

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 18th January 2006 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 Jenkins (Clerk), Community Warden Janet Greenroyd.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The Chairman formally thanked Mrs Hazel Gosbee for stepping in at the last meeting and taking the minutes. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr N Evelegh and agreed by six votes; Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no part in the vote, to pay Mrs H Gosbee an honorarium of £25 for her services.

Pork Pie Farm:

The Chairman reported that ownership of the remaining part of the site belongs to a business in Maidstone. Little is known apart from this. Mr Love, who owns the other part of the site, is currently tidying the area. A Planning Application is to be submitted to change the use of the barn, previously lived in illegally, to office space. Mr Love is very aware of the views of the Parish Council regarding the stationing of a temporary mobile at the site. At present there are no plans to install mains electricity. The generator on the site will continue to be used.

Speedwatch:

The Chairman has not yet heard from PC Peter Vaughan regarding the use of the temporary speedwatch sign. He will contact PC Vaughan in due course. Mrs J Croucher believed that at the last meeting Councillor John Smith stated that grant money is available to purchase speedwatch equipment. The Clerk is to write to the Councillor Smith requesting more information.

School Roof:

Mr H Lilley has received a letter from Kent County Council who has had the roof surveyed which confirms that urgent repairs are required. This will be completed over two financial years with funding from LEA maintenance programme.

Village Website:

James Tuke has attended the course and is keen to update the web site. The Chairman is to get Mr Tuke, Mike Fitzgerald, who compiles the village diary, and Mike Cooper, editor of the Parish Magazine, together to get this information onto the site.

Next Years Meeting Dates:

The Chairman confirmed the village hall has been booked for these dates with the lettings secretary. The dates of the meetings will be added to the web site.

4. DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

Following a letter of request from The Royal British Legion, Frittenden Branch, for a donation it was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed by four votes to pay the sum of £50. Mr H Lilley, Mr C Highwood and Mr N Evelegh declared an interest and took no part in the vote.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to pay donations to the following organisations under Section 137:

Kent Air Ambulance	£50
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital	£50
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
Frittenden Pre-School	£50
Frittenden Parochial Church Council	£300
Hospice in the Weald	£30
British Red Cross	£30
Kent Youth	£30
Frittenden Primary School	£50
Victim Support	£25
Angley School Farm	£50

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that following a discrepancy in the invoice from KCC Landscape Services it was discovered that they had been cutting the hedges in error. The contract had actually been awarded to Mr Michael Palmer. The Parish Council will not be charged by Landscape Services. However, Mr L Gosbee is to contact Mr Palmer regarding this matter.

The Clerk is to issue letters inviting at least three companies to tender for each of the four maintenance contracts, to be returned before the next meeting on 15th February 2006. Contract 3 has altered slightly to include the hedge between the Paddock and Frittenden House.

The Chairman reported that the school have informed him that they wish to put some wooden play equipment on the paddock. This has been agreed with the owners Mr & Mrs Parish. Mr H Lilley is currently exploring with the school the details of insurance and mowing around the equipment as the paddock is rented from the Mr & Mrs Parish by the Parish Council.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr S Jenner had been contacted by a resident regarding potholes on the Biddenden Road; he is to report this to the Lengthsmen. The Chairman asked Mr S Jenner to remind Highways that the resurfacing of Biddenden Road from Sand Lane to the centre of the village was on the to do list when funding became available. Mrs J Croucher said that manhole covers on the same road also need lowering.

Mr N Evelegh reported that the sign at Bubhurst Lane is still missing.

The Clerk had received a letter from Highways with a wish list form to be completed for January. The Chairman is to arrange a meeting with the new Highways Contact Liaison Officer for the Tunbridge Wells area with himself and Mr S Jenner to see what repairs are needed in the village.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/05/02804: Notification of revised Planning Application Details – Two storey extension at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden,

No further comments made.

TW/05/02267: Renewal of planning permission – detached garage TW/00/02267 refers at 1 Farm Cottages, Bettenham Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

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

TW/05/03352: Entrance porch at 2 Coach Gate Cottages, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval and to accept an Officer decision.

MA/06/0015: Amendment or renewal of condition – permission to hold an event with English National Orchestra and flying to music on 12 August 2006 in accordance with condition 9 of planning permission MA/77/1559 at Shenley Farm, Shenley Road, Headcorn, Ashford.

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

TW/06/00069: Change of use and conversion of barn to tourist accommodation with parking facilities at Great Water Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to there being strict monitoring of the accommodation remaining as holiday lets and to accept an Officer decision.

Decisions:

MA/04/0998: Variation of condition 3 of the planning permission granted by the Secretary of State on the 29th November 1977 to: 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 20th October until 20th 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, Ashford.

Allowed on Appeal to Planning Inspectorate.

TW/05/02119: Part A: Construction of stable block, hay barn, tack room and ménage and demolition of buildings;
Part B: Modification of occupancy Condition 2 of permission TW/84/00106 at Saw Lodge Farmhouse, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

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

Permission Granted.

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

Permission Refused.

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

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

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

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from TWBC regarding an Appeal Application at The Hatchin' Tan against the decision to application number 01632 even though Mr Brazil earlier stated that he would not appeal. Mr Brazil has appointed a new agent. The Parish Council can attend the appeal meeting and any points are to be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 24th January 2006. The Chairman has drafted a letter. It was agreed this letter should be sent to the Inspectorate. The Chairman has written to San Lumb at the Forestry Commission notifying him of the appeal.

Ground work has started at Manor Farm to erect the mobile telephone mast. Mr L Gosbee confirmed the mast will be erected in February. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to TWBC who confirmed that the landscaping details at the site had been approved.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

How to access planning applications on-line - HL
Agendas & Committee Meeting Minutes now on-line
Review of the Code of Conduct - JC
Registration of births & deaths at Cranbrook
Electoral Register on Disk - HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas
Licensing of village & Parish halls - LG
Grants for play area improvements - LG
Community Liaison Officer funding

KCC:

Electronic invoice notification
Legal Event Orders re Public Rights of Way – HL
Mineral & Waste Development Framework
Staff changes @ West Kent Area Public Rights of Way
Ground Maintenance quotes
Kent & Medway Structure plan modifications

Kent Highways:

Blank works schedule re January – HL
Liaison Officer contact details – HL

KAPC:

Agenda & Minutes of previous two meetings
Parish News

Kent Fire & Rescue Service:

Risk Management Plan 06/07

Kent Police:

Council Tax & Policing Plan
Request of APA date to send representative to meeting
Consultation 2006/07
Parish Forum 31.1.06
Speedwatch application form
Stage 2 submission regarding amalgamation of forces

OPDM:

Standards of Conduct - The Future booklet

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:
Kent Village of the Year information
Parish Planning & Community Development update
Funding for new Parish Plans
Kent Infrastructure Development Plan draft

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS:
Newsletter – JS
Trust News – JS

Environment Agency:
Consultation on Nuclear Power

ERHA:
The Bulletin newsletter

Kent County Playing Fields:
Newsletter – LG

NALC:
Local Council Review

Pembury Parish Council:
Recommend Parish Council's to meet with Peter Blackwell & Lois Howell from TWBC

Kent & Sussex Courier:
New location details for local reporter

9. FINANCE

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

Cleanaway.....	£18.80
EDF Energy.....	£18.15
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£22.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£164.98
Expenses	£6.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins re Computer Antivirus package.....	£34.42
Mr Ken Starnes.....	£50.00
EDF Energy Dec.....	£18.15

The Clerk reported that EDF Energy will now charge interest if payment is not received within fourteen days of an invoice being received. As meetings do not always coincide with receipt of an invoice it was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to pay EDF by Direct Debit. The Clerk is to initiate this.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Sims stated that the street light outside the shop is not working. She is to report this to Mr Mike Ashbee.

Mr L Gosbee commented on the number of bonfires being lit in the day. He is to place a note in the Parish Magazine requesting people, if possible, light fires 20 minutes before sunset.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 15th February 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Croucher.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

An alteration was made to Page 1249, last line changed from 'Vice-Chairman closed the meeting' to 'Chairman closed the meeting'. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr S Jenner, seconded by Mr L Gosbee agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Pork Pie Farm:

Rumours that a planning application is to be submitted to change the use of the barn to office space have not yet materialised.

Speedwatch:

The Chairman has spoken to PC Peter Vaughan who is to lend the Parish Council the temporary speed sign equipment. Volunteers were requested to operate this.

Village Website:

Nothing further has been added to the site to date.

Grounds Maintenance:

The Chairman has spoken to the school regarding their request to install play equipment in the Paddock. The school are to insure the equipment and are responsible for mowing around it. Children in the village will be able to make use of it outside of the school day. The Chairman is to give the Parish Council's approval to the School Secretary.

Road Report:

The Chairman has spoken with the new Liaison Officer, who has sent a spreadsheet to complete for road repairs. The Chairman is to liaise with Mr S Jenner on this matter.

The new speed signs outside the cemetery in Mill Lane are to be repositioned opposite Valance View, where the previous signs were situated.

Mr L Gosbee commented that new signs have also been placed on the Biddenden Road.

Planning:

The Chairman reported that a new application has been received for Cresslands, the last application, which was an amendment to the original, the Parish Council made no further comment on.

A complaint has been received today regarding the application at Great Water Farm, by a neighbour. This has been received too late for the Parish Council to consider.

Mobile Telephone Mast:

This has now been erected and painted brown.

4. PROVIDENCE CHAPEL

The Chairman was recently notified by Mr Burgess that the gravestone in the front garden of the Chapel, which was given planning permission to convert to a dwelling in 2004, had been removed illegally. The Chairman contacted the Estate Agent dealing with the sale and the Planning Office asking for the stone to be put back. The owner of the chapel telephoned Mr H Lilley to confirm that he would replace the stone. This was completed on Friday. Although the inscription can be read the stone has been set lower into the ground than it originally stood. An internal inscribed plaque is now to be viewed by the Conservation Architect, to confirm this has not also been removed.

It was approved that the Chairman should write to the owner of the Chapel stating that he, the owner, is responsible for any subsidence that may occur to the gravestone in the future, and that if he ever wishes to remove the stone then he must obtain planning permission.

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman has received a letter from Mr Graham Lee voicing his concerns regarding the future of the village school and the lack of affordable housing in the village for young people. The last Housing Survey conducted in the village was in January 1989. Information was recently received from Action with Communities in Rural Kent who will send out a representative, Jennifer Shaw, to advise on implementing a housing survey. It was agreed that the Chairman invite her to come to our April meeting.

6. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk had received a number of tenders for the maintenance contracts which were opened and reviewed at the meeting. Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to award the contracts as follows:

Contract 1 – to mow the Parish Field and mound, including around trees and edges - to KCC Landscape Services @ £576.66

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

Contract 3 – to cut the Paddock Hedges, including road hedge and hedge between Paddock and Frittenden House – to KCC Landscape Services @ £90.85

Contract 4 – to cut the hedge between the Parish Field and Laundry Lane – to Mr M Palmer @ £20.00

7. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman confirmed the pot holes on the Biddenden Road have been filled and that when funding becomes available the road is on a waiting list to be resurfaced.

Due to a large amount of surface water on Biddenden Road Mid Kent Water had been called to look at what was possibly a water leak. However, nothing was found.

Mr N Eveleigh reported that the no through road sign at Bubhurst Lane is still missing. Mr S Jenner is to contact Highways.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/00240: LBC – Erect conservatory and form new doorway through lounge wall at Well House, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr S Jenner, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval, and to accept an Officer Decision, subject to the views of the Conservation Architect and a restriction on deliveries during school drop off and collection times due to the close proximity of the primary school.

TW/06/00317: Two storey extension at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal, on the grounds that the proposal is much too large, is an over intensification of the site and changes the character of the building completely.

TW/06/00327: Temporary siting (18 months) of mobile home at Haffenden Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

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

Decisions:

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

Permission Refused.

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

Permission Granted.

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

Permission Refused.

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.

Refused Consent.

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

Permission Granted.

TW/05/03229: Renewal of planning permission – detached garage TW/00/02267 refers at 1 Farm Cottages, Bettenham Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

A copy of the report of Mr Brazils' Appeal at the Hatchin' Tan, and all related papers had been received.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman is now in possession of all the definitive footpath maps within our area.

It was agreed that the Chairman write to HWA in support of Brenchley PC following various e-mails regarding HWA selling off affordable housing, in Grade 1 listed buildings, in their village without proper consultations.

TWBC:

Notification of receipt of precept letter
Local Development Framework public consultation - HL
Confirmation of Easter Holiday venue hire
Sports Development newsletter – LG
Housing Strategy Consultation – HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Waste Exhibition Unit booking form
Local Board Minutes 16.11.05 – HL
Licensing for tables & chairs on highways – LG

Kent Highways:

Parish Liaison meetings – HL

Maidstone Borough Council:

Local Development Framework consultation events

KAPC:

Planning Information Day 18.3.06
Chairmanship Training Day 29.3.03
NALC Survey
Issues for next meetings agenda on 15.3.06 - HL
Parish News

Mid Kent Water:

Article for Parish Magazine on water restrictions
Posters re water restrictions

Kent Police:

Appointments of Area Commanders and Deputies

British Red Cross:

Parish Magazine advert

Lord Lieutenant of Kent:

Chairman's invite to Annual Civic Ceremony

Letters of thanks re Donations from:

CAB
Frittenden Primary School
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital League of Friends
Red Cross
Royal British Legion
Kent Air Ambulance
Hospice in the Weald
Frittenden Primary School

10. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that VAT amounting to £1397.90 had been reclaimed to the end of November 2005, of which £1047.15 is to be paid to Home Front Recall. Mr J Beech has paid for the trailers to house the tents amounting to £710.41, from his company account. This sum is to be reimbursed by the Parish Council, who will in turn be reimbursed by Home Front Recall once their VAT refund cheque has cleared.

It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Home Front Recall.....	£1047.15
KCC (KCS).....	£285.09
KAPC Honorarium.....	£28.00
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
EDF Energy.....	£18.15
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00

Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£193.49
Expenses	£6.00
S J Palmer.....	£41.12
Longmeadows Ltd.....	£710.41

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee reported on his attendance at the recent Parish Forum where the following items were discussed:

Three people are necessary to activate Speedwatch

A mobile police station is available to come to the village

A village co-ordinator is required for elderly residents to contact if they feel threatened by con men knocking at doors – HL is willing to do this

There are currently people collecting clothes for the third world, supposedly, and selling it for personal financial gain

Hawkhurst crime rate has reduced since a new Community Officer has been assigned to the village

Mr N Eveleigh suggested placing an article in the Parish Magazine regarding con men in the area.

Mr L Gosbee reported that he had heard on the radio that John Prescott has cancelled all local elections that were due to be held next year.

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

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 15th March 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr N Eveleigh, Mr L Gosbee and Mrs J Croucher.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Page 1254 Finance, Mrs D A Jenkins Expenses was changed from £6 to £3, as the total cheque, including salary, was written for the sum of £196.49 when it should have been £199.49. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr S Jenner agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Pork Pie Farm:

Nothing further heard.

Speedwatch:

The Chairman has not yet received the equipment from PC Peter Vaughan.

Village Website:

The Chairman has met with Mr Mike Cooper and Mr James Tuke and matters are in hand. There are restricted parameters to overcome as it is a KCC site. However, it is hoped that this won't be a problem. Mr Mike Fitzgerald has offered to add and update the diary on the site.

Grounds Maintenance:

The play equipment has been erected and is in use.

Road Report:

The signs in Mill Lane have been moved. Mr S Jenner is to chase Highways regarding the missing no through road signs at Bubhurst Lane.

Providence Chapel:

The Chairman confirmed he had written to the owner as agreed. The property has now sold.

Affordable Housing:

Following the letter received from Action with Communities in Rural Kent, the Chairman has arranged for Jennifer Shaw to attend the next Parish Council meeting to help implement a housing survey in the village.

Correspondence:

The Chairman has written to HWH in support of Brenchley PC but has not yet received a reply.

4. VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Mrs J Sims registered an interest and took no part in the discussions.

The Chairman had placed an article in the village magazine regarding the possible closure of the shop and only one person had contacted him with any comments. Mr Mike Fitzgerald sent the Chairman an e-mail suggesting a number of ideas to keep the shop open. One suggestion was that the new owners of the pub, who take over on the 1st April 2006, Shaun and Rosie Croucher, be approached. The Chairman stated that Post Office Counters are concerned that the village doesn't lose the post office and have met with him offering to send a travelling Post Master to the village if premises can be found to work from. The Chairman thought perhaps the pub or the village hall would be appropriate. If the pub were possible an internet café might also be an idea with people able to purchase tea and coffee whilst using a computer, installed by the Parish Council, to order groceries on line. The school would also welcome anyone wanting to use their computers, where staff is available to help use them. The school could also be used after the children have left. It was felt that the first choice for a Post Office would be the pub followed by the Memorial Hall.

Mr Fitzgerald also suggested that the large supermarkets be approached to run a mini supermarket in the village. The Chairman thought the premises is probably too small for a large supermarket to be interested. However, he will write to them.

The Chairman is to place a further article in the next issue of the Parish Magazine and any ideas in the meantime are most welcome.

5. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman reported that the pot holes in Biddenden Road, recently filled, have eroded and need filling again. The road desperately needs resurfacing as is in an appalling condition. The new Highways Officer, who has replaced Richard Emmett, is due to meet with Mr H Lilley and Mr S Jenner. The replacement of the village gateway signs is imminent.

6. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/00561: New roof lantern, internal and external alterations; external landscaping, refurbished retaining walls, paving, new terracing and stone balustrading at Commenden Manor, Camden Hill, Sissinghurst.

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval, and to accept an Officer Decision.

TW/06/00590: Two semi detached cottages at Lakeside Farm, The Street, Frittenden.

This application has been re-submitted; reference TW/06/00590, as previously it didn't go to Committee as requested due to timing. Mr Lee spoke at the meeting stating that although the proposal is just outside the limits to build, in two places it does adjoin it, he feels that it is a reasonable application.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to further land being released to build two exceptional needs affordable houses, and to go to a Committee Decision.

TW/06/00611: Variation of Condition 2 of TW/05/00428 – No development shall be carried out within Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 at Park Farm House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

An objection by the neighbours has been submitted. Mr Gill spoke at the meeting explaining why and where he wished to erect the shed and greenhouse.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval and to accept an Officer decision.

Decisions:

TW/05/03352: Entrance porch at 2 Coach Gate Cottages, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/00050: Article 10 Consultation – Permission to hold an event with English National Orchestra and flying to music on 12 August 2006 (in accordance with Condition 9 of MA/77/1559 refers) at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn.

No Objection.

TW/06/00069: Change of use and conversion of barn to tourist accommodation with parking facilities at Great Water Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/00317: Two storey extension at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

Correspondence:

There was none.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Draft Economic Strategy 2006/07 Consultation - HL
Housing Needs Survey Final Report 2005 – HL
Affordable Housing on Exception Needs Sites – HL
Review of ICT Strategy – HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Notification of next Local Board meeting 27/04/06
Kent Trails magazine

Kent Highways:

Notification of road works – SJ

Kent Police:

Parish Forum meeting date change – HL
Area restructuring

Ashford BC:

Statement of Community Involvement submitted version - CH

KAPC:

Agenda re Area Committee 15/03/06
Minutes of meeting 7/12/05
Playing Fields Association newsletter - LG

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Survey re Service Review 2006 – Clerk

Staplehurst PC:

Donation request re Skate Park – Clerk to reply

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS:

Trust News – JS

Hospice in the Weald:

News – JS

NALC:

Local Council Review

8. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr S Jenner, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mr M Ashbee.....	£80.00
Mr L Gosbee.....	£45.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£105.91
Expenses	£3.05

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman has written to the Planning Inspectorate along the same lines as before regarding the appeal at The Hatchin' Tan.

Following the siting of caravans on a piece of land recently purchased at Parkwood Lane, on the Frittenden border, the Chairman has spoken to both Staplehurst PC and Maidstone BC, the latter who have issued an Enforcement Notice. This has been appealed by the owners of the land. The Chairman has written to the Planning Inspectorate in support of Maidstone BC, and has enlisted the support of Tunbridge Wells BC who have also written backing Maidstone BC.

A piece of land south of The Twins on the Staplehurst Road is up for auction and should be monitored closely.

Mr C Highwood commented that there had recently been a Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee meeting, which he had been unable to attend. However, Mr James Tuke, who did attend reported back to him that all was quiet and there was nothing to comment on.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 12th April 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk). Jennifer Shaw, Rural Housing Enabler with Action with Communities in Rural Kent, and Jenny Hudson, Affordable Housing Officer with TWBC.

The Chairman welcomed Jennifer Shaw and Jenny Hudson to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr L Gosbee.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Hatchin' Tan:

The Chairman has received the applicants appeal deposition. Mr A Bringloe, TWBC Planning Officer, believes the case will probably be heard at the end of July. At this point it is not known whether this will involve a full public enquiry.

Speedwatch:

Due to personal commitments the Chairman has not yet taken possession of the speedwatch equipment from PC Vaughan. When this does happen a few volunteers are necessary to carry out the procedure in Cranbrook Road and Biddenden Road.

Village Website:

Mr James Tuke has received the recent changes from KCC regarding the layout of the site. The updating of Parish information is imminent.

Play Equipment:

The Chairman attended the official opening of the school play equipment which has proved extremely successful. This was purchased due to the generosity of the late Win Sharp, and sponsorship from Woolworths. After school hours the equipment is open for use by all children.

Road Report:

The Chairman and Mr S Jenner had been due to meet the new Highways representative for this area, but due to her illness this has had to be rescheduled. Mr S Jenner reported that KCC do not have any 'No Through Road' signs available to erect at Bubhurst Lane, and there isn't any funding to produce new signs.

Mr C Highwood commented on the decimated grass island where Bubhurst Lane meets Biddenden Road and asked if something could be done. This will be discussed at the meeting with Highways.

Village Shop:

The Chairman confirmed that he had written to the large supermarkets regarding running the shop. As yet no replies have been received. The pub is due to change hands tomorrow. The Chairman will approach the new owners about operating a post office from the premises as well as having a computer on site for villagers to order shopping on line.

Parkwood Lane:

The Chairman has received a letter from Maidstone Borough Council stating that they have appealed against the unauthorised traveller's site. The applicant is claiming that a field entrance already existed at the site. Local knowledge is needed to confirm whether or not this is true. MBC is pushing for a full public enquiry regarding the appeal.

4. HOUSING SURVEY

The Chairman welcomed Jennifer Shaw from Working with Communities in Rural Kent and Jenny Hudson from TWBC before reporting that the last housing survey in Frittenden took place in 1989. Following this the four houses for rent at the Orchards were built in 1996 and have been a great success.

Jennifer Shaw explained that as Rural Housing Enabler she could provide support to the Parish Council if they decided a survey is necessary to provide housing for people with a strong connection to the village. Jenny Hudson reported that TWBC had adopted the process of a Housing Needs Survey in the Local Plan and that when this had been executed by their consultants a need in Frittenden had not been highlighted. However, she did concede that only a sample of residents had been contacted and therefore if the Parish Council requested a survey TWBC would bring Frittenden forward in the schedule. Jenny Hudson stated that if a need was confirmed then TWBC planning department would be consulted at a very early stage.

The Chairman stated that no social housing is currently available in the village and the cheapest properties to buy start at around £250k, which is out of reach of many first time buyers. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council carry out housing needs survey.

Where the houses would be built and whether they would all be for rent or part shared ownership are items to be discussed further on in the process. Sample letters of surveys carried out by other parishes were distributed. The Chairman is to draft a Parish Council headed letter for the residents of Frittenden. It was agreed that Jennifer Shaw will colour code the survey so that the residents at Knoxbridge can be identified separately to those of the village. These need to be distributed to every house in the Parish, without exception, by volunteers. The Chairman is to confirm the number of households. A Freepost envelope addressed to Action with Communities in Rural Kent will be supplied with the survey. It is proposed that the survey will be ready to send out in mid June. An article regarding the survey is to be placed in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

Once the returns have been received the data will be analysed and a letter will be written to the Parish Council. This will be followed up by a further meeting with Jennifer Shaw and Jenny Hudson to see where next to proceed. The Chairman thanked Jennifer Shaw and Jenny Hudson for attending the meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Apologies for Absence
Minutes of the previous APA
Matters arising from those Minutes
To receive the Accounts of the Charities
Chairman's Report
Housing Survey
Village Shop
Community Warden?
Any Other Business.

The Chairman will speak to the Community Warden to see if she will speak at the meeting, and place a piece in the Parish Magazine advertising the APA.

6. ROAD REPORT

Nothing to report.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/00764: Proposed extensions at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs J Sims and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the proposal is much too large, is an over intensification of the site and changes the character of the building completely. (Committee Decision)

TW/06/00791: LBC: Form doorway through wall of existing lounge and erection of conservatory at Well House, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

Decisions:

TW/06/00240: LBC: Erect conservatory and form new doorway through lounge wall at Well House, The Street, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

TW/06/00327: Temporary siting (18 months) of mobile home at Haffenden Farmhouse, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/00480: Article 10 Consultation: installation of a 22.5m high lattice telecommunications tower with three antennas, one 300mm dish antenna and equipment housing, and hard standing at OS Plot 8828, Bell Lane Biddenden.

TWBC - Objection.

TW/06/00611: Retrospective: Garden shed and rainwater collection tank at Park Farm House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/00730: Article 10 Consultation: Erection of a two storey side extension and porch at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden.

TWBC - No Objection.

Correspondence:

There was none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had received a letter from Castlefields regarding a tenant, cutting stone, at the Brickworks site working outside the permitted hours. Mr H Lilley has contacted TWBC, who will investigate, and the owners of the site who have spoken to the tenant. The Chairman will speak to Mr D Holland at TWBC when he returns to work, as this may constitute a change in use.

TWBC:

Local Plan 2006 adoption
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

TryAngle award nomination forms
Licence re tables & chairs on highways – LG

Changes to Parish website template

Local Board agenda 27/4

Minutes of Previous Local Board meeting 8/2 – HL

MBC:

Local Development framework adoption – CH
Statement of Community Involvement adoption – CH
Affordable Housing development plan – CH

Kent Highways:

Street lighting maintenance offer
Rocks Hill speed limit change proposal – HL

Kent Police:

Confirmation of Kent Force to remain as now
Parish Forum invitation 26/4 – HL

KAPC:

Clerks Information day
Rural Revival grants leaflet
Kent Community Foundation funding leaflet
Clerks training bursary scheme
Parish News

Audit Commission:

Notice of audit for 19/6

DEFRA:

Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005

Kenward Trust:

Donation request

9. FINANCE

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

Allianz Cornhill.....	£826.45
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
KAPC.....	£265.73
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£103.87
Expenses	£12.00

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr N Evelegh informed the members that he is currently in the process of selling his house and is due to move at the beginning of August.

Mrs J Sims has agreed a sale on her house and is also moving imminently.

Mr S Jenner said that he too is hoping to sell and move in the near future.

Mr C Highwood reported that the 8 1/2 acres of land at Sinkhurst Green has been purchased by a group of village people. An idea mooted by them is to build a day care nursery on the site, which has D1 classification, for 30 children, and equestrian facilities. A planning application will be submitted in due course. A neighbour living opposite has raised his concern over roof height, but the immediate neighbour to the site has no objections to these ideas.

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 10th May 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs J Sims who arrived at the meeting late due to work commitments.

2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr C Highwood thanked Mr H Lilley for his past years work and proposed that Mr Lilley be re-elected as Chairman for a further year if he is willing. This was seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously. Mr H Lilley thanked Mr C Highwood and the other Councillors for their support, but stated that this year would be the last term of office that he would serve on the Parish Council.

3. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr H Lilley proposed that Mr C Highwood be re-elected as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously. Mr L Gosbee abstained having not been present at the April Meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Hatchin' Tan:

Nothing further heard.

Speedwatch:

Mr H Lilley to liaise with PC Vaughan.

Village Website:

Mr James Tuke has updated the website to include the history of the village and the diary of events.

Road Report:

Mr H Lilley has chased the no through road sign still missing at Bubhurst Lane with Highways, who are investigating a replacement. It has been confirmed that there is no funding to resurface Biddenden Road this financial year. However, the Chairman has persuaded Highways to carry out major repairs and patching where necessary. The road will need to be closed while the work is carried out. A notice to this effect takes six weeks to obtain. It is hoped the work will be completed by the end of July.

Mr L Gosbee asked if the ruts caused by the vehicle clearing the ditches outside the cemetery can be rectified. Mr S Jenner is to contact Highways.

The Clerk is to contact Ashford Borough Council regarding the appalling road conditions on the Biddenden side of Buckhurst Bridge.

Mr S Jenner asked if any progress had been made with modifications to the crossroads in the centre of the village. The Chairman is still hoping to have a meeting with the new area representative from Highways when he will enquire about this along with the timescale for erecting the new Gateway signs.

Village Shop:

The Clerk has received a letter from the Post Office confirming that Frittenden branch will close on 22nd May 2006. The Chairman reported that Frittenden has been asked by the Post Office to pilot a new scheme, to run a limited service from the village pub to be a sub branch of a nearby post office. The new tenants of the pub have kindly agreed to this. However, it will have to be agreed by the landlord, and will not come into operation until the end of June. As it is a pilot scheme, press coverage should be forthcoming which could also be advantageous for the pubs new tenants.

The Chairman is hopeful that there will be some retail presence in the village after Mac closes the shop. However, if this fails to be the case then some provision needs to be made to cater for pensioners living in the village.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will support the new tenants of the pub however they can. The Chairman is very grateful to them for agreeing to house a post office in the pub.

Parkwood Lane:

A number of residents have come forward, and are willing to testify, that an entrance into the field did not previously exist.

Housing Survey:

The Chairman has drafted a letter and agreed a format with Working with Communities in Rural Kent to be sent to all 307 households in Frittenden. Volunteers are needed to deliver these this month for residents to return them by 30th June 2006. The Housing Survey is on the agenda to be discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly next week. Assuming there is a demand for social housing it is hoped that somebody in the village will offer a piece of land for building. This would then have to be agreed by the Planners

Items for the Annual Parish Assembly:

The Chairman confirmed he has placed notices around the village advertising the meeting.

6. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2006

The Clerk reported that she had completed the accounts for the year end ready for audit. A copy of Receipts and Payments was passed to all members. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to approve the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2006 along with the Statement of Assurance for these accounts. The Chairman signed the accounts which are now to be passed to Mr B Millard for internal auditing.

7. VILLAGE EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The Chairman has received a copy of an indemnity form from Jeremy Beech, along with the hire charges, to be signed by all persons hiring the equipment from the Parish Council. Home Front Recall have kindly agreed the format of the indemnity and set hire charges on behalf of the Parish Council. Slight refinements are needed on the charges form i.e. how long the equipment is hired for, and what happens if the marquees are wet when dismantled etc. The Chairman will discuss this with HFR. It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr S Jenner and agreed unanimously to agree the charges for hiring the equipment. See attached schedules.

Mr S Jenner asked if it is possible for another Parish to hire the equipment. The Chairman saw no reason why not as long as it is to an organisation and not an individual. This would have to be agreed by HFR. Any Frittenden events would take priority.

8. ROAD REPORT

Nothing to report.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/01022: Alterations to four flat roofs on main house at Jessamine House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

The Chairman had received this application too late to make any comment.

TW/06/01115: Vehicular access with car parking and turning area at 2 Weald View, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Mrs J Croucher declared an interest and did not vote.

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

Decisions:

TW/06/00590: Two semi detached cottages at Lakeside Farm, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/06/00791: LBC: Form doorway through wall of existing lounge and erection of conservatory at Well House, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

Correspondence:

There was none.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Multi-Sport Easter Activities letter of thanks
Summer Holiday Activities venue hire request – Clerk to confirm and request KCC Landscape Services
Cut grass beforehand

Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Trading Standards e-mail notification
Parish Council news

Ashford Borough Council:

Ashford Town Centre improvements submission plan

MBC:

Consultation paper re sustainable construction planning document
On line future document form

Kent Highways:

A274 reconditioning scheme

KAPC:

March Minutes
Chairmanship training day
Parish News

ODPM:

Byelaws discussion paper

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 14th June 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Evelegh, Cllr Roger Manning and Cllr John Smith.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Hatchin' Tan:

The owners of the land moved their caravans onto the site on Friday and Saturday, claiming this is their only abode. The Chairman has e-mailed TWBC who say until the appeal is heard on 13th July they are powerless to act. The Enforcement Officer has visited the site as rubble is being moved around the site creating roadways and hard standing, and digging for drainage has begun. The Chairman has spoken to the Forestry Commission who also claims they are unable to do anything. With the approval of the Parish Council the Chairman is to write to the Planning Office to try and get a Stop Notice served.

It was noted there is a possibility of Mr Redford moving back to a small parcel of land in the vicinity.

Road Report:

Biddenden Road was closed recently whilst patching of the worst holes took place.

The Chairman has spoken to Highways regarding the missing sign at Bubhurst Lane, and has involved Cllr Roger Manning, as he was told there is no funding to replace it and the Parish Council is not allowed to pay for a new one.

Village Shop:

The shop has now closed. Depending on the necessary technology it is hoped the Post Office will re-open in the pub on 29th June. The Chairman will place an article in the Parish Magazine informing people that the new landlords have volunteered to carry out this service for the good of the village and the residents should appreciate this when they are busy serving behind the bar.

A planning application for a possible site for a village store is imminent.

Village Equipment:

The Chairman reported that the trailers housing the marquees now have a new permanent home. The equipment has already been hired out and a new account is to be opened at the bank for depositing the income received relating to this. The next definite booking is in September.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parish Field was cut a few days after the meeting. Mr L Gosbee noted that the grass under the willow tree is not cut. The Clerk is to contact Landscape Services.

The Chairman has been to the school where parking is still chaos although it was noted that since the closure of the shop parking at the crossroads has improved. Annie Bull had rung Mr H Lilley regarding a surplus of road chippings and rubble at the school. With his permission she used this to fill in the holes on the drive at the entrance to the field. This was much appreciated.

Mrs J Croucher asked if the safety surface in the children's play area could be cleaned as it is slippery. Mr S Jenner is to experiment on one tile using a cleaning fluid he has. If it is successful the whole area can be cleaned.

5. HOUSING SURVEY

Councillors and volunteers have been delivering the survey to all householders in the village. It is hoped everyone will have received a copy within the next week. Residents have until the end of the month to return the form. The next stage is to find a suitable piece of land. This is one of the questions in the survey.

6. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman has spoken to Highways regarding the holes in the road at Satins Hill.

Mr S Jenner asked if anything further had been heard regarding the improvements at the crossroads. The Chairman hasn't yet had his meeting with the Highways representative for this area to discuss this.

The Clerk has spoken to Highways regarding the poor condition of the road on the Biddenden side of Buckhurst Bridge.

It was noted that a new advertising sign had been erected at the junction of Staplehurst and Headcorn Road for which no planning permission had been received.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/01661: Demolition of Hoppers huts and erect new tractor/implement store building at Great Water Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr C Highwood and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection on the condition that a written agreement is entered into that states the building remains for agricultural, and not residential, use only.

TW/06/01699: First floor extension to side and rear and conservatory to rear at 1 West Lodge, Commenden Manor, Camden Hill, Sissinghurst.

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

Decisions:

TW/06/01022: Alterations to four flat roofs on main house at Jessamine House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

There was none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Confirmation of venue hire re summer activities
Community Plan website address
Twinning & Friendship Assoc. concert
Plastics recycling centres

Parish Chairman Liaison meeting 20/6 – HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:
Minerals Development Framework papers
Small Community Capital Projects grants – HL
Local Board meeting 4/7
Kent & Medway Structure Plan adoption notice

Kent Highways:
Meeting re current changes 26/6 - HL

KAPC:
March Minutes & Agenda 7/6 meeting
Executive Committee meeting minutes 22/4
Playing Field magazine – LG
Charges re pavement licences

Kent Police:
Update re restructuring – HL

CAB:
Annual Report 2005/6

Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital:
Newsletter

Charter 88:
Campaign for a modern democracy

Hawkhurst PC:
Copy letter to TWBC re Cranbrook Council Offices

Town & Country Homecare:
Request for pop link to FPC website

9. FINANCE

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

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£15.65
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£22.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£148.68
Expenses	£6.40
Mr B Millard.....	£50.00

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher had been asked by a resident if it is possible to have proper goal posts and nets on the Parish Field. Mr L Gosbee has asked the Sports & Social Club previously for a contribution towards nets to no avail. As the Parish Council paid for the nets previously, which were then vandalised, they would be unwilling to do so again without financial support from the Sports & Social Club who they hope would then take responsibility for them.

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

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Manor Way Cottage, Frittenden on Tuesday 27th June 2006 at 7.00pm.

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 Eveleigh, Mr S Jenner & Mrs J Croucher.

2. BREACHES OF PLANNING CONTROL IN GRANDSHORE LANE

The Chairman explained to members that his efforts to persuade TWBC to take decisive action regarding the developments at "Hatchin Tan" had not so far, met with success. He read out recent e-mails on the subject and declared that in his opinion TWBC were unlikely even at this late stage to try to stop the development before the Planning Appeal was heard next month.

He then read out the following resolution that he was proposing:-

Following fifteen years of procrastination and lack of effective action by TWBC regarding breaches of planning control in Grandshore Lane Frittenden, at Pork Pie Farm and Eleven Acre Wood, including the more recently named Hatchin Tan site, Frittenden Parish Council declares that it has no confidence in TWBC to uphold the law and protect the interests of the residents that it is supposed to serve.

Frittenden Parish Council authorises its Chairman to produce a statement of the facts of the case from Council records and to present details of the case, claiming maladministration by TWBC to the Audit Commission, the Local Government Ombudsman our Member of Parliament and the press.

This was seconded by Mr Colin Highwood and agreed unanimously. The Chairman stated that he had received confirmation from the 3 members absent from this meeting that they had read the wording of the resolution and were in agreement with it.

The Chairman then read out a Press Release that he had prepared and said that he would immediately release it, as well as informing the Leader, Chief Executive and Local Borough Councillor of the agreed resolution.

3. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/01692: Listed Building Consent: Roof repairs to Kent Peg roof tiles and joinery repairs to windows at Frittenden C of E Primary School, The Street, Frittenden.

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

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

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 12th July 2006 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr C Highwood (Vice-Chairman)
Mr N Evelegh
Mrs J Croucher
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs J Sims (arrived later in the meeting)

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr S Jenner.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Road Report:

Biddenden Road has been repaired to a degree.

Following the Chairman erecting a 'No Through Road' sign that he had commissioned, at Bubhurst Lane, which made the front page of the local paper, Highways have contacted him admonishing his actions. However, the sign has not been removed by them. It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to reimburse Mr H Lilley the sum of £25 for the cost of the sign. On the back of these events the Chairman did manage to get the holes on the Cranbrook Road filled without further ado.

The Chairman has spoken to the person who was responsible for Tunbridge Wells area but is now working in Sheppey, but still organising the Gateway signs. It is not known when these will be erected. A Highways representative needs to be contacted regarding the different coloured surface at the crossroads. Since the changes at Highways it has been difficult to speak to anybody about these matters.

The sign advertising Iden Croft Herbs must have been erected by KCC with probably a contribution made by the proprietor. Planning is not needed for tourist signs.

Village Shop:

A planning application has been received to be discussed later in the meeting. The Post Office is now up and running in the pub, which seems to be thriving.

Village Equipment:

A permanent safe place to store the equipment has been found. So far two chargeable hiring's have been made. The Chairman proposed that a new account at HSBC should be opened for the deposit of these funds which will be used to replace the equipment when necessary. This was seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously. Congratulations were given to all the helpers who erect the tents when needed.

Housing Survey:

The timescale for the return of the survey has been extended due to some households receiving it late or not at all. The number crunching is due to start on 17th July. Any survey received after this date will still be included.

4. GRANDSHORE LANE

The Chairman reported that this item was on the front page of the Courier, but page 12 of the KM. The KM reporter will be attending the Planning Enquiry tomorrow. The Chairman has written letters of complaint regarding TWBC lack of action to various sources including the Ombudsman, who replied complaints cannot be received from Parish Councils only individuals, the Chairman then made the complaint directly from himself on the PC's behalf, and the Audit Commission who suggested contacting the Ombudsman. The Chairman has today spoken to the local Auditor, as TWBC have been condemned as a weak council regarding planning, who will bring it to the attention of the Auditor who is the overseer of TWBC. Ann Widdecombes secretary has also been contacted who believes that Ms Widdecombe would be interested in helping. The ODPM were also contacted and are forwarding the complaint to TWBC!

Melvyn Howell, Leader of TWBC suggested Mr H Lilley meeting with himself, Louis Howell, Head of Legal Services and Alan Bringloe, Planning Officer on 7/7. However, although the Chairman was unable to attend on this date he also felt a meeting would be fruitless. A reply to an e-mail the Chairman sent to TWBC stated there is nothing they can do to stop further development on the site. It was agreed by all that the Chairman should pursue this complaint until a satisfactory result has been received.

5. PLANNING ENQUIRY

This will take place at 10.00am at Cranbrook Council offices. Some Frittenden residents are planning to attend and will be able to speak, although the Chairman urged them to do so only with new points and not repetitions of each other. Public interest is most welcome. The hearing is informal where the major points of disagreement are highlighted and discussed around a table led by the Inspector. The Chairman is hopeful the Parish Council will win, but if they don't it won't be for want of trying. The Chairman was thanked by his fellow Councillors for all the work he has put into his defence of this enquiry.

6. PARKING

Following a head on crash outside Weaversden on the Biddenden Road recently the Chairman has written to all the residents asking them not to park on the bend because of the danger it imposes. It was suggested they park on the wide grass verge beyond The Orchards. One reply was received complaining about speeding on the road, which has been reduced to a 30mph limit from 40mph recently. Two residents continued parking as before. The Chairman placed notices on their cars and also involved the police. If cars are seen obstructing the pavement they will be asked to move. Mr L Gosbee asked if hardcore could be laid on the verge as the grass gets boggy in the winter. The Chairman was reluctant to use tax payer's money for this but it could be a possibility if the hardcore is free.

7. ROAD REPORT

None.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/01629: LBC – Roof repairs to Kent peg roof tiles and joinery repairs to windows at Frittenden C of E Primary School, The Street, Frittenden.

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

TW/06/01602: Change of use from office/store room to shop at Acorns, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

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

TW/06/01937: Two bay domestic garage at Park Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden

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

TW/06/01957: Conversion of Hopper Hut to holiday accommodation at Ayleswade Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden.

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

MA/06/1168: Amendment or renewal of condition. Variation of condition 3 of planning permission granted by the Secretary of State on 29th November 1977 to limit night time aircraft landing and takeoffs at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn, Ashford.

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

Decisions:

TW/06/00764: Proposed extensions at Cresslands Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/01661: Demolition of Hopper Huts and erect new tractor/implement store building at Great Water Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/01667: Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed) – Two bay domestic garage on site of former bin store at Park Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused. Planning Permission is necessary.

Correspondence:

TWBC-Review of Development Control: Following a review by Consultants on instruction from the Interim Chief Executive TWBC is removing the right to request referrals of planning applications to Committee. A meeting is to be held on 19th July between the Parish Council's and the Borough Council to discuss this. The Chairman is to attend. It was agreed that the Parish Council are not happy with this recommendation and Mr H Lilley will register a protest.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document
Draft Statement of Licensing Policy fro Gambling Act 2005
Multi Sport posters – notice board
Housing Forum Invitation – 20/7

Review of Development Control – Planning Services
Tree Officer Invitation to attend PC Meeting
Partnership at Weald Information Centre
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Kent Design Guide request form
NHS Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20/7
Towards 2010 Consultation Document
Kent & Medway Structure Plan 2006 Adoption

Kent Police:

Parish Forum 12/7
West Weald Watch e-mail service – notice board

KAPC:

Minutes 7/6 meeting
Parish News

Kent Car Share leaflets
Transport News
Councillors Information Day 22/7
Kent Volunteers Award leaflet
Standards Board Code of Conduct information sheet

NALC:
Local Council Review

Royal Mail:
Changes re charges to post
Notification of re-opening of Frittenden PO

10. FINANCE

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

Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc.....	£39.50
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£12.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£100.00
Mr H Lilley.....	£25.00

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that he has spoken to PC Vaughan regarding the use of the Speedwatch equipment and is to meet with him next week to take possession. Volunteers are needed to man the equipment; Mr N Eveleigh, Mr L Gosbee and Mrs J Sims offered to help. It was noted that Staplehurst PC are buying the Speedwatch package and it may be that Frittenden PC could have use of it on occasion.

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

- the application for the propeller turbine is still outstanding
- the lions are back at Marley Farm along with leopards and cheetahs being only 1600yds from the parachute drop zone, discussions are ongoing.
- the noisy aerobatic aircraft is still in Spain.
- a complaint was received due to 2 misplaced aircraft, which were warned for being off course

Mrs J Croucher stated that Cranbrook PC has just received its Quality status and if necessary could Clerk for Frittenden PC as well as Cranbrook when the current Clerk retires next year. A number of Councillors are also retiring or leaving the Parish and there only be two people left with any experience of running a Parish Council.

Mr L Gosbee reported on the meeting he recently attended at Staplehurst PC regarding the new Doctors Practice to be built on land at the Primary School. This was originally for the three Doctors currently working from Rose Cottage practice, and would employ a further two Doctors. However, Dr Guelders practice has now closed with 2000 more patients wanting to transfer to the new surgery. Discussions are ongoing regarding using Locum Doctors rather than the Doctors from Rose Cottage at the new surgery, which will also cater for private patients. Mr L Gosbee stated that a rapport with a Doctor is absolutely necessary for those with ongoing illnesses. A further meeting is to take place on 21/7 with Mr Bill Miller, Primary Care Officer and Staplehurst Parish Council, who have not yet gone public with the latest news. It was also reported that the new car park will have spaces for 20 staff and 17 for patients.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.52pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 9th August 2006 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr H Lilley (Chairman)
Mr N Eveleigh
Mr S Jenner
Mrs J Croucher
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

Nothing further has been heard regarding the planning application. Mac Mehrabian is currently making repairs to the former village shop, which could still be sold as a store.

Village Equipment:

The Clerk is in the process of opening a new bank account for the monies received for hiring the equipment. The BBQ has been hired twice recently with more bookings having been made over the next month.

Parking:

This has seen an improvement since the Chairman spoke to the residents. Posts are to be erected on the bend at Weaversden.

Speedwatch:

The Chairman has taken possession of the equipment. He spent a couple of hours the day before the end of term monitoring traffic on the Cranbrook Road. Only two cars were in excess of 40mph. The signs did slow the traffic down. The equipment will not have to be returned for another couple of weeks so another speed check can take place. Staplehurst Parish Council has purchased speedwatch for themselves but it may be possible for Frittenden to hire it for a small donation.

Cranbrook PC Quality Status:

The Chairman has spoken to the Clerk at Cranbrook with respect to their recent attainment, and the possibility of performing the duties of Clerk to Frittenden. The Chairman feels that this should be a decision for the new Chairman and Council, but that all options should be offered to them when the time comes.

Staplehurst Surgery:

Mr L Gosbee attended the latest meeting at which Bill Millar, Director of Primary Care, was present. A formal tendering process is imminent. A further consultation meeting between Staplehurst and Frittenden Parish Councils and the local community is due in September.

4. PLANNING ENQUIRIES

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended the Hatchin' Tan appeal which went very well. The Chairman had been informed at the last minute of a recent precedent in Smarden which he handed to TWBC to present. The Chairman spoke at the afternoon session and was given a fair hearing. It was generally felt that Mr H Lilley won his argument. A decision on the appeal is imminent.

A reply was finally received from Lois Howell yesterday, in reply to the Chairman's request for an answer to why a temporary stop notice was not issued at the Hatchin' Tan, which basically said TWBC could have issued a notice but didn't. The Chairman will continue his battle with the various Audit Commission and Ombudsman to hold TWBC to account for their lack of action.

The Chairman also attended the formal hearing at Maidstone Borough Council regarding the appeal at Perfect Place, where he gave evidence under oath in relation to the gateway entrance into the field and flooding at the site. The evidence against the appeal was very strong in this case as the appellant has used the same tactics previously. Mr Chris Thurlow, Enforcement Officer at Maidstone Borough Council, is determined to squash this type of behaviour. A decision is currently awaited.

5. HOUSING SURVEY

The Chairman has received the interim results which show a requirement for seven houses. A response of 25% has been received which is in the upper echelons of returned surveys. Of these 95% are in favour of building further social housing in the village. The representatives from Action with Communities in Rural Kent have been asked to attend the next meeting. In the meantime the Chairman is to speak informally with a couple of landowners in the village to see what opportunities are available at this time. Informal talks with local residents will take place once a site is found. Advice will be taken from both Action with Communities in Rural Kent and TWBC regarding possible land. A public meeting will also be called before plans are formalised. The ideal would be to have two sites in the village each accommodating four houses.

6. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman has spoken to Richard Emmett today who believes the gateway signs should be installed soon. However, he is not hopeful of the coloured road surface at the crossroads being laid. Mr H Lilley will continue trying for the improvements promised.

Mr L Gosbee asked if the damaged salt bin on the Biddenden Road will be replaced. The Chairman has reported this but doesn't know when anything will happen.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/02129: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two storey extension; detached garage at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed by three votes, with two votes against, to make No Comment.

TW/06/02133: LBC: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two storey extension; detached garage at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed by three votes, with two votes against, to make No Comment.

Decisions:

TW/06/01692: LBC: Roof repairs to Kent peg roof tiles and joinery repairs to windows at Frittenden C of E Primary School, The Street, Frittenden.

Consent Granted.

Correspondence:

The Chairman attended the meeting on 19th July 2006 regarding the changes to the planning system. The option to refer an application to committee has been withdrawn by TWBC supposedly to give everybody the same rights, as not all areas of the Borough are parished. It was agreed the Chairman should place an article in the Parish Magazine informing residents that if the Planning Officer disagrees with the Parish Councils recommendation their application can no longer be referred to committee for an opinion. The Chairman will also write to TWBC asking why applications continue to be sent to Parish Councils if TWBC are unwilling to listen to advice given by local by elected councillors.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Overview & Scrutiny Review of Parish experiences of Housing Associations – Clerk to respond
Promotion of Government Surveys
Exempt Information rules at meetings – HL
Review/Revision of Parish Charter
Housing Strategy Consultation on line
Design & Access Statement
Sport Development newsletter – JC
Local Plan 2006 - HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Kent Design Guide – HL
Kent Waste Development Framework notice
KCC Annual Plan 2006/07 – NE
Kent Trails magazine

Kent Police:

Summary of Policing Plan - HL

Maidstone Weald NHS:

Staplehurst Health Service press release

Hospice in the Weald:

Newsletter

Kent Fire & Rescue Service:

Performance Plan available online

Post Office:

Search for best nominations

9. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed and was deemed satisfactory. The statement of accounts and notice of completion are to be placed on the notice board.

A donation for the sum of £300 had been received from Mr L Gosbee following a boot sale. Mr L Gosbee was thanked for his generosity. The clerk is to deposit the cheque.

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

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Kent County Council (KCS).....	£392.23
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£131.81

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee asked when next the verges will be cut. This was last done in May. The Clerk is to investigate.

Mr N Evelegh confirmed he will unable to attend the next meeting.

Mr S Jenner asked if the Parish Council should invest in a fire extinguisher to go with the equipment for hire. The Chairman is to follow this up. Mr Jenner also informed the meeting that he moves with his family to America on 2nd October 2006.

Mrs J Croucher commented that the paddock hedge is in need of a cut. Mr L Gosbee is to speak to Mr Palmer regarding this.

Mr H Lilley and Mrs J Croucher both informed the Parish Council that they will not be available for the October meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.57pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 13th September 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr N Evelegh 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 L Gosbee and agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

Planning has now been granted.

Village Equipment:

The expected tent hires were unfortunately cancelled. However there has been one hiring of the BBQ.

Parking:

The Chairman placed an article in the Parish Magazine regarding parking at the crossroads. Mrs J Croucher felt the garage was responsible for much of this as cars they are servicing are parked on both sides of the road up to the crossroads. The Chairman has spoken to the owner of the garage about this. The houses on the junction are also causing an obstruction by parking on the road rather than on their drives. Janet Greenroyd has spoken to the residents. This will be monitored.

Speedwatch:

The Chairman is still in possession of the equipment but has been unable to carry out a further check to date. Mr L Gosbee felt the junction with Sand Lane and Biddenden Road would be a good place to have a speed check.

Cranbrook PC:

The Chairman is to speak to Cranbrook Clerk between now and the end of the year regarding them carrying out the Clerks duties for Frittenden, although ultimately this should be the decision of the new Council. Mrs J Croucher reported that the Clerk herself is probably too busy but her assistant may be able to perform this role.

Staplehurst Surgery:

Mr L Gosbee reported that a closed meeting is to be held that both Frittenden and Staplehurst PC are invited to attend. However, the longer uncertainties with the practice continue the less chance there is of the current doctors staying.

Planning Enquiries:

A decision has not yet been received on The Hatchin' Tan which the Chairman had been told would be made within eight weeks. Following a telephone call he has now been told eleven weeks is the target for an appeal decision.

A decision has also not yet been received on Perfect Place.

The Chairman updated the Councillors on his battle to hold TWBC accountable for their lack of action regarding the developments at Grandshore Lane. A reply has now been received from the Audit Commission who stated that the complaint is outside their remit so they are unable to do anything. The Ombudsman is currently investigating the complaint but has also said it may be on the edge of their limits to act. Sue Payne is the investigator assigned to this case. The Chairman has not received a response from Ann Widdecombe MP.

Housing Survey:

The Chairman has spoken to Tessa O'Sullivan who is dealing with the survey. Ms O'Sullivan was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be invited to attend the October meeting which is to be rescheduled to the 18th October due to some members being unavailable for the 11th. The Chairman has received a draft copy of the survey and has asked for a further eight copies.

The Chairman feels that although three members have now moved away from the village, two of these have agreed to attend meetings if and when possible and that the Council should continue until next May as it is. This was agreed as both the expense and time it would cost to hold an election or co-opt other people onto the Council would outweigh the advantages. An election is scheduled to be held in May 2007 when hopefully a full contingency of Councillors will be appointed with the full support of the residents.

Mrs J Croucher stated that a house at The Orchards is due to be vacated as four weeks notice has been given by the tenants. Hyde Housing has a waiting list for these houses but how up to date this is no one is sure.

Correspondence:

The Chairman has not received a reply from TWBC regarding the planning application process.

Any Other Business:

The verges have now been cut. Regarding the paddock hedge the Clerk spoke to Landscape Services and was told the hedge cannot be cut until September due to nesting birds.

4. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman has spoken to Highways regarding the damaged salt bin.

Part of the A229 is currently closed, due to resurfacing, which is bringing extra traffic through the village. No notification has been received regarding this.

5. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/02494: Alternative conversion of oast house as annexe to farmhouse as previously approved (TW/02/01620) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden

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

TW/06/02504: LBC - Alternative conversion of oast house as annexe to farmhouse as previously approved (TW/02/01618) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden

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

TW/06/02636: Change of use of farmland to create garden extension at Bramble Cottage, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection on the proviso that the land remains within the curtilage of Bramble Cottage.

Decisions:

- TW/06/01602: Change of use from office/store room to shop at Acorns, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.
Permission Granted.
- TW/06/01937: Two bay domestic garage at Park Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.
Permission Granted.
- TW/06/01957: Conversion of Hopper Hut to holiday accommodation at Ayleswade Farm, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden, Ashford.
Permission Granted.
- TW/06/02129: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension; detached garage at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.
Permission Refused.
- TW/06/02133: LBC - Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension; detached garage at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.
Permission Refused.

Correspondence:

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Public Transport Forum
Training Sessions at Town Hall 20th & 21st Sept
Multi Sport summer activities letter of thanks
Notice of adoption supplementary planning doc. Recreation Open Spaces
New version of Schedule 12A access to Information – HL
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Explore Kent website info – HL
Funding for teenagers in Kent – JC
Clean Kent campaign
Kent Waste development framework meeting 13/9

Kent Highways:

Setting local speed limits info
Lashenden Lane road improvements notification

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Support for Parish Plan within T.Wells Borough

KAPC:

Parish News
New password to access website
Area meeting minutes 7/6 agenda 13/9 – HL

DEFRA/ENCAMS:

Local Environment quality guide for town & parish councils

KCPFA:

Playing Fields news – LG

NALC:
Local Council Review
Rural Services Review - JC

7. FINANCE

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

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Audit Commission.....	£141.00
Mr L JGosbee.....	£45.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£107.95

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher commented on a new Community Policeman being assigned to Frittenden. Janet Greenroyd confirmed that PC Dave Hume has already started covering Cranbrook, Sissinghurst and Frittenden.

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

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sandhurst Bridge Farm, Frittenden on Monday 2nd October 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr H Lilley, Mr L Gosbee and Mrs J Sims.

2. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/02715: Create new first floor to existing single-storey bungalow at Beech House, Sand Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the removal of the roof windows.

TW/06/02740: Extension (part 2 storey part single storey) to provide additional residential accommodation and enlarging existing spaces at Street Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the proposal is much too large for the existing structure and an over intensification of the site, as well as being detrimental to the character of the building and the local scene.

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

It was proposed by Mr C Highwood, seconded by Mr N Eveleigh and agreed unanimously to raise No Objection providing the barn remains as an annexe to the farmhouse, within its curtilage, and the adjacent pole barn is removed.

TW/06/02699: Removal of condition 5 – limiting use (TW/85/00823 refers) at Weald Business Park, Dig Dog Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr N Eveleigh, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal. Condition 5 was applied in 1985 to control the use of the site and therefore members believe no changes should be made without full details of alternative uses and conditions being considered by the Parish Council, and that any future condition should be for the specific use of each individual unit as required.

In view of the fact that current regulations are not being adhered to, the Parish Council requests that all existing restrictions shall be strictly enforced before any alteration is considered.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 18th October 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

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

The Chairman welcomed Tessa O'Sullivan from Action with Communities in Rural Kent and Jennifer Hudson, Affordable Housing Officer with TWBC, to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Sims who is to arrive late to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

Mrs Eileen Bridges hopes to open the shop at the end of November. Much useful advice and help has been received from Sean Carter, from Action with Communities in Rural Kent, on opening a village store.

Parking:

There has not been much improvement. Janet Greenroyd, Community Warden, stated that parking at the crossroads is better, but little has changed elsewhere. The tenant causing an obstruction at Weaversden has moved and parking in the area has currently improved. One resident in this area has requested a meeting with the Chairman regarding parking.

Planning Enquiries:

The Chairman has again chased for an answer and has been told that a decision may not be received for a number of weeks. TWBC will not take any action until the Planning Enquiry has reached their conclusion. The Chairman reported that he had a hit a brick wall regarding his formal complaint of TWBC to a number of different bodies. None of the organisations he has contacted believed it is in their remit to investigate the Parish Councils claim that TWBC has acted inefficiently over the developments at Grandshore Lane.

4. ROAD REPORT

The Chairman will contact Highways for a second time regarding the damaged salt bin, which has not yet been replaced.

Councillors are to contact the Clerk if the Paddock Hedge has not been cut, she will then chase KCC Landscape Services if necessary.

Biddenden Road is very uneven. Three complaints have been received regarding a raised man hole at Pound Hil. The man hole outside The Orchards is also raised above road level.

The Clerk has been told that Richard Emmett has returned to Maidstone. The Chairman will attempt to contact him and discuss with him various concerns regarding roads in the village.

5. HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Tessa O'Sullivan distributed updated copies of the survey to all Councillors. She then went through the main points that had been highlighted from the completed forms. A 28% response to the survey had been received of which 82% were owner occupier, 64% had lived in the parish for more than 11 years, 26% had family members leave the village due to the lack of affordable housing and 95% are in favour of building affordable housing. Five households wanted accommodation now and seven in the next three years.

It is recommended, from the survey results, that seven affordable houses are needed being a mix of two and three bedrooms homes. The survey also showed a need for smaller houses on the open market for elderly people wanting to downsize. The Chairman stated that many small cottages have been extended over the years reducing the stock of 30 years ago. The Parish Council would support a proposal for warden assisted properties if needed. Jennifer Hudson, TWBC Affordable Housing Officer, stated that the Local Development Framework would look at this.

The Chairman reported that all levels of the workforce should be accommodated in the village. The ideal would be to build eight houses in two clusters of four, in different parts of the village. There is not much development land available within the limits to build, which is concentrated in the centre of the village. The Orchards was refused by planning as it was deemed not close enough to the village centre, but has turned out to be a resounding success. A possible piece of land may be available in the near future but again it is not in the centre of the village. Jennifer Hudson said planning preferred affordable housing to be close to the limits to build. She suggested the planning officer should attend the next housing meeting.

Jennifer Hudson stated the next stage is to write a list of all possible sites, wherever they may be or whoever they are owned by, which will then be passed on to Peter Turner, Planning Officer, who will then carry out a site survey analysis. The landowners can be approached by Tessa O'Sullivan rather than Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council should progress to the next stage

The Chairman is to place the results of the survey in the next copy of the Parish Magazine. The Chairman is to liaise with Peter Turner and Jennifer Hudson to arrange a time to assess possible sites. Mr H Lilley thanked Jennifer Hudson and Tessa O'Sullivan for attending the meeting and the latter for all her hard work in compiling the survey.

6. HEADCORN AIRFIELD

The Vice-Chairman recently attended a meeting of the Consultative Committee:

1. The aerobatic plane has again returned to Spain.
2. The lion cages are not yet a problem as they are still being built. They will be risk assessed re parachutes.
3. The outcome of the night flying application meeting is not yet known.
4. The turbine application won't be submitted until the outcome of the above is received.
5. A turbine did come in and out during the ladies golf tournament. No complaints were received.
6. Three complaints were received from Biddenden residents on the same day due to a pilot practising for the summer proms display, who was subsequently told to stop.
7. Next years proms display is to move to July.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

There were none.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

The Vice-Chairman has been contacted by the owner of Street Farm Oast, whose application was recommended refusal by the Parish Council on 2nd October 2006. The Vice-Chairman has since spoken to Alan Bringloe, Planning Officer, who advised him that TWBC are thinking of approving the application.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman has received invitations to Rural Housing Seminar and TWBC Remembrance Sunday Service.

A letter has been received by the Chairman from Cranbrook PC regarding the closure of the Council Offices in Cranbrook and the future use of the building. This was originally paid for by the old Cranbrook Rural District Council and there are worries that if the building is sold the money will be swallowed by TWBC. A meeting about this is to be held on 6th November 2006.

TWBC:

- Junior Sports Achievement Awards 2006 – JC
- Grants for Christmas decorations
- Invitation for new Head of Planning to attend PC meeting
- Notice of new area teams and new Head of Planning
- Invite to Overview & Scrutiny Committee Review launch
- Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

- Towards 2010 presentation invite & booklet – LG
- Notice of Tunbridge Wells Local Board meeting 1.11.06
- Highways workforce movements – HL
- Guide to Development Contributions & Provision of Community Infrastructure - Consultation Doc.
- Promoting Kentshare in your Parish

KAPC:

- AGM invite 4.11.06 & agenda – HL
- Annual Report 2005/6 – HL
- TWBC Area Committee Meeting Minutes 13.9.06 – HL
- Parish News

ERHA:

- Annual Report

Hospice in the Weald:

- News – JS

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS:

- Public consultation re provision of surgical & orthopaedic care for patients – LG

Cleanaway:

- Notice of acquisition by Veolia Environmental Services

9. FINANCE

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

Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£10.80
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£11.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£107.95
Expenses.....	£4.39

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

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

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Thursday 9th November 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

This is still on course to open at the end of the month.

Parking:

Although parking at the centre of the village has improved, parking at Weaversden has worsened. It was agreed that the Chairman should again contact the residents as to alternative parking away from the bend.

Housing Association:

The Chairman has received a brief on the criteria to be taken into account when identifying suitable sites for housing in the village. This includes it being within the limits to build, which will be nigh on impossible to achieve. Mr H Lilley is to meet informally with Planning Officer Peter Turner on 16th November 2006 to identify possible sites. The results of the survey are to be placed in the December issue of the Parish Magazine. Mr Peter Turner, along with Tessa O'Sullivan and Jennifer Hudson, is to be invited to either the December or January meeting to progress the process to the next stage. A public meeting will also be held.

Correspondence:

Mr C Highwood attended a meeting on 6th November, in Cranbrook, regarding the closure of TWBC offices in the High Street. This was attended by the Chairmen of the old Rural District Councils and was held to keep abreast of what is happening at the site ahead of formal notification by TWBC. Ownership of the site is currently being investigated, but is proving difficult. The site is in a prime location and could be kept for community use with part of the land used for housing. The Vestry Hall is not suitable for meetings i.e. Eastern Area Planning Meetings, due to the lack of access. The future of the site is to be raised before the Cabinet in November. A Chairman's meeting is planned for 22nd November 2006 when this issue will be discussed further.

The Chairman stated that if TWBC sell the site he would like to see a percentage of the proceeds given to the local parishes. In Frittenden this would assist in necessary renovations to the village hall or even a new hall if it is seen that repairs are too costly.

Cleanaway:

The Clerk has spoken to Cleanaway who are investigating the bins not being emptied. Mr L Gosbee stated that they need a good clean out as rubbish attaches itself to the sides. Mrs J Croucher said that the road sweeper has a pressure jet attached to it which could be used for this purpose when it next comes to the village. The Clerk is to chase Cleanaway.

4. ROAD REPORT

The salt bin has been replaced.

The Paddock Hedge has not been cut. The Clerk is to contact KCC Landscape Services.

The Chairman sent an e-mail to Highways, regarding the uneven surface of Biddenden Road, requesting immediate spot repairs and some resurfacing next summer. The reply he received stated that a computer assessment had shown repairs are not necessary for five years. After following this up, it has been agreed that the road will be assessed by an engineer in the near future

The Gateway signs have now been erected, but in the wrong place, limiting some residents visibility when exiting their properties.

The Chairman is to contact Highways regarding a missing chevron on the Headcorn Road.

5. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/06/02701: Notification of revised Planning Application Details residential curtilage shown – Conversion of redundant barn as annexe at Little Bubhurst Farm, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

Noted.

TW/06/03107: LBC – Removal of existing window in west elevation and installation of conservation roof light in south elevation.

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

Decisions:

TW/06/02376: Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed) – Single storey extension and separate annex.

Refuses Grant.

TW/06/02494: Alternative conversion of oast house as annexe to farmhouse as previously approved (TW/02/01620 refers) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/02504: LBC – Alternative conversion of oast house as annexe to farmhouse as previously approved (TW/02/01618 refers) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Consent Granted.

TW/06/02636: Change of use of farmland to create garden extension at Bramble Cottage, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/06/02715: Create new first floor to existing single storey bungalow at Beech House, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/06/02740: Extension (part 2 storey part single storey) to provide additional residential accommodation and enlarging existing spaces at Street Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

Correspondence:

The appeal decision at Perfect Place had been received. The entrance off Parkwood Lane is not to be used and is to be completely wired in within 6 months. However, the entrance from Maplesden Lane is allowed and permission to house caravans on the site for 3 years has been given.

The appeal at Grandshore Lane, reference TW/05/01632 is dismissed and appeal reference TW/05/02896 was withdrawn during the hearing. The enforcement notice, which is concerned with the bunds and the laying of a membrane and some hardcore as part of a roadway, is upheld and the owners have been given 6 months to comply. Regarding the stationing of caravans an enforcement notice was never issued by TWBC, even though it was requested by the Parish Council, and needs to be issued immediately. If the owners appeal it could take another 12-18 months before this is heard. The Chairman is to meet with Lois Howell and the Head of Planning at the end of this month to decide the next stage. The Forestry Commission has written to the owners insisting that trees should be replanted on the site by 2007. The Chairman appreciated all the expert advice and physical help he had been given by certain people in the village, without which he believes the case would not have been won.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman has received a request for a donation to Borough Councillor Cunningham's Toy Appeal. It was agreed to donate the sum of £50.

TWBC:

Invitation to lunch with Director of Planning 21/11
Overview & Scrutiny Committee Report
Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Notice of Community Warden change for 10 week period

Ashford Borough Council:

Notice of publication of core strategy re LDF

Kent Highways:

Introduction to new area inspector Andrew Bray – HL

Staplehurst PC:

Copy of draft doc. Re new medical centre produced by Bill Millar – LG

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS:

Annual Report 2006 - JS

KAPC:

Update on SE Plan SEERA
Finance Information Day booking form
Parish News

Victim Support:

Donation request

7. FINANCE

The Chairman reported that there had been 1 hiring of the BBQ, but that payment had not yet been received.

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
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£100.00
Expenses.....	£6.40

Mr M Cooper.....	£16.14
St. Georges Community Children's Project.....	£50.00

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that the budget has not yet been completed by the Clerk and himself but this task would be accomplished by the December meeting.

Mrs J Sims reported on major changes to services within the local NHS. Maidstone Hospital is to be downgraded with wards currently closing and A&E being transferred to Kent & Sussex Hospital. Public meeting are to be held across the region.

Mrs J Croucher informed the meeting that Graeme Whittington will be providing part time cover for Janet Greenroyd until 20th November after which full time cover will be provided by another member of the response team until Janet returns.

Mrs J Croucher requested that if funds are available the old street lights, emitting very little light and unable to be repaired as parts cannot be got, are replaced. The Chairman did not see why not if all agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.24pm.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden C of E Primary School Hall, Frittenden on Tuesday 12th December 2006 at 8.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Ms Tessa O'Sullivan (Action with Communities in Rural Kent) and Mr Peter Turner (TWBC Planning Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Sims, Borough Cllr John Smith and County Cllr Roger Manning.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Village Shop:

Due to a few delays the shop will not now open until the New Year. The Chairman has offered the support of the Parish Council to Mr & Mrs Bridges by placing an article in the Parish Magazine and a leaflet drop in the village. Mr N Evelegh felt residents should be encouraged to use the shop regularly.

Parking:

The Chairman has been liaising with the police who are monitoring the situation.

Closure of Cranbrook TWBC Offices:

The Chairman attended a meeting with the other parish Chairman whose parishes had been within the old Rural District Council. A joint letter had been sent to Sheila Wheeler expressing a wish to see the building used for community use and for the parishes to be consulted before a decision is made by TWBC. However, at a Cabinet meeting due to be held on 14th December 2006 the disposal and future use of the building is to be agreed. A letter of complaint had been sent to the Borough Council.

Cleanaway:

The Clerk had contacted Cleanaway who were sending the Area Manager along with the bin team for a site visit. There have been no further complaints that bins haven't been emptied. It was agreed that November's invoice should not be paid.

Mrs Janet Croucher had spoken to the road sweeper regarding the use of the pressure jet on the bins. He will bear this in mind when in the village with the equipment on board.

Grandshore Lane:

The Chairman had been asked by TWBC to liaise with Suzanne Bond regarding Grandshore Lane. However, since his first introduction to her she has either been on holiday or unobtainable. The Chairman has sent numerous e-mails and requested various meetings but has not received satisfactory responses. No enforcement has been taken since the appeal decision was reached. Borough Cllr. John Smith met with the Chairman today following a letter sent requesting his support. It was agreed the Chairman should not give up until a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

4. ROAD REPORT

Pot holes in the Biddenden Road have been repaired. If the budget allows resurfacing will take place in 2007.

The Clerk had received a telephone call from County Cllr. Roger Manning who requested he be put in the loop on all e-mails sent to Highways. He had also received a letter from Mrs Bone regarding site lines when exiting her drive since the new gateway signs have been erected. He is dealing with this matter.

The Paddock Hedge has been cut. The Chairman has sent an e-mail to Highways regarding the missing chevron.

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman welcomed Ms Tessa O'Sullivan and Mr Peter Turner to the meeting. A recent meeting between the Chairman and Mr Peter Turner had taken place identifying various sites around the village suitable for building the eight affordable homes the recent survey had highlighted the need for. A draft analysis of 15 sites had been drawn up by Peter Turner which was then discussed at the meeting. Seven of the sites were discounted for various reasons. There were five preferred sites; in descending order Four Acres, Cranbrook Road; Adjacent to Sunnyside, Biddenden Road; East side of Headcorn Road on land belonging to Manor Farm; adjoining Marsh End, Mill Lane; and three fallbacks adjacent to sewage works, Mill Lane; West side of Headcorn Road and South of Ferrers, Sand Lane. The draft analysis will now be updated by Peter Turner.

The next stage is to select a RSL (Registered Social Landlord). TWBC has 7 preferred partners who the Parish Council should formally contact. From these 2 or 3 should be chosen and interviewed. Tessa O'Sullivan offered to speak to Jenny Hudson regarding this matter. Either Jenny Hudson or Tessa O'Sullivan is available to contact the landowners of the preferred sites if the Parish Council would rather. Peter Turner suggested the Housing Association present to the Parish Council at the February meeting.

Mrs J Croucher was concerned that residents are kept informed at every stage. The Chairman will place an article in the next issue of the Parish Magazine stating that preferred sites are being looked at. The APA will be held a month earlier this year so that this item can be discussed by the residents. Peter Turner suggested holding a public exhibition showing both preferred sites and rejected sites once there is something concrete to offer.

The Chairman thanked Peter Turner and Tessa O'Sullivan for attending the meeting.

6. BUDGET

The budget had been completed for the following year by the Clerk and the Chairman. Following a good year it was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to maintain the budget at £5,500.00 for the year 2007/2008. The Clerk is to write to TWBC.

7. DONATIONS

It was proposed by Mr H Lilley, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to make the following donations under Section 137:

Kent Air Ambulance	£75
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital	£50
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
Frittenden Pre School	£50
Royal British Legion	£50
Frittenden Parochial Church Council	£300
Hospice in the Weald	£50
British Red Cross	£30
Kent Youth	£30
Frittenden Primary School	£100
Victim Support	£25
Angley School Farm	£50

8. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES

It was agreed that meetings should continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, but that the APA should be brought forward from May to April, to take into account the Affordable Housing issue, as follows:

10 th January Page 1293	14 th February	14 th March	11 th April	25 th April APA
9 th May	13 th June	11 th July	8 th August	
12 th September	10 th October	14 th November	12 th December.	

9. PLANNING

Applications:

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

No Comment.

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

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

TW/06/03392: Oak framed timber boathouse at Great Bubhurst, Bubhurst Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr N Evelegh, seconded by Mr H Lilley and agreed by three votes with one abstention to Recommend Approval.

Decisions:

TW/06/02699: Removal of Condition 5 – limiting use (TW/85/00823 refers) at Weald Business Park, Dig Dog Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

There was none.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The owner of Larchmere House has written to the Chairman informing him that he is about to submit a planning application to reorganise the tanks situated in the grounds. He has also asked permission to erect a gate in the fence adjoining the recreation ground, to lay a path from the gate to a corner of the field where he would like to place three benches for the use of the residents. He would also mow the grass in that area. It was agreed that this request would be supported. The Clerk is to write a reply asking that before any work is carried out the Parish Council is consulted, the benches would remain the responsibility of Larchmere and that anyone is able to use them at their own risk.

TWBC:

Request for dates re Planning Director to attend PC Meeting
 Register of Electors electronically
 Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document
 Local Plan 2006 Proposal map - HL
 Toy Appeal donation thanks
 Tour de France briefing event 10.01.07
 Various Committee Minutes & Agendas

KCC:

Consultative document on NHS care
 Grounds maintenance quotes
 Public Rights of Way definitive map - HL
 Kent Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy
 Local Board meeting notice 21.02.07

Kent Police:

Policing Survey 2007/2008 - HL

KAPC:

Minutes TWBC Area Committee Meeting 29.11.06

Notification of next meeting date 14.03.07

White Paper key points town & parish councils – HL

Report on Joint Transportation Board meeting 2.10.06

Goudhurst PC:

Copy of letter to Sheila Wheeler re Cabinet Meeting

SEEDA:

Headcorn Health Check support request

Royal Mail:

People Award nominations

Lord Lieutenant of Kent:

Invitation to HL re Civic Service 20.03.07

11. FINANCE

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

Frittenden C of E Primary School.....	£13.00
Cleanaway.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£160.90

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee reported that the new surgery in Staplehurst is due to open on 29th January 2007.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm