

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Memorial Hall, The Street, Frittenden on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Cllr G Lawrence
Cllr J Tuke
Cllr L Gosbee
Cllr R Vernon
Cllr S Murray

In attendance: Cllr N Warne (Borough)

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Staples, Cllr M Viviers, Mrs E Nightingale (Clerk), Cllr A Fairweather (Borough), Cllr S Holden (County)

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

None

3. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Warne reported that there will be a full TWBC Committee Meeting on 2nd October 2024. The main agenda item for that meeting is to consider the Capel Neighbourhood Plan which has been through a local referendum, the result of which was 80%+ voting in favour.

The Inspector is due to report on the TWBC Local Plan in early 2025 with the aim that it is adopted in the summer of 2025. The plan only provides for a 10-year housing supply not the required 15-year supply. This means that, immediately following its adoption, the Local Plan will have to be reviewed, with a full call for sites and consultation in order to provide a Local Plan with a 15-year housing supply.

Further, the TWBC Local Plan will be based on old housing figures not the new housing targets and methodology applied following the recent change of government. This means that it is likely to only provide 50% of the likely housing numbers now required by the Government.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Gosbee, seconded by Cllr Tuke, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes from the Council meeting on 3rd September 2024 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

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

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

The Paddock

Cllr Staples had made enquiries and confirmed that the Paddock was owned by the Parish family, not the School or Parish Council. They have no documents relating to any extant tenancy. The Paddock will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council so it can be considered whether the Council should continue to pay for hedge cutting, and the insurance position in respect of that activity, bearing in mind that, whilst the Council has no legal interest in the Paddock, it is vital that the hedge is cut for the safety of those using the adjacent highway.

Parking

Cllr Lawrence reported that two residents had agreed to join the new Working Group that was being set up to ascertain how issues around parking in the village and/or wider road safety issues, might be addressed via the Highway Improvement Plan. Cllr Lawrence will be advertising for additional volunteers on both Facebook and the Council's website.

Post Office

Cllr Gosbee reported that the Memorial Hall Committee had decided not to allow the Post Office Service to operate from the Memorial Hall free of charge.

6. VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Cllr Lawrence reported that the event held in September had been successful with 23 volunteers giving up their time to pick litter.

7. PARISH CHAIR'S MEETING

Cllr Lawrence reported on this meeting. The clerk will circulate the minutes once received.

8. REPLACEMENT OF LITTERBIN BY NOTICEBOARD

The clerk had circulated details of possible replacement bins in advance of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Tuke, seconded by Cllr Murray, and **RESOLVED** by all members present that the clerk be instructed to purchase a Topsy 65 litre black bin for £98.75. Cllr Lawrence will install it.

9. MEMORIAL BENCH ON THE PARISH FIELD

A resident had requested permission to instal a memorial bench on the Parish Field and they had provided details of the design of the bench they had in mind. It was proposed by Cllr Gosbee, seconded by Cllr Tuke, and **RESOLVED** by all members present that the Council consent to the proposed bench being located on the Parish Field.

10. MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

Cllr Lawrence noted that this was wider than just a Parish issue and it is on the agenda for discussion by the Parish Chairmen's Group. Cllr Murray noted that the new DSIT Minister, Chris Bryant, appeared to be focused on digital connectivity and the issue of rural mobile coverage and so it was hoped that this issue would be getting greater political priority moving forwards.

11. SPEEDWATCH

In advance of the meeting Cllr Staples had reported that 4 sessions had taken place, with a fifth being rained off. 15 offenders were recorded out of 159 vehicles passing. The maximum speed noted was 45 mph. Two letters have been sent and a third offender is subject to active enforcement.

12. PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS / EQUIPMENT

Cllr Lawrence will put together a costing for replacing the steps on the mound and report back at the next meeting.

13. ROAD REPORT

Cllr Gosbee provided his report.

14. PLANNING

New Applications

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| 24/02188/FULL | Great Water House, Knoxbridge, Frittenden Variation of Condition 7 of planning permission 87/01810/FULL – (Removal of restriction of permitted development rights) Proposed by Cllr Vernon, Seconded by Cllr Tuke RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL |
| 24/02277/SUB | Four Acres, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden Partial Submission of Detail in relation to Condition 14(4) – (Closure report upon completion of works) NOTED |
| 24/02248/FULL | Little Brookwood Barn, Green Lane, Frittenden Proposed garage Proposed by Cllr Vernon, Seconded by Cllr Tuke RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL |
| 24/02437/FULL | Land Adj to Shenlands Barn, Ayleswade Lane, Biddenden Proposed agricultural Barn Proposed by Cllr Vernon, Seconded by Cllr Tuke RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE PERMISSION BING CLEAR THAT IT IS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AND THAT THERE IS TO BE NO RESIDENTIAL USE. |

Outcome of Previous applications

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| 24/00728/FULL | Land North of Grandshore Lane, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden Change of use of land to a travellers caravan site consisting of 1no. mobile home, 1no. Touring Caravan, 1no. utility dayroom, package treatment plant and associated development. PERMISSION GRANTED |
| 24/00715/MOD | Four Acres, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden Modification of Planning Obligation – Application to modify the s106 agreement under reference 21/01638/FULL regarding amendments to the housing mix MODIFICATION PERMITTED |

Planning appeals

- None

15. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- None

16. FINANCE

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

| FRITTENDEN PAYMENTS – OCTONBER 2024 | | | | | |
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| Cheque Number | GROSS | VAT | NET | SUPPLIER | DETAILS |
| BACS | £17.00 | Nil | £17.00 | Frittenden Memorial Hall | Hall Hire (1 x session + winter surcharge) |
| BACS | £50.40 | £8.40 | £42.00 | Urbaser Ltd | Street Cleansing – September |
| BACS | £53.60 | Nil | £53.60 | Mrs E Nightingale | Clerk’s Expenses - October |
| BACS | £148.22 | Nil | £148.22 | Mrs E Nightingale | Clerk’s Salary - October |
| BACS | £37.00 | Nil | £37.00 | HMRC | PAYE |
| DD | £11.99 | £2.00 | £9.99 | Hugo Fox | Website Hosting fee |
| DD | tbc | tbc | tbc | Npower | Streetlighting Energy – September |
| Total | £318.21 | £10.40 | £307.81 | | |

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Chairman’s Signature: _____

Date: _____