is to contact KCC Youth Opportunities regarding applying for a grant for new surfacing and new equipment.

It was also agreed that an approved inspection to the equipment should take place.

8. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that a reply from Andy Smart, Transport Engineer, stated that unless an accident has occurred any improvements to the junction at Mill Lane are unlikely.

Andy Gray is currently looking into the ownership of a hedge on Park Lane which has to be cut, and the ditch dredged before any repairs to the haunches can commence.

The Biddenden Road is to be resurfaced; this will happen 7th-12th December. The manholes will be levelled within this process. Mr L Gosbee is to speak to Highways regarding the water leak outside The Stables.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

There were none.

Decisions:

TW/07/03200: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension with glazed link; detached garage at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Permission Refused.

TW/07/03202: LBC - Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension with glazed link at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Consent Granted.

TW/07/03293: Certificate of Lawful Development (existing): Dwelling occupied by persons other than members of the agricultural population, in breach of a planning condition under permission WE/5/49/148 at 2 Ponds Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Grant of Certificate of Lawful Use

Correspondence:

There was none.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Consultation to remove need for Designated Premises Supervisor at village halls – JB

KAPC:

Parish News – Distributed
Inspectors report on SE Plan

NALC:

LCR

Hospice in the Weald;

News – JC

11. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the National Salary Award for Clerks had been received. The pay scale the Clerk is on has increased from £8.701p per hour to £8.916p back dated to 1st April 2007. It was agreed this should be paid.

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

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Burlite Limited.....	£799.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£189.47
Back dated pay.....	£33.92

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee informed the meeting that Staplehurst Health Centre is holding an open day on 1st December 2007. On 5th December 2007 bids are due from the current GP's to run the practice at a public meeting to be held at All Saints Church, Staplehurst.

Mr J Beech has been contacted by Sue Eddington, who has requested permission to reduce the branches on a tree, on the parish field that lies adjacent to her property, which is blocking out light. A quote from a tree surgeon of £140 has been obtained. The Chairman is to visit the site and agree on a division of costs. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously. The Chairman will report back at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 12th December 2007 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Janet Greenroyd Community Warden, Mr James Tuke

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr M Cooper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr J Beech declared a pecuniary interest regarding donations to FPCC and British Legion.

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

TWBC Planning Policy:

The Chairman had received a letter of thanks from Mr Jim Kehoe for inviting him to attend the November meeting.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman has spoken to Mrs Sue Eddington regarding the tree pruning. It was agreed that the work can commence with the Parish Council paying two thirds of the cost.

Play Surface:

The surface has recently been cleaned by Mr J Beech, Mrs H Cullingworth and Mr H Lilley. Mr R Latham was thanked for providing the water. Cllr Smith has offered to provide an algaecide to spray on the surface.

5. PARISH WEBSITE

Mr James Tuke informed the Parish Council that KCC has made major improvements to the website, with a few new additions. He raised a number of points regarding the Parish site including the addition of an improved picture of the village sign, Mr J Beech is to speak to Phil Betts or Bob Davison regarding the original, the inclusion of a watermark aerial shot of the village as a skin, although this would incur some cost, and the addition of FAQ's. Members were asked to e-mail any questions for the site to the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Mr Tuke for the work he does on the website and for attending the meeting.

6. BREATHING SPACES SCHEME

The Clerk had received an e-mail, which had been forwarded to all members, regarding available grants of between £1k and £10k to develop an area of land which would encourage the local environment and benefit the local people. Any piece of ground in the village would be eligible, providing the land owners permission had been received. The Chairman believed an area of the cemetery, currently unused and overgrown, could be a suitable candidate for the grant. Mrs J Croucher suggested, following a request to her from a resident, that the spring, recently diverted into the drains, outside The Gables be re-diverted adjacent to the War Memorial and a water pump erected for village use. The Chairman agreed that this was a good idea, but was not the purpose for which the grants were intended. Mrs H Cullingworth remarked on the land behind the village hall and Mrs N Aldhouse suggested an area of the playing field.

Members were asked to send any further suggestions to the Chairman, as an application is to be submitted by 18th January 2008. The Chairman is to consult with Mrs A Holroyd on the application. Mr J Beech is to contact the Church regarding the cemetery land.

7. STAPLEHURST HEALTH CENTRE

Mr L Gosbee reported on the recent public meeting he had attended. Three bids are currently under consideration to manage the health centre. The majority of the 600 members of the public present preferred the smaller West Malling group; the current GP's are likely to remain if this concern took over the management, above the two larger groups who have bid to run the centre. It is hoped that a decision will be made on 20th December.

8. BUDGET

The Chairman presented the budget, a copy of which had been sent previously to all members, and stated a significant increase is necessary this year due to spending on various projects without drawing on the little reserves available. It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to increase the precept to £8.5k. The Clerk is to confirm this to TWBC.

9. DONATIONS

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest.

Following much discussion it was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to make the following donations under Section 137:

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

10. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES

The Clerk is to circulate the meeting dates for 2008 as follows:

January 9 th	February 13 th	March 12 th
April 9 th	May 14 th	June 11 th
July 9 th	August 13 th	September 10 th
October 8 th	November 12 th	December 10 th

11. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that resurfacing is currently taking place on Biddenden Road between Sand Lane and the crossroads. Repairs are also being made from the bridge to the T. junction at Hareplain Road. The Chairman thanked Mr Gosbee and Mr H Lilley for their persistence in getting these projects completed. Some of the scrapings from the road have been piled at the entrance to the playing field to be used to fill the holes there. Volunteers are needed to rake and compress them.

12. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/03877: LBC: Conversion of barn and stables to two dwellings. (TW/02/01618/LBC (lapsed) refers) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

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

TW/07/03896: Renewal of planning permission TW/02/02886 for conversion of barn to dwelling at Buckhurst Farm Buildings, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

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

TW/07/04163: New garage, workshop/office. Demolition of existing nissen hut at Leggs Wood House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs A H Holroyd and agreed by five votes with two abstentions to Recommend Approval providing that the building is not used for further residential accommodation.

Decisions:

TW/07/02975: Rear conservatory at 3 The Orchards, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

TW/07/03329: Alterations and single storey extension to barn at Balcombe Barn, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

Permission Granted.

TW/07/03385: Erection of two-storey side extension to form additional living accommodation at Castle Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden

Permission Refused.

TW/07/03237: Change of use to dwelling at Frittenden Post Office, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

TW/07/03240: LBC - Change of use to dwelling at Frittenden Post Office, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

Correspondence:

The Chairman reported that following a call from a Mill Lane resident he attended the site at Perfects Place where an entrance was being cleared and burnt unlawfully. Mr Perfect has recently sold a parcel of land. The new owner informed Mr Beech that he was making a new entrance and was intending to stable horses for his daughter on the land. Mr Beech advised the owner that the site is currently under investigation by Maidstone Borough Council. Mr J Beech consequently e-mailed MBC with this information and has been informed that they have now met with the new owner, the outcome of which is awaited.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Cllr Convention Invitation 14th Jan – AH
Rural Bus Survey – Clerk to respond

KAPC:

Minutes of previous meeting – AH
Agenda meeting 12th December – AH

Kent Highways:

PIPKIN presentation Invitation 10th January

Kent Police:

Neighbourhood Management Lunch Invite 17th January

Kent Fire Service:
Integrated Risk Management Plan – JB to comment

14. FINANCE

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

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall (replacement chq).....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£133.74

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs A Holroyd was requested to inform the Chairman if she is able to attend the Tunbridge Wells Local Board Meeting on 17th January 2008 on his behalf.

The Chairman had received a request from Mrs Bradshaw asking Parish Council members to complete a questionnaire regarding out of hours schooling. Following responses from parents at the school the wider community is being asked for opinions. All members were asked to complete and return the forms.

Mrs H Cullingworth had been asked by a resident if the hedge at the T. junction with Dig Dog Lane can be cut as the visibility is poor when exiting the Lane. Ownership is unknown but to be investigated. Mr L Gosbee currently cuts the hedge for this reason.

Mr L Gosbee informed members that a Christmas tree is standing outside Ivy House as in previous years. Mr H Lilley is to hang the lights.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm