

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Sims.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

An amendment was made to page 1184, Play Area; “£974.15” should read “£979.15” and page 1188 Any Other Business ‘two mobiles sited at Grandshore Farm’ was changed to ‘one mobile sited at Grandshore Farm’. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Christmas Decorations:

The Chairman has written a letter of thanks to Mr Peter Gilham for his gift of the outdoor lights which are currently being stored by Mr Ivor Jauncy. A letter of thanks is also to be sent to the new owners of Ivy House for lighting the tree placed outside of their property.

Brick Works:

The area now looks very tidy and the Chairman is unaware of any further complaints.

Play Area:

The Chairman confirmed that the fencing has been completed to a very good standard and Mr S Relf has been paid. The Clerk confirmed that she has written to Cllr. Manning requesting the grant of £2000.

Mr L Gosbee reported on the information received from TWBC regarding Play Area Grants of up to 50% up to a maximum of £5000 for new equipment including goal posts and nets and safety surfacing. The Clerk is to keep the information for future reference.

Road Report:

The Chairman has spoken to Highways who confirmed the road signs to be erected at Bettenham Lane is in hand.

Parish Field:

The Chairman is to contact Cleanaway to initiate a contract to collect the rubbish from the field.

Memorial Hall:

The Chairman had spoken to KAPC for advice regarding the dispute over land adjacent to the hall. However there is little the Parish Council can do apart from supporting the Memorial Hall Committee. Mr Ivor Jauncy has written to Mr A Burgess informing him that the deeds state the land belongs to the hall. Mr Burgess is asking for further proof and the fence still remains. Mr Jauncy is in full control of the situation and has further resources to draw on if necessary. The Chairman gave his full support.

Burnt Wood:

The Chairman stated that the posts are not causing any harm and will remain there.

Planning Applications:

Peter Turner, TWBC Planning Officer, had contacted Mr H Lilley regarding the application at Rockdene which he confirmed is a lawful annexe and is permissible. He asked if the Parish Council still wanted the application to go to Committee. The Chairman replied in the negative as the Parish Council's recommendation would be overruled as it does comply with the planning rules.

IT Pod:

Frittenden will not be given one of these. However, the Chairman reported that Cranbrook is to receive a Pod.

Parking outside Primary School:

Mr L Gosbee informed the meeting that the police had attended the school this morning and had coned an area inhibiting parents from parking immediately outside the school. The police are to return at a later date to do the same at the afternoon collection. Sgt Bevan is to advise on further action for reducing risks in the area. One idea maybe to reduce the width of the road as has been done at a school in Sussex. However, the main responsibilities lie with the parents who should not be parking in this area.

The crossing warning lights are still not working properly. They can be switched on but not off.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the 30mph sign is still lying at the bottom of the pole. Another speed sign has also been removed.

Grandshore Farm:

The Chairman has spoken to Mr David Holland regarding the mobile which has been confirmed as chattels, it is not lived in and is therefore legal.

**4. PARISH FIELD**

Mr Roy Latham has made a complaint to the Chairman regarding cars driving on the field at night. Various methods of stopping this happening have not worked and the only solution left is to shut and lock the gate. Mr Latham has offered to be gate keeper, to lock the gate at night and to unlock it in the morning. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to purchase a combination lock for the gate. The Chairman is to confer with Mr Latham.

New goal posts and nets for the field were discussed as the old ones have been vandalised. If new ones are purchased, Mrs J Croucher asked if these could be removed over night. This could only happen if somebody is responsible for the task. Mrs J Croucher is to investigate the idea with the mature footballer team in the village.

Mr M Ashbee has approached Mr C Highwood regarding reducing or removing the willow on the field which blocks his light. There is no objection to felling the tree which will have to be done with local help. Mr C Highwood is to speak to Mr M Ashbee. Mr S Jenner offered his services.

**5. OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

The Chairman reported that the computer which was being offered to the Parish Council is no longer available. The surplus grant from KCC after paying for the play area to be fenced is to be used for this purchase. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to authorise the Clerk to spend up to £1000 on buying a PC, a printer and the necessary programmes for the Parish Council.

**6. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk is to send maintenance contracts to those contractors who tendered last year plus Alter Vista Landscaping these are to be returned in time for the February. Mr L Gosbee is to ask the man that cuts his hedges if he is interested in tendering. Mr L Gosbee will inform the Clerk.

**7. ROAD REPORT**

The Chairman reported that Operation Cubit is due to take place in the near future. The untaxed lorry has returned parking opposite Mill Lane obstructing the sight line, and although the police and DVLA have been contacted it has not been removed. It is hoped the police Operation Cubit will resolve this.

**8. PLANNING**

Applications:

MA/04/2388: Amendment or renewal of condition to hold an event with ENO and flying to music on 13/08/05 in accordance with planning permission MA/77/1559 at Shenley Farm, Shenley Road, Headcorn.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

Decisions:

TW/04/03149: Certificate of lawful development (existing) – use as dwelling house without complying with agricultural occupancy condition at Saw Lodge Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/04/03106: Erection of Horse Walker at Marsh Cottage, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/04/02890: Retrospective – Farm building for calf rearing and general purpose agricultural storage in use under existing farming system at Pork Pie Farm, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/04/02808: Telecommunications installation comprising of a 17m lightweight lattice mast with 3no. dual band dual polar antennas and 4no. 600mm transmission dishes attached to the structure along with a 6 pack of equipment cabinets enclosed in a 6m x 6m fenced compound at Manor Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/04/02797: Variation of condition 6 of TW/93/00045 to remove eight leylandi trees on the south eastern boundary at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/04/02485: Proposed oil tank at St Mary's Church, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

MA/04/0998: Variation of condition 3 No aircraft shall land or take off from the airfield from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise on the following day except (a) in emergencies (b) from 20<sup>th</sup> October until 20<sup>th</sup> March inclusive aircraft may land and take off from the airfield from one hour before sunrise until 19.30 on each day at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn.

Development Control Manager's Recommendation: Approve subject to Conditions.  
Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005 to discuss application.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**TWBC:**

Point of contact notification  
Listed building grant changes  
Precept acknowledgement  
Launch event for Environment Strategy  
Parish Charter questionnaire  
Future Delivery of Highways  
Planning Workshop confirmation  
Launch of Parish Charter 10.3.05  
Mayor's Toy Appeal update  
Various agendas & committee meeting minutes

**KCC:**

Tunbridge Local Board meeting invitation 19.01.05  
Consultation Conference with Parish Town/Councils  
Kent & Medway Transport partnership Annual Report

**KAPC:**

Minutes of Area Meeting 8.12.04  
Parish News  
Kent Village of the Year Competition information  
Kent Police:  
Policing Kent magazine

**Office of the Deputy Prime Minister:**

Authorisation of Qualified persons re Freedom of Information Act

**SEERA:**

SE Plan public consultation

**Letters of thanks re donation:**

Kent Air Ambulance  
Frittenden C of E Primary School  
Victim Support  
Hospice in the Weald  
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital League of Friends  
Frittenden Parochial Church Council  
Angley School  
Frittenden pre-School

**Citizens Advice Bureau:**

Request to change cheque payment details

**NALC:**

Local Council Review

**10. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Seeboard .....	£8.90
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£7.10
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£100.00
Tunbridge Wells CAB.....	£30.00

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that Mr & Mrs Parish now own all of Frittenden House and have been making enquiries as to the agreement between the Parish Council and the previous owner, Mr Gilham, on the lease of the paddock. As no documents can be found Mr C Parish is to draw something up to formalise the arrangement. Mr Parish has also remarked on the inside hedge at the paddock which needs attention. Volunteers are necessary to cut this by hand. Mr S Jenner, Mr C Highwood and Mr H Lilley are to cut this in early February. The Chairman is to liaise with Mr Parish.

Mrs J Croucher informed the meeting that Buss Merton solicitors are holding the deeds for the War Memorial.

Mr N Evelegh reported that as the hedge on Bubhurst Lane has been cut the rubbish dumped on the field is visible. Mr H Lilley is to contact Mr D Holland.

Mr L Gosbee had been informed that the mast due to be erected on his land needs to be of a different design and that a new application is to be submitted. The Chairman had been informed differently and therefore further information is awaited.

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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk)

The Chairman advised the approximately 35 members of the public who attended the meeting that this was a normal Parish Council meeting and not a public meeting. However, he would allow 3mins to each person who made it known at the start of the meeting that they wanted to speak. Eleven people did so.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from 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 L Gosbee and agreed unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Christmas Decorations:

The Chairman confirmed he'd written to the owners of Ivy House thanking them for the use of their garden and electricity for the village Christmas tree.

Play Area:

The Chairman has spoken to Roger Manning regarding the grant, who confirmed that it will be paid into the Parish Council's bank account.

Road Report:

The Chairman reported that Andrew Smart has the signs at Bettenham in hand.

Parish Field:

The Chairman has contacted Cleanaway regarding the emptying of the two dustbins on the field. This service will cost £4 per month per bin. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Evelegh and agreed unanimously, to initiate this contract.

Memorial Hall:

The Chairman reported that the fence has been removed

Parking outside Primary School:

The Chairman has spoken with PS Bevan who suggested he look at Stone Cross, where improvements had been made to reduce parking outside the school. The Chairman had done so, however, the circumstances were quite different in that the school is only just within the 30mph limit zone and also has substantial public parking close by. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a letter from the Parish Council to be sent to all parents, by the school, asking for their help in parking sensibly when dropping off and collecting their children.

Mr L Gosbee stated that the edge of the field could be used for parking in dry weather. Mrs J Croucher confirmed that parking at the village hall is also permitted.

Parish Field:

The Chairman confirmed that the field gate is now locked at night, and so far has prevented any trouble. Although pedestrians can access the field using the Laundry Lane end when the main gate is locked it has been found that this entrance is not wide enough for a double buggy. It was requested that the gate be unlocked by 8.30am so that parents can use the field when walking their children to school.

Mr C Highwood confirmed that Mr Ashbee is to help him fell the willow tree on the field. The Chairman also offered his assistance.

Road Report:

The Chairman confirmed that the Police have dealt with the lorry that was parked on the crossroads and that the untaxed BMW that had also been parked there had been picked up and removed during Operation Cubit.

Sawledge:

The Chairman has written to David Prentis, Head of Planning, who has confirmed that the enforcement papers are currently being written.

Correspondence:

The Chairman confirmed that he is to attend the SEERA SE Plan public consultation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman confirmed that the lease for the Paddock had been found by Mr C Parish. This states that the Parish Council are responsible for the inside hedges. Mr H Lilley and Mr C Highwood are to cut these by hand as they are overgrown. The school is currently looking into new fencing for the paddock.

Parish Warden:

Marilyn Howell from KCC has spoken to the Chairman confirming that a warden for Frittenden should be appointed from the next round of new recruits who start training soon.

**4. ORANGE MOBILE PHONE MAST**

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions, vacating his seat to sit with the general public.

The Chairman, after asking every mobile 'phone user in the room to raise their hands, virtually everybody did, invited Mr Oliver Carter to present his questions followed by all the other agreed speakers questions, making it clear that once all questions had been asked he would reply at the end.

Mr Oliver Carter began on behalf of the public asking if the arguments for and against the mast was debated by the Parish Council and if so which of these outweighed their decision to recommend approval. He also asked if the effects on the villagers and their opinions were taken into consideration, and was any research on mobile telephone masts carried out.

Mrs Nicky Vernon then voiced her concerns regarding health issues, which she agreed are not proven either way, landscaping, and her disappointment that she had not known about the application earlier. She stated that in Biddenden all Planning Applications are reported in the Parish magazine.

Mr Richard Vernon raised his concerns regarding the aesthetics of having a mast and the difficulty of removing them once permission has been given. He stated that other mobile 'phone companies often use the masts and extra dishes are added at later dates.

Mr Bernard Boyle felt that there should be a public meeting with a representative from Orange present.

Mr Orchin asked if the health issue was debated.

Mr Derek Knight asked if the income made by the landowner for having the mast on his land will be given to the village.

Mr Nick Bull stated that he is an Orange subscriber and the reception in the village is currently good, and wanted to know if the mast is really necessary.

The remainder of the questions were concerned with health issues and the lack of publicity regarding the planning application before a decision was taken.

The Chairman stated that he had anticipated most questions and had written his reply with evidence to substantiate the facts. Firstly he outlined the Planning process and guidelines set by TWBC, KCC and the Government.

The application was advertised in the Courier by TWBC who also erected a yellow planning notice at the entrance to the site and sent letters to residents who are closest to the mast. It was reported in the KM under village news. It was a separate item on the June 2004 Parish Council agenda displayed on the notice board and in the shop, and the Chairman and Mr L Gosbee spoke to those residents whose houses could be seen from the site.

Regarding health issues the Chairman stated the guidelines set by NRPB and ICNIRP, the regulating bodies, which is 9 watts per metre. The calculations received from Orange show that at the highest output, at 200 metres, the mast in Frittenden will be 0.217 watts per square metre. The independent 'Stewart Report' confirms that below the guidelines there is no evidence of adverse health effects to the general population.

The Parish Council supported the application because the majority of people have and want mobile 'phones and transmitter masts are needed for them to work. Out of a number of sites looked at in the village it was the best one available. A shorter mast is required as it will be erected on higher ground and as it surrounded by trees only the top 2 metres are exposed. It is away from the houses and will only be seen by a few. The projected output is so far below the guideline it is almost insignificant, and finally Orange have been very open to suggestions from the Parish Council regarding design and colour and landscaping to meet the needs of the village.

The Chairman closed the discussions after noting a letter of complaint that had been published in the Parish Magazine. He said that he thought it was offensive and ill informed accusing the Parish Council of being "imprudent and dismissive, not caring for children, encouraging vandalism by big business and of tempting landowners". The Parish Council did in fact debate this application thoroughly, considered the effect on the village, negotiated with the applicant to minimise it, acted on accepted scientific advice, and tried to meet the needs of the majority. The Chairman then told the meeting that he accepted responsibility for the Parish Council and if the confidence of the village as a whole in him was lost he was willing to resign.

## **5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was agreed that as only three replies had been received so far these would be decided at the March meeting. The Clerk is to chase.

## **6. ROAD REPORT**

Mrs J Croucher was pleased to report that the 30mph sign has been restored.

The crossroads is currently clear of long term parked cars due to the police operation.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/05/00104: Certificate of Lawful development (existing) non compliance with agricultural occupancy condition at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Following a strong letter of complaint to TWBC regarding lack of enforcement action in the past, that had made opposition to this application impossible, it was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to make No Comment.

TW/05/00224: Single storey rear extension to existing garage at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr N Eveleigh, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed by 5 votes, with two against, to Recommend Approval.

TW/05/00225: LBC - Single storey rear extension to existing garage at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr N Eveleigh, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed by 5 votes, with two against, to Recommend Approval.

TW/05/00113: Single storey front extension at Marsh Cottage, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/05/00265: Proposed replacement garage with games room over at Little Manor, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

A letter of objection had been received by the Parish Council from a neighbour.

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

Decisions:

TW/04/02317: Conversion of chapel to dwelling with car parking and access (amendment –TW/99/01854 refers) at The Bethel Chapel, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/04/03151: Conversion of existing barn to residential annex at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden..

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

TW/05/00178: Article 10 Consultation – change of use of land for the keeping of horses and creation of outdoor riding centre at Hall Barn Farm, Biddenden Road, Headcorn.

TWBC decision – No Objection.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had received a letter from Mr D Hooker regarding parking and speeding in the village, especially near the school. A no parking ban in the area was suggested, however, this is unenforceable.

Mr N Eveleigh suggested the pavement at the crossroads being widened to slow the traffic and reduce parking. A site meeting with Richard Emmett is due to take place before any changes are made.

A letter sent to the Chairman by Mr J & Mrs E Parkinson regarding the suggestion of parking restrictions at the bakery and of a 20mph speed limit throughout the village. Overgrown hedges which obstructed the pavements are also a concern to them. It was felt that Highways would never agree to a 20mph speed limit through the whole village. The Chairman also stated that regarding hedges it is up to neighbours to speak to one another, or if that failed, to contact Kent Highways who are responsible for these matters.

### TWBC:

Venue hire re activities in Easter holidays  
Air quality assessment  
Sports News development newsletter  
PC Planning training material from 27/1/05  
Land owners schemes  
Various agendas & committee meeting minutes

### KCC:

Community involvement in Kent Minerals & Waste Development  
Consultation pack on SE Plan

### KAPC:

Request for secretaries honorarium  
NALC agreement on salaries  
NALC salary scales 2005/06  
CAB leaflet  
NALC Model Contract of Employment  
NALC Guide to good employment  
New legislation information day 23.02.05  
Planning information day 19.03.05  
Parish News  
Rural Communities opinion survey 2005  
Agenda re meeting 16.03.05

### Office of the Deputy Prime Minister:

Discussion documents – Why neighbourhoods matter  
- Vibrant local leadership

### SEERA:

SE Plan public leaflets & consultation resource pack

### Hospice in the Weald:

Magazine

### Staplehurst PC:

Martyrs Memorial update – A copy of the letter received from the Protestant Alliance was enclosed, who held very strong views regarding the Memorial and the centenary proposals. This has not yet been discussed by Staplehurst PC. However, in light that the Alliance will not support an event which included the Roman Catholic Church it was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed by 6 votes to 1 that Frittenden PC would not want to be involved with the event and would withdraw their offer of financial assistance should the RC Church not be included.

### Capel PC:

Village Design Statement lack of TWBC involvement

Tunbridge Wells CAB:  
Letter of thanks re donation

DEFRA:  
Clean neighbourhoods & Environment bill

**9. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Seeboard .....	£8.90
KAPC Honorarium.....	£26.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£172.15

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr C Highwood stated that following the controversy over the mast at this evenings meeting, not one person had previously asked for a public meeting to be held. A vote of confidence was given to the Chairman by Mr Highwood which was supported by all the Council.

Mrs J Croucher asked if the rumours she is hearing about the Doctors surgery at Staplehurst could be confirmed. The Clerk is to write to Staplehurst PC Clerk.

Mr L Gosbee asked what is to happen to the signs he is harbouring. The Chairman is to speak to Richard Emmett.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk) and four members of the public. Cllr. Roger Manning attended the meeting from approx. 8.30pm.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr N Eveleigh, Mrs J Sims and Mr S Jenner.

**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**

Play Area:

The grant from KCC has not yet been received. Cllr. Roger Manning is to be asked about this when he arrives at the meeting.

Road Report:

The Clerk had received a letter from Highways proposing the number and type of signs to be erected at both Dig Dog Lane and Biddenden Road, warning of narrow bridges at Bettenham and Buckhurst. The Chairman is to converse with Andrew Smart.

Mr L Gosbee had notified the Clerk that the 30mph sign by Mr Basil Croucher's house is loose. The Chairman had already contacted Highways regarding this.

Parish Field:

The Chairman confirmed that a contract with Cleanaway has been initiated at a cost of £8 per month.

Mrs J Croucher stated that a car had been locked in the field overnight. The Chairman confirmed that no damage had been done and the car was released in the morning.

The felling of the willow tree has been delayed by the snow; however, the matter is in hand.

Memorial Hall:

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Alan Burgess requesting information regarding the piece of land between the Memorial Hall and 1 Weald View, including copies of Minutes relating to this matter and proof of ownership. The Chairman has replied to this letter including the information requested that the Parish Council was able to provide. A copy of this was shown to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Following receipt of this information Mr Burgess has replied to the Clerk requesting the further information that he had requested that had not been sent. As the Parish Council has provided all the documents they hold on the matter there is nothing more that can be done. Mr H Lilley has taken advice from KAPC regarding this. The Chairman is to reply to Mr Burgess after speaking with Mr Ivor Jauncy.

Correspondence:

The Chairman stated that he has been unable to attend the SEERA meeting.

Paddock Hedge:

The Chairman confirmed the hedge has not been cut because of the snow.

Orange Mast:

The Chairman stated that he had been unhappy following the events of the last meeting; however, he has received 82 letters of support from villagers and only 3 letters of complaint from 3 people who had been at the meeting. There have been further developments, with Orange requesting the height of the mast be increased. A new planning application would be necessary, which the Parish Council would vehemently oppose. A stealth mast rather than a lattice mast has also been shown to be viable. This is something the Chairman originally requested, and was told by Orange was not possible. Work will not start on the mast until all these matters, including landscaping have been decided. A site meeting with Orange is to take place.

Planning:

The Chairman reported that the application for a replacement garage at Little Manor is to be redesigned.

Correspondence:

The Chairman confirmed that he had replied to Mr David Hooker who is happy with this, and also to Jack and Eileen Parkinson's letter.

Community Warden:

There has been no further progress.

Staplehurst Doctors Surgery:

The Clerk had written to the Clerk at Staplehurst PC. A reply had been received; however, the rumours circulating could not be confirmed.

Signs:

The Chairman confirmed the signs that Mr L Gosbee is harbouring are to be collected by Highways.

**4. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Four bids had now been received by the Clerk and were opened at the meeting. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to award the following contracts:

Contract 1 – to mow the Parish Field grass and the Mound within the field and under trees and surrounding areas - to KCC Landscape Services @ £554.58

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 Hedge – to Mr Michael Palmer @ £35.00

Contract 4 – to cut the Hedge dividing the Parish Field and Laundry Lane - to Mr Michael Palmer @ £20.00

**5. PARKING AT SCHOOL**

The Chairman reported that there had recently been a few near misses involving children crossing by the school, and that he had received a number of complaints regarding parking. A letter has been sent to all parents at the school from the Parish Council, via the school. It was confirmed that a shelter is to be erected in the playground as a waiting area for both parents and children. A questionnaire has also been completed by the children on how they travel to school. The results are to be copied to Mr H Lilley. The Chairman has had a meeting with Highways, and white bars and Keep Clear signs by the zigzag lines were proposed. Some parents were unaware that they could park in the village hall car park, apart from Friday afternoons. Parking on the edge of

the field was also offered to parents. Sgt Bevan is to organise speed checks and parking at the school is to be monitored by the police. Offenders will be prosecuted.

Mrs J Croucher asked if cones could be placed outside the school as the simplest option.

The Chairman stated that the church congregation had also been asked not to park on the bend.

**6. MARTYR'S MEMORIAL**

The chairman has spoken to the Clerk to Staplehurst Parish Council who has confirmed that it is they who are organising the clean up operation, along with many volunteers. The Protestant Alliance is not now to be involved. In light of this it was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to reinstate the Parish Councils offer of up to £100 towards the cost of the clean up operation.

**7. ROAD REPORT**

A number of pot holes have arisen due to the snow. Highways are to be contacted.

Cllr. Roger Manning updated the Parish Council regarding the re-structuring of Highways. Cllr. Manning explained why the changes are necessary, mainly efficiency, and how it would happen by reducing the administration units from 12 separate bodies to 3 with measured performance. It is believed that 10% more work can be delivered for the same budget as now. It is hoped that in the future all requests to Highways will be via e-mail and grid references will be used to locate problem areas. The Chairman welcomed these changes.

Cllr. Manning was asked if he could chase the £2000 grant due to be paid to the Parish Council as the fencing has already been paid for and a Parish computer needs to be purchased.

The Chairman also asked if Cllr. Manning had considered his letter sent on 11<sup>th</sup> February regarding a taxi voucher scheme in the village as there is no public transport available. Cllr. Manning uttered suitable apologies and is to investigate this idea.

**8. PLANNING**

Applications:

- TW/04/01579: Alterations and extension and re-pitching of roof to provide first floor accommodation and New vehicular access at Haffenden Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.
- It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.
- TW/05/00428: Change of Use of land to extend residential curtilage at Park Farm House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.
- It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.
- TW/05/00529: Details of soft and hard landscaping at Orange Mobile Mast, Manor Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.
- It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal.
- TW/05/00563: Trees: Turkey Oak – Fell, Ash – Fell, 7no. Cypress – Fell, Field Maple – Pollard to approx 4m, Norwegian Spruce – Fell, 2no. Macnacarpa – Fell, 2no. Hawthorn – Fell, Douglas Fir – Fell at Frittenden House, The Street, Frittenden.
- It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection.

A pre-planning consultation for new industrial units at Frittenden Brick Works had been received from Alan Bishop Consultants. TWBC are already involved having written to Alan Bishop requesting further information before agreeing to hold a meeting with the Consultants. It was agreed that Mr H Lilley write to Alan Bishop thanking him for his letter but stating that the Parish Council are unable to formulate a view until all Planning enquiries have been answered. The Chairman is also to request a meeting with the Planning Officer, Mr Alan Bringloe, which he and Mr C Highwood will attend.

It has been noticed that 11 Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane has recently been torn down. Mr Redford was issued with a felling license in 1995 by the Forestry Commission with conditions to restock, which has not been followed. The Chairman has contacted the Forestry Commission who stated they are powerless to do anything about this. The site has been purchased by a traveller who will supposedly submit a planning application for a permanent residence on the site. The Chairman has spoken to the Planning Office who confirmed that if work has started on the site then they are able to issue an Enforcement Notice.

Decisions:

TW/05/00104: Certificate of Lawful development (existing) non compliance with agricultural occupancy condition at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Granted.

TW/05/00113: Single storey front extension at Marsh Cottage, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/00224: Single storey rear extension to existing garage at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/00225: LBC - Single storey rear extension to existing garage at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

None.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had received a letter from Mrs Sylvia Howe who wishes to book the Parish Field for sports courses. The Chairman will reply that in principle the Parish Council do not object to the field being used, however, it cannot be booked exclusively as other people cannot be excluded from using it at the same time. The Clerk is to research the deeds etc regarding this.

A letter from Mr & Mrs Barham had been received by the Chairman regarding the traffic on Biddenden Road.

**TWBC:**

Copy of Parish Magazine requested  
Information regarding standard of letters received from TWBC  
Stakeholder Conference invitation 18.04.05  
Gypsy Developments Govt. paper  
Minutes of Parish Charter review party  
Research Service website info.  
Parish Clerks sessions April  
Parish Chairman's meeting 16.3.05  
Multisport Easter Activities notices  
Various agendas & committee meeting minutes

**KCC:**

Invitation to T.Wells Local Board meeting 23.3.05  
Elective Orthopaedic Services Report

**KAPC:**

Playing Fields newsletter  
Clerk & Councils Direct magazine

**Kent Highways:**

Bridge Warning signs at Dig Dog Lane & Biddenden Road

**KCC:**

Kent Trails magazine  
Kent & Medway Structure Plan

**CPRE:**

SE Plan meeting 30.3.05

**Standards Board for England:**

Views re Code of Conduct

**NALC:**

Local Council Review

**10. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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
Mr L Gosbee.....	£45.00
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£28.16
Seeboard.....	£8.90
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£157.93

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman asked the Members to think about items for the APA Agenda to be decided next month.

Mrs Barbara Dunn had asked the Chairman if the Parish Council would be in favour of a village Spring Clean. There was general agreement for this.

Mrs J Croucher reported that black sacks full of rubbish had been seen in the ditch on Headcorn Road.

Mr C Highwood reported on the recent Headcorn Airfield Committee Meeting as follows:-

Mr C Highwood re-elected as Vice-Chairman

Night flying application refused, turbine props application still being pursued.

Aeroplane exhibit 13.08.05 to music to go ahead 7.30-9pm

Runway has moved slightly, therefore, instructions to pilots changed to steer clear of caravans.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.



A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins and three members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Sims.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Page 1199 Apologies for Absence was amended to include Mr L Gosbee. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Play Area:

The Chairman confirmed that Cllr. Roger Manning had approved the grant. The Clerk is to verify the funds have been received.

Road Report:

The Chairman has spoken to Andrew Smart regarding the signs at Bettenham Bridge, some of which already exist. The additional signs proposed are to warn Lorries of the narrowness of the bridge.

The 30mph sign by Mr Basil Croucher's house has been repaired.

Parish Field:

The Chairman confirmed the Cleanaway contract is in operation.

Mr C Highwood confirmed the willow tree has been felled.

Mr Henry Macfarlane had contacted the Chairman regarding a family using a quad bike on the field on a Sunday afternoon. The Chairman is to speak to the offenders if this happens again. A notice is to be displayed on the parish notice board, at the entrance to the field, telling people that the use of motor vehicles on the field is prohibited.

Memorial Hall:

The Chairman replied to the letter received from Mr Alan Burgess, nothing further has been heard.

Paddock Hedge:

The cutting of the hedge will now have to wait until July because of nesting birds.

Orange Mast:

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

The Chairman stated that he and Mr C Highwood had met with Orange, their consultants and Community Liaison Officer and Mr Peter Turner, Senior Planning Officer. Orange confirmed that the mast will change to

a single pole, painted brown. The height of the mast is to be verified after 17<sup>th</sup> May when Orange will use a cherry picker to ascertain the sight lines with the masts at Satins Hill, Headcorn and Sutton Valence.

Community Warden:

A Warden is currently in training to be shared between Frittenden and Benenden and will become active at the end of May beginning of June.

Grounds Maintenance:

The Clerk has written and accepted the agreed contracts.

School Parking:

The Chairman confirmed that following conversations with Richard Emmett the Gateway signs to the village are imminent and the warning signs at the school and the crossroads improvements will all happen at the same time.

The school has produced a Travel Plan which the Chairman has a copy of. A bicycle shed is to be built in the playground along with a wet weather shelter.

Martyr's Memorial:

The Memorial has now been cleaned by Staplehurst volunteers. No services are to be held following the intervention of the Protestant Alliance and no costs are involved.

Brickworks Site:

Alan Bishop Consultancy has replied to Alan Bringloe with answers to some of the questions asked by the Planning Office, but not all. The Chairman has heard nothing further.

There have been some complaints regarding noise at the site.

11 Acre Wood:

The Chairman has spoken to the Forestry Commission who has visited the site and see nothing wrong. Mr H Lilley has also spoken to the Planning Office who confirmed that no application has been received but that they are watching the case closely.

Correspondence:

The Chairman has written to Mrs S Howe confirming that she can use the field for her activities. However, she cannot stop other members of the public from using the area. He also stated that there is no charge for the field but a donation to the Parish Council to help towards the upkeep of the field would be most welcome.

Spring Clean:

Mrs J Croucher is concerned that the article in the Parish Magazine reads as though Parish Council members will be cleaning the village. This is not the case. TWBC will be asked to help by providing fluorescent tabards and rubber gloves for the volunteers.

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

The following items were agreed:

Apologies for Absence	Communications
Minutes of the Previous Assembly	Frittenden Brickworks Site
Matters arising	Highways
To receive accounts of Charities	Village Spring Clean
Talk on Planning & Housing By Mr Peter Turner	Any Other Business
Parish Council Chairman's Report	

## 5. ROAD REPORT

Mrs J Croucher reported that the chevrons at Buckhurst Bridge are missing, the crossroad sign outside Frittenden House has been turned round and the flashing crossing lights at the school have stopped working. It was confirmed that new units have been ordered for the latter, but need to be installed.

## 6. PLANNING

### Applications:

TW/05/00811: Demolition of existing utility/store, replacement utility/cloakroom and family room, ground floor extension and new storm porch at 3 Weald View, Frittenden.

Mr J Croucher declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/05/00849: Replacement garage with games room over at Little Manor, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the building is too large in comparison to the dwelling, and the height of the roof would be detrimental to the surrounding landscape.

A pre planning application had been received from Hutchinson 3G for a base station at Bumbles Plant & Garden Centre, Tolehurst Farm, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden. It was agreed that the Chairman should ask for more information, as very little was available. Mr H Lilley is also to speak to the Planning Office and Cranbrook PC who have a similar application at Cranbrook Common.

### Decisions:

TW/04/01579: Alterations and extension and re-pitching of roof to provide first floor accommodation. New vehicular access at Haffenden Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/00428: Change of use of land to extend residential curtilage at Park Farm House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

### Correspondence:

None.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr C Highwood is to attend the Parish Chairman's meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Chairman's absence.

West Kent Community Active Club – poster, inviting new members, to be placed on the notice board.

A letter from Kent Policing advising of boundary changes which transfers the West Weald parishes, including Frittenden, from Ashford to West Kent at Tonbridge.

### TWBC:

Parish Council sessions re Finance feedback  
Consultation results re Highways Services  
Comments on draft circular re gypsy sites  
SE Regional Plan for public consultation comments  
Crime Audit & Community Safety strategy 2005/2008  
PC Training re Planning 26/4 & 26/5

SE in bloom grants application  
Update re Easter Activities session  
Local development framework update  
Various agendas & committee meeting minutes

**KCC:**

Community Warden update  
Reshaping highways leaflet

**KAPC:**

New legislation information day 9/5  
Parish News  
Minutes of Area Committee meeting 16/3

**High Weald Housing Association:**

Bakery Close improvements update

**DEFRA:**

Quality Parishes and Parish Plan information

**Headcorn PC:**

Bridleways investigation

**Trafalger Weekend:**

Brochure re celebration suggestions

**8. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Cleanaway.....	£4.70
Allianz Cornhill.....	£741.14
KAPC.....	£256.58
Seeboard.....	£8.90
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£168.64

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr N Eveleigh reported on the junk in the field at Bubhurst Lane. The Chairman advised him to telephone Dave Holland, Enforcement officer.

Mr S Jenner had noted rubbish sacks on the road at Waller Hill. This should be reported to TWBC.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.



A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins and some twenty members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Borough Cllr. John Smith and County Cllr. Roger Manning.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously that Mr H Lilley be re-elected as Chairman.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously that Mr C Highwood be re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Page 1207, Planning Applications, 'Mr' J Croucher was amended to 'Mrs' J Croucher. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr S Jenner, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Play Area:

The Chairman confirmed that the grant of £2000 from Kent County Council had been received. Half of this has been spent on fencing the play area the remainder is to pay for a lap top computer for the use of the Clerk.

Road Report:

Mrs J Croucher reported that the 30mph sign outside Basil Croucher's house has not been repaired and is lying in a hole at the base of the pole. It was also noted that the chevrons at Buckhurst Bridge are still missing.

Parish Field:

The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Landscape Services regarding the mowing of the field. There were various reports as to why this had not been done for some time, but Mr H Lilley has now been assured that the grass will be cut regularly.

The Chairman confirmed that he had placed a sign on the notice board proclaiming that cars are prohibited from driving on the field.

Orange Mast:

A meeting between Orange, Mr H Lilley, Mr C Highwood and Mr L Gosbee had taken place. It has been confirmed that the height of the mast will not need to be raised as other masts can be seen from the site.

Community Warden:

Janet Greenroyd has been appointed as Warden to Frittenden and Benenden and took up her position the previous week.

Brickworks Site:

Further developments are awaited.

11 Acre Wood:

The Chairman is to liaise with Mr L Gosbee as there is some concern over what contaminants are buried underground at the site.

Any Other Business:

Mr N Eveleigh confirmed that the matter of the junk at Bubhurst Lane is in hand.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Mr Bro Dowling has offered his services in getting the village website up and running. The Chairman requested a sum of up to £400 to pay a professional, where needed, to initiate a domain name and to link the site into the Cranbrook Website. It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to allow the Chairman a budget of up to £400 for this purpose.

The Chairman asked for ideas on how to successfully communicate issues to residents within the village. One suggestion was to use an area representative.

The Chairman has been asked to be referee to the Home Front Recall organisation. He has suggested that if a grant is awarded to purchase a gas BBQ and or marquee for the village, these items should be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council as the only permanent body in the village.

**7. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2005**

The Clerk has completed the Accounts for the year. These have been internally audited and agreed by Mr Bernard Millard.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to approve the accounts for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

It was proposed by Mrs J Sims, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to approve the Statement of Assurance for these accounts.

**8. IDENDEN CHARITIES – APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES**

A letter had been received by the Clerk from Mr C Highwood, Chairman of the Charity, stating that Mr Colin Highwood, Mr Russell Jenner and Mr Harold Worth are due to retire this year. All are willing to serve a further term of four years. Mr H Lilley expressed his congratulations to the trustees for carrying out a job well done and proposed that these trustees be re-appointed, it was seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously.

**9. ROAD REPORT**

It was confirmed that the kerb at the crossroads will be altered and white lines drawn to deter drivers from parking in the area. However, there is not enough funding for different coloured tarmac this financial year.

New gateway signs to the village are to be erected in the near future.

The Chairman asked for support in speaking to drivers parking obstructively in the village, and to placing notices on cars where necessary.

10. PLANNING

Gould Farm Nursery – Notification of Revised Planning Application received too late to comment on.

Applications:

TW/05/01118: Installation of a 20m lattice tower, 3 antennas, 1x300mm diameter dish antenna and equipment housing for Hutchison 3G at Bumbles Plant & Garden Centre, Tolehurst Farm, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

The Chairman is to request a meeting with Hutchison 3G, Cranbrook and Staplehurst Parish Councils and the Borough Councillor asking the former why a mast is needed where it is proposed, which is on the lowest area of land in the village, and why existing masts can't be used. The site is extremely close to housing and the existing hedge adjacent to the mast proposal site doesn't belong to the owners of the land on which the mast will stand. A more suitable site for the mast will be requested and negotiated with the interested parties.

A number of residents living at Knoxbridge were present at the meeting and concerns were raised over house prices if the application is given the go-ahead, as well as the exposure of the mast if the hedging is removed. The removal of the hedge is likely as the owner reported that part of it has already fallen down.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to strongly Recommend Refusal on landscape and civic amenity grounds.

Mr Radford, a resident of Knoxbridge, is to be the liaison between the residents affected by the application and the Parish Council.

TW/05/00913: Conservatory at Keepers Lodge, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/05/01137: Renewal of permission: Removal of sub-standard lean-to roof, flue and part of extension and replace with new entrance and roof to amended extension: new chimney and conservatory. (TW/00/01685 refers) at Waterside House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

TW/05/01138: LBC: Renewal of permission - Removal of sub-standard lean-to roof, flue and part of extension and replace with new entrance and roof to amended extension: new chimney and conservatory. (TW/00/01687 refers) at Waterside House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

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

TW/05/01186: Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe living accommodation at Hodges Farm House, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Mr N Eveleigh declared an interest and took no further part in the proceedings.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the building remaining in the curtilage of the dwelling house.

TW/05/00848: Notification of Revised Planning Application details – Replacement garage with games room over at Little Manor, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

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

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TW/05/01144: LBC: Demolition of existing porch and construction of new garden room at 2 Poundlands Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

TW/05/01235: Conversion of brick built hopper hut to holiday accommodation at Ayleswade Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the building remaining in the curtilage of the dwelling house.

TW/05/01038: Continued use of school house as offices and storage accommodation in connection with adjoining primary school ( reapplication for temporary consent as granted 8 June 1999 – now expired) at School House, Frittenden Primary School, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to strongly support this application.

Notification of Appeal – certificate of lawful development (existing) - use as dwelling house without complying with agricultural occupancy condition at Saw Lodge Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to strongly support the policy of TWBC.

Decisions:

TW/05/00563: Fell and pollard trees at Frittenden House South, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/00623: Two 2 bed semi detached cottages at Lakeside Farm, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/05/00811: Demolition of existing utility/store, replacement utility/cloakroom and family room, ground floor extension and new storm porch at 3 Weald View, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

None.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had received a letter from Graham Lee regarding the expansion of the limits to build boundary in the village. A review of Frittenden is not due until 2006/7. Mr Lee is of the opinion that a survey is needed sooner rather than later.

**TWBC:**

Young persons housing needs survey  
Community involvement draft statement response form  
Summer holiday activities venue hire  
Stakeholder news  
Notification of interim Head of Legal Services  
Confirmation of training session 26/5  
Various agendas & committee meeting minutes

**KCC:**

Reshaping Highways letter

Minerals & Waste discussion pack

Notification of a reading group to be held at Cranbrook Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 10.30am

**KAPC:**

Clerk's information day leaflet

Parish News

Minutes of March meeting

Playing Field newsletter

Local Council Review

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

**Kent Highways:**

County Lengthsmen update – Mr Stephen Jenner is to be Frittenden Parish co-ordinator. A note of this is to be placed in the Parish Magazine.

**Kent Police:**

Recruitment campaign poster re special constables

**Staplehurst PC:**

Martyr's Memorial update

**EDF Energy:**

Street lighting update request

**Bumble Bee Alliance:**

Request for donation

**Mayo & Perkins Solicitors:**

Parish Magazine advertising request – passed to Nicky Vernon

**Hospice in the Weald:**

Magazine

**12. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£12.50
Seeboard.....	£13.16
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£22.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£189.42

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr N Evelegh reported that the brochure received regarding the Trafalgar Celebrations had been passed to FPPC.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48pm.



A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from County Cllr. Roger Manning.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Road Report:

The Chairman is to contact Highways again to report the missing sign outside Mr Basil Croucher's house.

Parish Field:

This is now being cut regularly.

Orange Mast:

Orange is currently compiling a technical report. The Chairman is hopeful that a single pole mast is still possible.

Community Warden:

The warden has been visible around the village. A fair proportion of her time has been given to Frittenden. Mrs Greenroyd is now going to cover Sissinghurst as well as Benenden and Frittenden. Her timetable is to work during the day for two months, allowing her to become familiar with the area, after which she will become more flexible. It was agreed the Warden is a real asset to the village.

Brickworks Site:

The Chairman has spoken to the agent regarding the planning consultation. The proposed application may not now be submitted, although this hasn't been confirmed. The owner may revert back to the 1985 planning application that was granted.

Mrs J Croucher asked if the hedging that was removed is part of the landscaping details. The Chairman didn't have a copy of this. The Chairman believes the adjoining neighbours to the site are the people to query this. Mrs J Croucher is to investigate.

11 Acre Wood:

There has been a lot of activity on the site. A caravan with a gas bottle attached to it is sited on the land. The Planning Officer has confirmed that this is a chattel and therefore legal. Today, a roadway has been constructed through the site. The Chairman has spoken to the Planning Office and followed this with e-mails to Mr David Holland, Cllr. John Smith and Melvyn Howell and Diane Talbot at TWBC, asking how long

unauthorised activity is to continue before a Stop Notice will be issued. The Chairman stated that he has a lack of confidence in the Borough Council. A resolution was passed being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously for the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of TWBC insisting that the Borough Council take immediate effective action; i.e. an Injunction or Stop Notice, to prevent any further development on the site without planning permission.

Pork Pie Farm:

Tomorrow is four months since the injunction came into effect. The Chairman confirmed that yesterday the police entered the Farm with a warrant and took away evidence. It has not been confirmed that this evidence has been put before the judge. If the Chairman has not received any further news in a week he is to write personally to the judge himself.

Bubhurst Lane:

Nothing further has happened, Mr N Eveleigh is to chase.

Website:

The Chairman confirmed there has been no cost attached to this. KCC already had a site set up for the Parish Council. Mr James Tuke has kindly agreed to manage this. A photograph of the village sign has been added along with last years Minutes. Mr Ambrose Dowling attended the training day run by KCC. The Chairman is to liaise with James Tuke and Ambrose Dowling regarding other information to be added to the site.

The address is [www.frittendenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.frittendenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

Home Front Recall:

A decision from the Lottery Commission, due at the end of August, is awaited. The celebrations will then take place in September.

Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005:

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to pay an honorarium of £50 to Mr Bernard Millard for his work.

Planning:

The mast at Bumbles Plant & Garden Centre has been refused. The Chairman believes a new site will be applied for, or an appeal for the current site will be made. He asked the members whether the Parish Council should enter into discussions with the applicant to find a suitable site or to do nothing. The general consensus is to do nothing.

**4. VILLAGE HALL**

Mr Ivor Jauncy, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, informed the Parish Council that the deeds had been found and registered. This confirmed the piece of land adjacent to the hall, and 16ft wide, belongs to it. Mr Alan Burgess and Mrs Burgess have been informed. The car has still not been removed and the police have now been involved although they are unable to remove the car as it has been issued with a SORN. The Chairman is to apply to TWBC for a seven day notice to be placed on the vehicle. Mr H Lilley is to speak to Mrs Burgess to see if she won't have the car removed before this happens. An offer to park it in the village hall car park for 28 days will be offered while the Burgess' decide what to do with the car. This is no longer just a Memorial Hall concern but a matter for the Parish as the land was given to the village in memoriam to those killed in the two wars.

**5. ROAD REPORT**

The blocked drain on the shop corner has been reported. It was noted that the bridge on Biddenden Road has many pot holes and there are trees overhanging the road by Saw Lodge. Mr S Jenner is to report these to the Lengthsmen.

6. PLANNING

Applications:

MA/05/01381: Amendment or renewal of condition. Variation of condition 5 of appeal decision MA/77/1559 to allow a pilatus PC12, a Cessna model 208B (Grand caravan) and a jet ranger helicopter to fly into Headcorn Aerodrome for a charitable event on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2005 only at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn, Ashford.

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

Decisions:

TW/05/01235: Conversion of brick built hopper hut to holiday accommodation at Ayleswade Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/05/01186: Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe living accommodation at Hodge Farm House, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/01144: LBC: Demolition of existing porch and construction of new garden room at 2 Poundlands Cottages, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Consent Granted.

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Consent granted.

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Permission Granted.

TW/05/00913: Conservatory at Keepers Lodge, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/00849: Replacement garage with games room over at Little Manor, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence: None.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had received a letter of thanks from the school to all those who helped with sports day, the fete and St. Mary's Day celebrations.

**TWBC:**

Invite to planning seminar 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
Notice of appointment of new Chief Executive  
Press release re Audit Comm. Re-assessment  
Ethics & Probity training days 13 & 14 Sept.  
Community Plan information request  
Invite to Community Plan workshop 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
Notice of Housing Advisory surgery  
Sports news  
Stakeholder Conference news  
Local Plan Review  
Tourism News  
Various Committees Minutes & Agenda's  
Saltex show leaflet

**KCC:**

Annual Plan

**Kent Fire & Rescue Service:**

Service Performance Plan (on website)

**Kent Highways:**

County Lengthsmen liaison form

**Kent Police:**

Forum update, next meeting 27 Sept.

**KAPC:**

Parish News  
Update on SE Plan  
Traffic information leaflet  
Good Practice Guide for Town & Parish Councils  
Area Committee minutes 8<sup>th</sup> June

**DEFRA:**

Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005

**West Kent Mediation:**

Anti social behaviour legislation re high hedges

**Horsmonden PC:**

Thoughts on communications from KCC & TWBC

**Applause:**

What's on, leaflet

**NALC:**

Local Council Review

**RCC for Kent:**

Funding for Parish Plans

**8. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Cleanaway.....	£18.80
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£13.27
Seeboard.....	£26.35
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£126.28
Expenses	£12.00

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that Mrs Angela Parish had been quoted £460 to cut and reduce the height of the Paddock Hedge. It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Evelegh and agreed unanimously to authorise the hedge cutting one the Chairman has liaised with Mrs Parish. A photocopy of the lease of the Paddock is to be obtained for the Councils records.

Mrs J Croucher commented that the footpath along The Street from the crossroads is very uneven. Mr S Jenner is to contact Highways.

Mrs J Croucher proposed that Mr J Mills be nominated for the Kent Volunteer Awards. There was general agreement for this. Mrs J Croucher is to request a nomination form from TWBC.

Mr L Gosbee reported that he had made a profit of £1600 from the Boot Fair he recently organised. He is donating £500 to the Parish Council and the remainder to the Macmillan Trust. Mr L Gosbee was thanked for his generosity.

Mr L Gosbee stated that he had been investigating new football posts and nets for the field. Mr H Lilley is to help make these. Mr L Gosbee is to measure the size for the nets.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35m.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Community Warden:

The Chairman introduced Janet Greenroyd to the members.

Brickworks Site:

Mrs J Croucher is attending to this matter.

Bubhurst Lane:

No response has been received by Mr N Evelegh.

Website:

The Chairman confirmed that the site is up and partially running. Mr James Tuke is currently downloading the information to be accessed on the site.

Home Front Recall:

Frittenden has been awarded a sum of just over £12000. This sum will be used to purchase two marquees, barbecue, generator, tables and chairs and a PA system. The event is due to take place on 23/24<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks were given to Mr Jeremy Beech, Mr Mike Cooper, Mr Mike Fitzgerald and Mr Phil Betts who have all worked extremely hard to organise the event and apply successfully for funding. Ownership of the equipment will hopefully be passed to the Parish Council and be available for use by organisations in the village as well as being hired out privately. The Parish Council will insure the items although the storage of them has not yet been decided.

Village Hall:

It was confirmed that this issue has now been resolved. The Chairman visited Mrs Burgess who refused to move the car. Mr H Lilley then contacted TWBC asking them to place a seven day notice on the car. The car was removed from the site soon after.

Mrs J Croucher stated that most likely a lockable post will be placed at the entrance to stop cars parking on the piece of land.

Any other Business:

The Chairman confirmed that the Paddock hedge has been cut and that Mr & Mrs Parish kindly donated half of the cost to the Parish Council, who will pay the outstanding balance of £230. The Chairman is to write a letter of thanks.

Volunteers Awards:

Mrs J Croucher has received an application form. Mr J Mills has to complete part of this form himself. Mrs J Croucher is dealing with this.

Football Nets:

Mr L Gosbee has received some written information regarding nets.

**4. UPDATE ON GRANDSHORE WOOD**

The Chairman confirmed that he had hand delivered the planning resolution to TWBC following the planning meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005. On 9<sup>th</sup> August Mr H Lilley, along with Mr N Evelegh, attended a meeting with Mr Melvyn Howell Leader of the Council regarding the lack of action taken by the Borough Council at this site. Mr H Lilley read out a barrister's opinion on enforcement, which he had obtained before the meeting. Following this meeting the Chairman sent an e-mail letter to the interim Chief Executive, Mr Philip Thomas. Apart from a reply to acknowledge receipt, no formal response was received to this letter until 17<sup>th</sup> August informing the Chairman that the issue of a temporary stop notice was not possible in their opinion. This application will be decided by the Planning Board on 12<sup>th</sup> September; the Chairman has indicated his intention to speak.

The Chairman asked the members what action the Parish Council should next take. Mr N Evelegh felt that at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August TWBC were very humble. He feels the Parish Council should take very strong action as Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's past history on enforcement, regarding Pork Pie Farm for instance, is very lacklustre. Mr N Evelegh suggested a careful letter be written to TWBC informing them that unless they reconsider the actions they are taking regarding this issue the Parish Council will report to the Ombudsman the lack of enforcement at Pork Pie Farm. It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr N Evelegh will compose a letter.

The Chairman stated that he had drafted a letter to the judge regarding the injunction at Pork Pie Farm, informing him that the Redford family are still resident and of the unauthorised buildings still standing. It was agreed that Mr H Lilley should send this letter.

**5. AUDIT**

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed and was satisfactory. The notice of completion along with the Annual Return is to be displayed on the village notice board for two weeks.

**6. ROAD REPORT**

It was confirmed that Southern Water had been contacted regarding the drain adjacent to the shop who believed the main sewer may be leaking.

Mrs J Croucher clarified the position of the overhanging trees at Saw Lodge to Mr S Jenner.

Following a visit by the Lengthsmen a meeting is necessary to clarify the area of uneven footpath in the Street. Mr S Jenner is to follow this up.

## 7. PLANNING

### Applications:

TW/05/01632: **Revised** – Stationing of two mobile homes, two touring caravans and a utility room for a gypsy family at Eleven Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

The plans received are inconsistent and incorrect. TWBC should never have validated this application. They have had a month to make enquiries before sending the application to the Parish Council. The Chairman has requested that Mr Alan Bringloe send a copy of his report as soon as it is written.

TW/05/02018: Article 10 Consultation – Installation of a 25m high lattice telecommunications tower with 3 antennas, one 300mm diameter dish and equipment housing and hard standing at OS Plot 8828, Bell Lane, Biddenden Ashford.

It was proposed by Mr S Jenner, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and greed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the following grounds:

- i. That the tower is to be sited on lower ground than necessary.
- ii. The mast is too tall.
- iii. A lattice tower is the wrong design.

### Decisions:

TW/05/01638: Installation of six 1.3m solar collectors positioned on the south elevation at Appleton Farm Oast, Green Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/01866: Article 10 Consultation – Variation of condition 5 of appeal decision MA/77/1559 to allow a Pilatus PC12, a Cessna Model 208B (Grand Caravan) and a Jet Ranger helicopter to fly into aerodrome for a charitable event on 17.09.05 only at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn.

No Objection.

TW/05/01972: Article 10 Consultation - Change of use of land to the keeping of horses, plus erection of a single storey building for use as loose boxes, foaling and isolation boxes and tack room (MA/05/1452) at Field farm Bungalow, Biddenden Road, Headcorn.

No Objection.

### Correspondence:

None.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had received a letter from Cllr. Roger Manning informing him of grants of up £10k that are available for various village projects. This is to be advertised in the Parish Magazine. Mr S Jenner asked if this money could be used to provide security locks for the elderly. The Community Warden, Janet Greenroyd, informed him that this service is already available for residents with assets under £25k. She is willing to hold a meeting in the village for elderly residents informing them of the free security measures available.

A letter regarding Speed Watch had been received. If this is to be initiated in Frittenden three to four volunteers would be needed. The Chairman is willing to co-ordinate the scheme. Mrs J Croucher voiced her support for this. The Community Warden is to investigate the possibility of portable flashing speed signs and/or the local Police Constable to have a session using speed guns in the village.

TWBC:

Annual operating Plan 05/06  
Affordable housing on exception needs sites  
Multi Sport attendance update  
Deadlines for Borough News  
Community Schemes  
Various Committees Minutes & Agenda's

KCC:

Community Paths project grants  
Volunteer Awards leaflet  
Kent Trails magazine

Kent Police:

Safer Kent awards booklet  
Speed Watch launch

KAPC:

Parish News  
Notice of meeting 8/9  
Improving Services of Voluntary & Community groups in Kent

Countryside Agency:

Managing public access booklet

Maidstone BC:

Local development framework draft statement of community involvement  
Affordable Housing Development plan

Angley School:

Invitation to Mearkle Environment centre opening

Goudhurst PC:

Issue of licence without planning consultation issue

**9. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£17.75
Seeboard.....	£12.56
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£162.94
Expenses	£28.99
Kent County Council (KCS).....	£325.82
Audit Commission.....	£141.00
Wealden Tree Care.....	£230.00

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr L Gosbee asked if the gate into the children's play area could be repositioned as it is situated too close to the swings. The fencing around the play area would also benefit from having another rail inserted to strengthen it and to increase the fencing further towards the hedge. The Clerk is to contact Mr Steve Relf.

Mrs J Croucher asked if the slide in the play area could be tilted so that water does not collect at the bottom of it after rainfall. Mr L Gosbee replied that unfortunately nothing can be done to stop this from happening.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.56pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Page 1224, Home Front Recall, second line, the date was changed to read '24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September'. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Brickworks Site:

Mrs J Croucher has spoken to a local resident who believes the noise level has dropped. Mrs J Croucher is to take up the issue of the removed hedge with the Planning Office. The Chairman reiterated that any residents who are unhappy with activities at the site should speak directly to the Borough Council, preferably with evidence. Nothing further has been heard regarding new buildings on the site. The Chairman is confident that the Consultant, working on behalf of the owners, will consult with the Parish Council before submitting any formal planning application.

Bubhurst Lane:

Notification of a court hearing on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005 has been received.

Website:

Mr James Tuke now has a fair amount of information loaded onto the site, including a slightly out of date Parish Booklet; the Chairman is to update this.

Home Front Recall:

The Chairman thanked Mr C Highwood who has sat in on the last few meetings on his behalf. The funds have passed through the Parish Council's bank account and so far three invoices have been paid. The equipment is insured until the end of the event after which it will pass to the Parish Council on their insurance. The Clerk will contact Allianz Cornhill once an inventory of the items with their value is compiled. So far these include:-

Tents	£2150
Barbecue	£450
Tables & Chairs	£2100
Generator	£321
PA System	£1500

Storage of these items hasn't yet been decided. However, if any funds are remaining a couple of trailers will be purchased to store the tents.

The Chairman stated that Mr Jeremy Beech and his team have worked extremely hard on this project and deserve the thanks of the Parish Council. Not only will they be providing a very memorable weekend of events but the Parish will be left with a number of assets that will last for many years. The Clerk is to write a letter expressing the Council's thanks to Mr Beech.

Village Hall:

The Chairman asked if the lockable post had been approved. Mrs J Croucher informed him that the Village Hall Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

Paddock Hedge::

The Chairman has thanked Mr & Mrs Parish verbally but has not yet written to them. The path that runs parallel to the hedge has also been cleared by the neighbours of the Parishes. The Chairman is to write a letter of thanks to them.

Volunteers Awards:

Nothing further has happened.

Football Nets:

Mr L Gosbee stated that the nets are very expensive. He has approached the Cricket Club asking if they would be willing to make a contribution as they are the ones that make most use of the football nets. A response has not yet been received. The Chairman is reluctant to spend too much money on nets in case they are vandalised as before.

Grandshore Wood:

The Chairman confirmed that the planning application has been refused. It is not known whether an appeal will be made. Following discussions Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are not going to issue a Stop Notice. However, the Chairman and Mr N Eveleigh took the decision not to complain to the Ombudsman as it would not benefit the current situation. The new Chief Executive takes up her post next week and it is hoped that TWBC will improve following a very bad audit. The Clerk is to respond to a letter from the Borough Council sent to Mr N Eveleigh, informing him of the Council's decision on the application, asking if enforcement action is being taken regarding the bunds.

Mrs J Croucher informed the members that she believed a tractor had been working at the site within the last two days.

The Chairman reported that the Forestry Commission are due to visit the site. It has been confirmed that the Felling Licence was issued with the land and not with the owner at the time. It is not known whether the Forestry Commission will enforce replanting of the trees. The Chairman is in discussions with the Forestry Commission but he does not want to put them under pressure as they are a useful ally.

The Chairman confirmed that the court hearing on Pork Pie Farm has been set for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

Mr N Eveleigh is to write to Anne Widdecombe MP, who supported the Parish Council regarding the Planning Application, updating her on the current situation.

Road report:

The Chairman confirmed that with Mr S Jenner he had met with a Highways Engineer to survey the pavement on The Street. However, the footpath does not warrant any attention at present.

Mrs J Croucher asked if the 30mph sign that is still on the ground had been mentioned on this site visit. The Chairman replied it hadn't, however, signs in the village are due to be replaced and this sign will be rectified then.

Speed watch:

It is not known whether Janet Greenroyd has followed up the possibility of portable signs. At present her duties have increased to cover Cranbrook, so her time in the Frittenden is limited. To purchase speed recording items would be very expensive, approximately £1850. It is not known whether another Parish would be willing to share. Volunteers to run the equipment would still be necessary.

Community Paths Project Grants:

Following the letter received last month from KCC the Clerk telephoned Ben Collins, Community Paths Officer, regarding a grant for improvements to the footpath between The Street and Brickwall Cottages. An application form has been received but before this is to be completed the Officer covering Tunbridge Wells's area has to be contacted. The Clerk has e-mailed Mr Jonathan Bibby, the area Officer, but has not yet received a reply.

**4. ROAD REPORT**

Mr S Jenner has received a letter from Mr Tracy Barham asking if it would be possible to install a parent and child warning sign along Biddenden Road between Sand Lane and Bubhurst Lane. This was perceived a good idea. Mr S Jenner is to contact Mr Richard Emmett at Highways. The Chairman thought there maybe a possibility of these signs being installed as part of the programme to replace the existing signs in the village.

**5. PLANNING**

Applications:

TW/05/02119: Construction of stable block, hay barn, tack room and ménage and removal of occupancy condition 2 (TW/84/00106 refers) at Saw Lodge Farm, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Mr C Highwood had been invited to visit the site by the applicant. He confirmed the owners had experience of horses, the business plan is good and it would solve the agricultural occupancy condition, although there is currently a problem with part of the land to be used for the horses. The Agricultural Advisors report has not yet been received neither has Highways comments. There were concerns from some members that the horses would be joining the road on a bend.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend a Neutral position on the grounds that the Parish Council has a great deal of sympathy with this application, and if it can be arranged within planning legislation then we would support it subject to Highways comments. The Parish Council would wish this application to be referred to Committee if the Planning Officers decision is different.

TW/05/02228: Erection of three bay polytunnel 19.2m x 21.95m at Frittenden Orchard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr S Jenner, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/05/02303: Conversion & extension of existing garage to form new granny annexe and new garage at Jessamine House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds of over intensification of the site.

Decisions:

TW/05/00946: New detached managers house for the nursery and change of use of 3 and 4 Folly Cottages to office/rest room at Gould Farm Nurseries, Gould Farm, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/01588: Two storey side extension at Shenlands Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/01830: Replacement of existing septic tank with new sewage treatment plant at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/02018: Article 10 consultation – Installation of a 25m high lattice telecommunications tower with 3 antennas, one 300mm dish antenna and equipment housing and hard standing at OS Plot 8828, Bell Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

Objection.

Correspondence:

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had received a letter from Hawkhurst PC requesting support in their quest for a more visual police presence in the area. The Clerk is to reply that at present Frittenden PC do not currently have any concerns regarding the police but we would like to attend the Police Parish Liaison meeting before responding further.

**TWBC:**

Planning Application Forum leaflet – HL to pass to Mike Cooper to place in Parish Magazine  
Local Biodiversity Action Plan – JC to as if Mr Bob Davison is interested  
Junior Sport Achievement Award 2005 – LG to speak to Mrs Chapple  
Proposal for free heating systems for community Hall – LG to pass to Chair of Village Hall Committee  
Grants for Christmas decorations  
Borough News  
Various Committees Minutes & Agenda's

**KCC:**

Online consultation on Kent Mineral & Waste development framework  
Part 2 Consultation SE Plan leaflet & document – NE, CH  
Local Board Meeting date, minutes and Annual Report  
Early Years childcare magazine  
Kent & Medway Structure Plan consultation document

**KAPC:**

Agenda meeting 16/9 & Minutes of previous meeting – HL  
Vitalise donation request  
Update on SE plan leaflet  
Finance Information form  
Parish News  
Playing Field newsletter – LG  
Local Council Review

**ODPM:**

Proposed changes to Regional Planning guidance for SE – Waste & Minerals document – NE

**Ashford BC:**

Pre-submission consultation on Statement of Community Involvement

**Local Works:**

Campaign support request for the Sustainable Communities Bill – HL



A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)  
Mrs J Croucher  
Mr L Gosbee  
Mr N Evelegh  
Mrs J Sims  
Mr S Jenner

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk), Mr Jeremy Beech representing Home Front Recall

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology from Mr H Lilley (Chairman) had been received.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Brickworks Site:

Mrs J Croucher has not yet contacted the Planning Office.

Bubhurst Lane:

Mr N Evelegh confirmed the cars have now been removed although there is still a lot of junk on the site. As this is on private land no action can be taken.

Village Hall:

The Committee meeting is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005, when Mrs J Croucher will raise the issue of the lockable post.

Football Nets:

The Cricket Club has still not responded to Mr L Gosbee's request.

Grandshore Wood:

The Vice-Chairman has viewed the site and confirmed that nothing is happening. The Clerk has received a reply to her letter to TWBC regarding the bunds. This confirmed that an enforcement notice will be served in the near future. Mr C Highwood read out an article from the KM newspaper which stated that an Article 4 Direction had been imposed on the site by the Borough Council, meaning that no changes can be made to the land without prior consent from them. The Clerk has had no notice of this. It is hoped that the Chairman will have received this information in his absence.

The Vice-Chairman stated that the court hearing regarding Pork Pie Farm could result in a custodial sentence. The owner has recently tidied the site. However, the residents are still in situ.

Road Report:

Mrs J Croucher was concerned that a pedestrian could have an accident if the 30mph sign is left on the ground any longer. Mr L Gosbee is to remove and store it until Highways repair and replace the signs in the village.

Speed watch:

The Clerk read a letter from PC Peter Vaughan who is to hold meetings across the area to explain Speed watch. The Clerk is to reply that The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will most probably attend.

Mrs J Croucher asked if Janet Greenroyd had got any further regarding portable speed signs for the village. This was not known.

Community Paths Project Grants:

The Clerk is still awaiting a reply from Mr Jonathan Bibby.

**4. ROAD REPORT**

Mr S Jenner confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Richard Emmett regarding parent and child signs. Mr Emmett was not very responsive to the idea; however, he will discuss this with his department.

**5. HOME FRONT RECALL**

The Vice-Chairman handed over to Mr Jeremy Beech who gave a short resume on how and why the items now in the ownership of the Parish Council had been purchased. Various people had come up with suggestions once the lottery funding was confirmed and the HFR team had acted quickly without formally contacting village organisations due to lack of time. However, the purchase of these items is not expected to be a burden to any organisation in the village and it is wished that the use of them over the years continues in the spirit that they were obtained i.e. as a great asset to be used both for community events as well as by responsible individuals in the village. Mr J Beech suggested that as the tables and chairs are currently stored in the village hall it might be wise for the Parish Council to pass ownership of these to the Village Hall Committee. It was proposed by Mr N Eveleigh, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed by four votes to offer the tables and chairs to the Village Hall. Mr L Gosbee and Mrs J Croucher declared an interest both being on the Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council are to liaise with the Village Hall Committee.

Mr J Beech stated that the Parish Council had kindly offered to put all the finances through their accounts allowing the HFR to recover the VAT. It was agreed by members that the VAT should be recovered up to and including the end of September 2005 enabling HFR to be reimbursed to finalise their accounts. These funds will allow two bespoke trailers to be built to house and transport the tents. Storage for all the items is still being sought. The HFR is currently tying up loose ends including drafting careful rules for the hiring out of the equipment. They are to liaise with the Parish Council on this issue as ultimately the Parish Council will be responsible for this exercise.

**6. HEADCORN AIRFIELD**

Mr C Highwood reported on the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005. No written complaints had been received, just a couple of telephone calls. There have been very little aerobatics as the aerobatic 'plane is currently out of service in Spain where it has been since the spring. The Night Flying planning application has been refused but Mr J Freeman is in no hurry to appeal. He may do this in six to twelve months time. The planning application for turbines has not yet been decided by the Borough Council. Data given to pilots regarding fuel shows that Headcorn is the only airfield that stocks jet fuel; this is for the emergency services. The Flying Proms event broke even selling 3500 tickets. The same event has been booked for August 12<sup>th</sup> 2006. The next meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**7. PLANNING**

Applications:

There were none.

Decisions:

TW/05/02228: Erection of three bay polytunnel 19.2mx21.95m at Frittenden Orchard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

None.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**TWBC:**

Alterations & extensions supplements planning document – CH, HL  
Consultation on sustainability – CH, HL  
Appraisal scoping report of Local Development Framework – CH, HL  
Diane Talbot notice of maternity leave  
Notice of new Head of Legal Services  
Recreational Facilities assessment notice  
Various Committees Minutes & Agenda's

**KCC:**

Local Board Meeting 16.11.05

**Kent Police:**

Proposal re restructuring – HL  
Case for keeping own Force – HL

**Maidstone Borough Council:**

Amendments to Local Development Framework of community involvement

**KAPC:**

Minutes of meeting 16.9.05

**EDF Energy:**

Tariffs notification – Clerk investigating

**Tunbridge Wells & District CAB:**

Request for grant

**Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital:**

League of Friends newsletter – JS

**Hospice in the Weald:**

Newsletter – JS

**Ann Widdecombe MP:**

Letter of complaint from Sissinghurst resident re Sissinghurst notice board – Clerk replied that Cranbrook should be the recipient of this letter.

**9. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no further part in the vote. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed by five votes to pay accounts as follows:

CTP Systems.....	£1475.80
Cranbrook Fencing.....	£331.17
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£19.60
Seeboard.....	£13.82

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£154.79
Expenses	£6.00
Allianz Cornhill.....	£31.50
L J Gosbee.....	£45.00
CPS.....	£2368.80

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A resident of the Limes had given the Vice-Chairman a letter received from the Police warning against obstructive parking in Frittenden. This is supposedly being delivered to all residents in the village. Not all members had received this.

Mr N Eveleigh reported on his attendance, along with Mr L Gosbee, at the Police Forum held on 27<sup>th</sup> September. There are very few problems in Frittenden and we are very lucky to have Janet Greenroyd as Community Warden. The main concern is parking, especially at the crossroads and obstructing pavements, hence the letter to residents in the village. Mr C Highwood asked members to take note of registration plates and pass to Janet Greenroyd if cars are seen to park illegally.

Mr L Gosbee confirmed his attendance at the Mearkle Environment Centre opening at Angley School named after a teacher who died of cancer recently.

Mr S Jenner noted the street lights are not coming on at the correct times. This is probably due to a recent power cut. The Clerk is to contact Mr Mike Ashbee.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr S Jenner, Mrs J Sims and Councillor Roger Manning.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

An amendment was made to Page 1235 No.6 Headcorn Airfield, line 6 should read 'Headcorn Airfield is the only airfield that stocks jet fuel but has no license for turbine aircraft.' The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Village Hall:

It was confirmed that a hole has been dug ready for the post to be installed.

Grandshore Wood:

The Chairman reported that he has been in contact by e-mail with Mr Dave Holland who is currently trying to obtain two Article 4 directions, one on Pork Pie Farm and one on The Hatching Tan. This means that absolutely nothing can be done on either of the sites without prior planning consent.

Mr Redford has now vacated Pork Pie Farm and has sold the top part of the site to Mr Love, an Agricultural Contractor. The Chairman has been given the details of Mr Love's agent, by Mr Holland, and is to contact the agent regarding Mr Love's intentions at the site. Mr Redford was ordered to pay TWBC costs of £3k within 14 days by the courts. As he had previously vacated the premises he was not in contempt. Any buildings at Pork Pie without Planning Permission are to be removed. However, the barn on the site is legal on condition that it is not inhabited. The lower part of the site is currently for sale.

It was confirmed that the bunds are still in place at the Hatching Tan. The Chairman isn't hopeful that the Forestry Commission will insist that the trees cut down by the owner at the time should be replaced. The Chairman has heard that an appeal against the Borough Council's decision to refuse planning at the site is to be made. This has not yet been received.

Speedwatch:

The meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November has been cancelled due to lack of interest. PC Peter Vaughan is to meet with Mr H Lilley and Mr C Highwood at the Chairman's house to talk to them about Speedwatch. The Parish Council would be unable to proceed alone as the costs of the equipment are too high, however, if other parishes are interested in sharing it could be a possibility. These are areas to discuss with PC Vaughan. The Chairman will also ask about mobile speed signs.

Home Front Recall:

The Clerk is awaiting copies of two invoices; the Chairman is to chase Mike Cooper for the Highgrove invoice. The VAT can then be reclaimed which will pay for materials to build two trailers to house the marquees. The HFR team are still putting together a list of rules and regulations on the potential hiring of the equipment which it is hoped the Parish Council will agree with and adopt.

Any Other Business

Mrs J Croucher stated that not everybody in the village received the letter regarding obstructive parking. The Chairman replied that the Community Warden had only concentrated on the areas worst affected in the centre of the village.

**4. ANNUAL BUDGET**

All members had received a copy of the budget for the coming year. The Chairman went through the figures which so far this year show the Parish Council has slightly under spent on the budget. The Chairman's view is that the precept should be kept the same as last year giving a reserve for any eventualities without holding too much public money. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to set the precept at £5500 for the year 2006-2007.

**5. ROAD REPORT**

Mr C Highwood confirmed that a burst water main on the Headcorn Road had been reported. Mr N Eveleigh stated that a 'No through road' sign at Bubhurst Lane is missing and Mrs J Croucher reported that the chevrons at Buckhurst Bridge have been taken. The Chairman will speak to Mr Richard Emmett regarding these. It is thought that these signs will all be replaced when Highways change the gateway signs.

**6. PLANNING**

Applications:

TW/05/02703: Two storey side extension at Old Farm Cottage, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the extension being within the current planning guidelines.

TW/05/02804: Two storey extension at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds that:

1. It is an over intensification of the site
2. It completely changes the character of the building

TW/05/02914: Replacement detached double garage/boiler house with storage above and external staircase at Haffenden Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

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

Decisions:

TW/05/01632: Stationing of two mobile homes, two touring caravans and a utility room for a gypsy family, plus retrospective construction of bunds around boundary at The Hatching Tan, Part of Eleven Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/05/01873: New entrance gates and walls at Bettenham Manor, Bettenham Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

Permission Granted.

TW/05/02177: Article 10 Consultation – Installation of a 22m high timber monopole with 3 antennas, 1x300mm and 1x600mm dish antenna and equipment housing at Holden Farm, Hareplain Road, Biddenden, Ashford.

Objection.

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TW/05/02303: Roof additions to house, extension and conversion of existing garage to form annexe and erection of detached garage at Jessamine House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/05/02559: Article 10 Consultation – New ‘eco barn’ dwelling, energy efficient property at Jungalow, Bell Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

No Objection.

TW/05/02564: Article 10 Consultation – Replacement dwelling ‘eco barn’ energy efficient property at Jungalow, Bell Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

No Objection.

Correspondence:

A letter from Mr L Gosbee to TWBC, regarding tipping by Mr Ned Farris on land adjoining Mr Gosbee’s land.

A letter from TWBC to Mr Gosbee advising him that the Environment Agency is to investigate his claims of tipping by Homeleigh Timber at Dig Dog Lane once authority has been issued to do so.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**TWBC:**

Invitation to Community Plan Partnership Networking event  
Meeting on Cold Calling in Cranbrook 16.11  
Proposed modifications to Local Plan Review – CH  
Community Plan Consultation  
Home Improvement grant for over 60’s  
Notice of Register of Electors to be received on disk  
Various Committees Minutes & Agenda’s

**Kent Highways:**

Parish Seminar 6.12

**Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS:**

Annual Report 2005 - JS

**KAPC:**

Resume of various items currently being dealt with from Chairman - HL  
Notice of next meeting 7.12  
Parish News  
Local Council Review

**Weald Information Centre:**

Notification of official opening- HL

**Victim Support:**

Donation request

**British Legion – Frittenden:**

Donation request

**HSBC:**

Internet banking information – Clerk

**8. FINANCE**

Outstanding Accounts:

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

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Seeboard.....	£19.62
Mrs D Jenkins: Salary.....	£136.46

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs J Croucher voiced her concerns regarding the shop being for sale, which is a lifeline for many villagers. The Chairman reported that at present a buyer cannot be found but he will speak to Mack to see if there is any further progress on this matter.

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

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs H Gosbee (Volunteer Clerk), Borough Councillor John Smith.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr S Jenner, Mrs J Sims and Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk).

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs J Croucher said that, regarding Item 4 on the agenda of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005, she has not received a copy of the budget for the following year. Chairman Howard Lilley said that he would send/e-mail copies to all councillors. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Evelegh and agreed unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Grandshore Wood:

The Chairman said that Mr Holland has applied for an 'Article 4 Direction' for the site, but it has been refused by the office of the OPDM. Fencing has been taking place at the site, but planning is not required for this.

The Chairman said that he has received a copy of a letter to Planning Officer Alan Bringloe from Sam Lumb at the Forestry Commission, stating that he is writing to the agent of the owner to ensure replanting of 1,100 trees per hectare on the site. If this is not done in the current planting season, enforcement action may be taken.

An enforcement notice regarding the Bunds has been taken, but further action has been delayed by the new application on the site.

Pork Pie Farm:

It was confirmed that Mr Redford has vacated Pork Pie Farm. The Chairman has met with the new owner of the main part of the site Mr Love, who said he intends to clear the site and use it for agricultural use with an office and workshop for repairs. There has never been mains electricity on the site, as a generator was used. It has been suggested that an application may be made in the future for a temporary caravan on the site. The Chairman said that this will be discouraged. The ownership of the remaining part of the site is currently unknown.

Speedwatch:

The Chairman said that he and Vice Chairman Colin Highwood have met with PC Peter Vaughan to discuss Speedwatch equipment. Mr Lilley said that the equipment is way out of the Parish Council's range, but shared ownership with another parish is a possibility. The equipment displays speed and would need to be manned. The Chairman said that PC Vaughan may have a temporary Speedwatch sign that Frittenden Parish Council may be able to try out. The Chairman said that speeding cars through the village is an ongoing problem, but it is the drivers' responsibility to drive according to the limits and the road conditions.

The Chairman reported that there is an article in the current Parish Magazine regarding parking. In it, it was claimed that he suggested that parking on both sides of the road would slow the traffic down and was a good idea. This is a misunderstanding; he did not advocate this action and would publish a correction in the next edition.

School Roof:

The Chairman said that he has received a letter from the Chairman of Governors pointing out the dangerous condition of the school roof. He has written to Kent County Council in support of the school to strongly request urgent repairs. Mr Lilley asked for a reply to his letter, but none has been received.

Village Website:

The Chairman said that James Tuke is to attend a course this week to learn more about how to update the village website.

**4. PLANNING**

Applications:

TW/05/02896: Change of use to private gypsy site with associated hard standing and utility room. Retrospective permission for earth bunds and two septic tanks at 'The Hatchin' Tan, Eleven Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to strongly Recommend Refusal for the following reasons: (see attached document).

TW/05/03034: Demolish triple-bay carport and erect detached triple garage at Dene House, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval. It was also agreed that a delegated decision was acceptable.

TW/05/03047: Alternative conversion of oast house as annexe to farmhouse as previously approved (TW/02/01620 refers) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to recommend No Objection, subject to the views of the Conservation Architect. It was also agreed that a delegated decision was acceptable.

TW/05/03048: LBC Alternative conversion of oast house as annexe to farmhouse as previously approved (TW/02/01618 refers) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to recommend No Objection, subject to the views of the Conservation Architect. It was also agreed that a delegated decision was acceptable.

TW/05/03227: Proposed garage conversion to granny annexe at Jessamine House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds of over-intensification of the site. It was also agreed that a delegated decision was acceptable.

Decisions:

TW/05/02119: Construction of stable block, hay barn, tack room and ménage and demolition of buildings. Modification of occupancy condition 2 of permission TW/84/00106 at Sawlodge Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

MA/04/0998: Variation of Condition 3, flying times restrictions at Shenley Airfield, Headcorn.

Allowed on Appeal to Planning Inspectorate.

Correspondence:

None.

**5. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES**

It was agreed to continue to hold meetings on the third Wednesday in each month until April, then to change them to the second Wednesday in each month as follows:

18 <sup>th</sup> January	14 <sup>th</sup> June
15 <sup>th</sup> February	12 <sup>th</sup> July
15 <sup>th</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> August
12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> September
10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> October
17 <sup>th</sup> May Annual Parish Assembly	8 <sup>th</sup> November
	13 <sup>th</sup> December

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

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sandhurst Bridge Farm, Frittenden on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 9.00pm.

Present were: Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr L Gosbee  
Mrs J Croucher  
Mr S Jenner  
Mr N Evelegh  
Mrs J Sims

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr H Lilley (Chairman).

**2. PLANNING**

Applications:

TW/05/00623: Two 2 bed roomed semi-detached cottages at Lakeside Farm, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval, subject to the applicant providing additional adjacent land for affordable housing for local needs.

The Parish Council requested that this application should be decided by the Area Committee.

TW/05/00946: Erection of Manager's house for the nurseries and change of use of 3 and 4 Folly Cottages to office/rest room at Gould Farm Nurseries, Gould Farm, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Mr S Jenner declared an interest and took no further part in the proceedings.

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

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

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at Manor Way Cottage, Frittenden on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 7.30pm.

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr N Evelegh & Mr S Jenner.

**2. PLANNING**

Applications:

TW/05/01588: Two storey side extension. Shenlands Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to register no objection and agree to Planning Officers determination under delegated authority.

TW/05/01638: Installation of six 1.3m solar collectors positioned on the south elevation. Appleton Farm Oast, Green Lane, Frittenden.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D A Jenkins (Clerk), Borough Councillor Mr John Smith, Senior Planning Officer Mr Alan Bringloe, Planning Investigation Officer Mr David Holland and some 97 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Kent County Councillor Mr Roger Manning.

**2. PLANNING**

Applications:

TW/05/01632: Stationing of two mobile homes, two touring caravans and a utility room for a gypsy family at Eleven Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden. An amendment to this application has since been made to include construction of bunds around boundary. As these are already in place this must be regarded as retrospective.

Mr H Lilley began the meeting informing those present the format of the meeting, including allowing members of the public to speak on this application for up to two minutes each, and the planning process. A brief history of planning in Grandshore Lane, along with the current activities at Eleven Acre Wood was given. (See attachment) All Parish Councillors have a copy of the application and have since visited the site. The following draft resolution was then read out:

**The Parish Council strongly recommends refusal of this application, for the following reasons.**

1. The application is incomplete and inaccurate, with no detailed plans or elevations of proposed structures and information that is clearly wrong.
2. TWBC has quite rightly refused a number of previous applications for residential use of the adjoining site over the last 16 years, and has been proved correct in at least 2 appeal decisions, including a Public Enquiry hearing. With the strong support of Frittenden Parish Council, it is still in the process of enforcing these decisions. To grant permission to this application would show blatant discrimination and possibly, expose TWBC to legal claims for compensation.
3. TWBC refused application TW/04/02164 for a temporary caravan for an agricultural worker on adjoining land last year, surely, if this was refused, the current application cannot be granted.
4. Although we are not planning experts, we consider that this application is contrary to, or does not meet the criteria of at least 17 policies. These include National Guidelines PPG1 & PPG 7, 2 Kent Structure Plan and 13 TWBC Local Plan Policies as set out in the latest Deposit Copy.
5. It is also against or does not meet the criteria of Policy H4 for gypsy sites clauses 2,3,4 & 5.
6. The location on a single track road is unsuitable.
7. Grandshore Lane is assessed as being in the top 10 to 20% of Lanes of high landscape and amenity value, in the TWBC Rural Lanes Supplementary Planning Guidance. It follows therefore that this application is contrary to policy.
8. Grandshore Lane is in the Low Weald Special Landscape Area that should be preserved.
9. We regret that the term gypsy is mentioned in the application, we believe in equality for all, regardless of race, creed, colour or religion. We are strongly against prejudice, both positive and negative. We believe that if a local young person had tried to make a home here he would have been strongly discouraged from even making an application.

10. Within Government guidelines, this site is not sustainable. It is far away from amenities and in a remote location. TWBC's policy against housing at the brickworks site was upheld by the Planning Inspector, despite it being a brown field site and having in our opinion exceptional circumstances that, might have warranted a change of policy. If that is unsustainable and not suitable for residential use, how can this be?
11. This site was supposed to be managed woodland; a felling licence was issued in 1995 with replanting conditions. We have maps from 1908 showing it as woodland and can produce numerous witnesses to its previous condition, before the illegal activity that resulted in this application. This wood should be restored according to the restrictions of the licence.
12. There are no services such as water, electricity, drainage etc in the locality; it is also at the bottom of a slope with poor drainage of surface water.
13. There is no established need or related employment for this type of residential development in Frittenden Parish.

If Planning Officers recommend this application for approval, we insist that it is referred to the Planning Committee for decision. We also give notice that we will exercise our right to speak in favour of refusal.

Because we judge this to be a "Departure Application" we also contend that if the Eastern Area Planning Board is minded to grant Planning Permission, the application should be referred to the Central Planning Board at which we will also exercise our right to speak.

The Chairman invited members of the Parish Council to speak first. Mr C Highwood thanked the Chairman for the time and effort he had spent on this application over the last two weeks. This was received with unanimous support from the public. The Vice-Chairman voiced his concerns as to what the applicant will do for employment when he arrives in the village. In the past gypsies would help locally with the harvest, but there is no longer a need for this. He requested that a further resolution be added to the response as follows:

There is no local need or employment for this type of residential development in this area.

Mr N Eveleigh confirmed that he had written a letter to Ann Widdecombe and gave his full support to the Chairman. Mr L Gosbee asked why the Borough Council haven't forced the replanting of the woodland, and stated that if low cost housing had been applied for on the site it wouldn't be allowed.

Borough Councillor John Smith was invited to speak. He explained the primary issues he had been asked to tackle by local people when being elected, one of these being Pork Pie Farm. He confirmed that a decision should be made in October when the judges return from the summer break. Eleven Acre Wood has also become a very important issue in the village and 40 letters of concern have been received. Mr Smith, who sits on the Eastern Area Planning Committee, will relay these concerns to the committee when the application is reviewed.

Mr Alan Bringloe, Senior Planning Officer confirmed that everything Mr H Lilley had said was factually correct. He stated that the application is to go before the committee on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005. The application is currently incomplete but it is the applicant's responsibility to remedy this. Current policies will have to be followed when reviewing the application. There is government pressure on Borough Councils to provide private gypsy sites. There are currently 100 gypsy families living on unauthorised sites in Kent. He stated that replanting the wood is a matter for the Forestry Commission. Mr Bringloe confirmed that the owner of the site, Mr Brazil, has now stopped work on the site. He also confirmed that authority has been given to issue a Stop Notice if further unauthorised work begins at the site.

The Chairman then invited members of the public to speak.

A number of concerns were raised. Mr Roy Latham pointed out inaccuracies in the application regarding the size of the plot, claims regarding a cesspit and drainage at the site. Many residents felt the Forestry Commission should be able to do more as the conditions of the felling licence they had issued have been breached. The Chairman confirmed that he has been in contact with the Forestry Commission, so far to no avail. He is currently awaiting a reply to a letter sent to their Head office in Edinburgh.

Mr Richard Vernon stated that if all development needs planning permission how has the work at the site got so far without it. Mrs Nicky Aldhouse informed the meeting that the farmer owning the surrounding land has a legal right of way across the site. Mrs Aldhouse also asked where the applicant would get his water from as there is no water on the site. Mr Roy Eccleston stated that if Mr Brazil currently resides on an authorised site in South London, why is there a need to site caravans at Eleven Acre Wood.

Mrs Nicky Vernon asked what would happen if planning is granted and then further caravans are placed at the site. Borough Councillor John Smith replied a Stop Notice or Enforcement Order would be issued. A condition can also be applied when/if planning is granted. Mr H Lilley stated that a Stop Notice can be issued immediately. However, currently this does not happen. Also, if planning is applied for, for further caravans that are 'visiting' the site then no other notices can be enforced.

Mrs Charlotte Carter asked if the site complies with the national guidelines for gypsy encampments. Mr Bringloe replied that this is one of the matters to be investigated when the application is reviewed.

Mr Nick Andrew wanted to know if the applicant has children how would they be accommodated in an already full primary school. Borough Councillor John Smith replied that along with the issues of water and other amenities this will all be taken into consideration when the application is reviewed. He stated that sustainability is a major issue with regard to his application.

A representative from Staplehurst Parish Council was present at the meeting and gave her full support to the Parish Council. She agreed that gypsies should be allowed to carry on their lives as they wish but not to the detriment of others, and that somebody needs to enforce the powers that are available to stop unauthorised works. She wished the Parish Council every success.

The Chairman concluded that if the application goes to appeal then he will call a public hearing. Residents may be asked for their help physically and possibly financially. However, TWBC have had successful results with appeals in the past.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to strongly Recommend Refusal on the grounds set out in the draft resolution above.

The Chairman called a ten minute break before continuing with two further applications. Two members of the public remained for the rest of the meeting.

TW/05/01830: Replacement of existing septic tank with new sewerage treatment plant at Cressland Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden

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

TW/05/00946: Notification of revised planning application details new detached manager's house for the nursery and change of use of 3 and 4 Folly Cottages to office/rest room at Gould Farm Nurseries, Gould Farm, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Mr S Jenner declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write reaffirming their approval.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.34pm

Up until 1985, this area was pasture and bluebell wood, a lovely vista in a particularly attractive lane. In 1985 a barn was moved from I believe, Sussex and reconstructed on the open field. The Parish Council objected to the Borough, but was informed correctly, that as it was “agricultural”, planning permission was not required, the law on that changed later.

In 1989 an application to convert the barn to residential use was refused, this decision was confirmed in 1990 when an appeal was dismissed.

In 1991 the land was sold and the buyer moved in without planning permission. Since that time, the Parish Council has continually pressed TWBC to take effective action to remedy the situation. Numerous planning applications have been refused, enforcement notices issued and prosecutions initiated, all without effect. In 1998 there was a Public Enquiry, which I gave evidence at, all appeals were dismissed. Following strong representations from FPC to the then Borough Council Chief Executive, a High Court Injunction was issued in December 2004, but was suspended until 13<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

This has had little effect and it is my belief that TWBC have not as yet submitted evidence of the breach of this injunction to the High Court.

To move on to the plot of land referred to in the application, we believe that this was acquired by the owner of “Pork Pie Farm” around 1995. On 7<sup>th</sup> of May that year a licence was granted by the Forestry Commission, with the agreement of TWBC for “selective felling and coppicing of the trees”. There were 6 conditions attached to the licence regarding methods of work and replanting. FPC expressed concern without effect and protested further in 2000 at the terrible condition of the wood. At a date unknown to the Parish Council this land was sold to the present applicant.

In March of this year, the remains of the wood were bulldozed, roots were ripped out and earth banks or bunds were constructed around the boundary. FPC protested in the strongest terms to TWBC and the Forestry Commission and requested that a stop notice was issued and enforcement action taken to restore the wood. I was advised by both parties that in effect, nothing could or would be done.

In mid July, it was reported that a JCB was levelling the site, a plastic membrane had been laid and that rubble was being brought in and dumped to form a roadway, possibly for residential use. Since that time we have been constantly calling on TWBC with letters, phone calls and e-mails, in an attempt to get them to take action to stop all work on the site and prohibit further development until the planning issue is decided.

I am very sorry to tell you that so far, we have not succeeded and there is nothing at present in law, to prevent further illegal activity taking place.

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, I received a copy of the planning application which was received by TWBC on 24<sup>th</sup> June and validated on 21<sup>st</sup> July. I immediately challenged the validation via e-mail as statements in it were inaccurate, and vital details such as the position of the caravans, roadway, drainage, bunds, trees and use of the remaining land were missing from the plans. There were also no detailed plans included of the mobile homes or utility room. On 27<sup>th</sup> July, I received a copy letter from the Cranbrook Planning Office to the applicant's agent that changed the description of the application and asked for detailed plans and further details. To date, I have not seen any of these "additional details" As we are working to a strict time limit of 11/8/05 for our comments, we will of course have to judge our response to this application on the information before us.



## **Frittenden Parish Council's response to Planning Application** **TW/05/02896/FUL/AJB**

**The Parish Council strongly recommends refusal of this application, for the following reasons.**

1. This land is subject to replanting conditions under Felling Licence No 66197 of the Forestry Act 1967. The Forestry Commission has indicated that they may issue an enforcement notice if the planting of 1100 trees per hectare is not carried out in the current planting season. It follows therefore that no other development can take place on this land.
2. The Council quite rightly refused application TW/05/01632 recently. This application is virtually the same, with only minor amendments to the positioning of the caravans.
3. We consider that this application is contrary to, or does not meet the criteria of at least 17 policies. These include National Guidelines PPG1 & PPG 7, 2 Kent Structure Plan and 13 TWBC Local Plan Policies as set out in the latest Deposit Copy. It is also against or does not meet the criteria of Policy H4 for gypsy sites clauses 2,3,4 & 5.
4. Within Government guidelines, this site is not sustainable. It is far away from amenities and in a remote location, on a very narrow road. TWBC's policy against housing at the brickworks site was upheld by the Planning Inspector, despite it being a brown field site and having in our opinion exceptional circumstances that, might have warranted a change of policy. If that is unsustainable and not suitable for residential use, how can this be?
5. The Earth Bunds are an artificially engineered structure and should be removed as per the enforcement notice issued by TWBC.
6. Grandshore Lane is assessed as being in the top 10 to 20% of Lanes of high landscape and amenity value, in the TWBC Rural Lanes Supplementary Planning Guidance. It follows therefore that this application is contrary to policy.
7. TWBC has quite rightly refused a number of previous applications for residential use of the adjoining site over the last 16 years, and has been proved correct in at least 2 appeal decisions, including a Public Enquiry hearing. With the strong support of Frittenden Parish Council, it has enforced these decisions in the High Court. To grant permission to this application would show blatant discrimination and possibly, expose TWBC to legal claims for compensation.
8. TWBC refused application TW/04/02164 for a temporary caravan for an agricultural worker on adjoining land last year, surely, if this was refused, the current application cannot be granted.

As this is a departure application, if permission is contemplated, it should be referred to the Main Planning Board. If it is to be decided by the Eastern Area Committee, we will exercise our right to speak at the meeting.