

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Memorial Hall, The Street, Frittenden on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs E Nightingale (Clerk), Cllr A Fairweather (Borough) & 2 members of the public

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

A member of the public asked if funds were available to repair and maintain the telephone box. Cllr Lawrence confirmed that Cllr Viviers had already been tasked with assessing the cost of the materials required with a view to getting together a team of volunteers to undertake this work.

A member of the public reported possible unlawful development on Grandshore Lane.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Viviers, Cllr S Holden (County), Cllr N Warne (Borough)

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

None

#### **3. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllr Fairweather noted that he had been helping out a few residents with domestic planning applications and trying to help Lance French in the actions he is taking to tackle fly tipping.

Cllr Fairweather also reported on issues affecting Knoxbridge.

#### **4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2024 AND 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

It was proposed by Cllr Vernon, seconded by Cllr Tuke, and **RESOLVED** (2 Abstentions) that the Minutes from the Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Tuke, seconded by Cllr Vernon, and **RESOLVED** (1 Abstention) that the Minutes from the Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

That being so, the Chairman signed the said Minutes.

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

Repair of damaged streetlight

Stewart Hagerty had kindly agreed to refund the Council for the net cost of repairing the damaged streetlight.

Beacon Lighting

This event has taken place and the beacon lighting went well.

Asset of Community Value

The Clerk confirmed that the application to reregister the Bell & Jorrocks as an Asset of Community Value had been submitted to TWBC and acknowledged.

Village Gateways

The Clerk had reported to KCC that Canham Homes will be funding the replacement of the gateway on Cranbrook Road as part of its s.278 obligations. KCC has indicated that it might be able to fund the replacement of the Village Gateway on Biddenden Road without requiring a financial contribution from the Parish Council.

Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk had raised a complaint with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor after wooden crosses placed at the War Memorial were damaged by its operatives. Apologies have been received, together with an assurance that operatives will be reminded of the need to take greater care and treat memorials with respect.

The Clerk noted that she is yet to receive any invoices from the contractor despite various requests. She will continue to press them.

Mobile Phone Coverage

Cllr Lawrence noted that there had been a discussion about poor rural mobile phone coverage at the recent KALC Parish Chairmen's Meeting. Cllr Lawrence will look into whether there is anything the Parish Council can do on this issue.

## **6. CONSULTATION ON PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT THE BIDDENDEN ROAD/ HEADCORN ROAD/MILL LANE/THE STREET CORSSROADS**

Cllr Lawrence has been canvassing opinion and is getting mixed feedback on KCC's proposal to put double yellow lines on this junction. It was agreed that residents should be given an opportunity to voice their views at a Public Meeting. This will be arranged by Cllr Lawrence and Cllr Staples to take place during the first half of July and the opinions expressed will be fed back to KCC before it begins any formal consultation process.

## **7. THE SCHOOL PADDOCK**

The Clerk had been approached by a parent seeking the Parish Council's permission to hold a children's birthday party on the Paddock. As far as the Clerk was aware, the only interest the Council had in the Paddock was by way of an informal agreement to cut the external face of the Paddock's hedge where it ran along The Street. This was included in the Council's Grounds Maintenance contracts for the benefit of the community to ensure that the hedge did not obstruct The Street.

It was noted that some sort of tenancy arrangement had been entered into with Christopher Parish in the past as a peppercorn rent was paid by the Parish Council. However, no such rent had been either demanded or paid in recent years.

It was agreed that the clerk would make enquiries with the school.

## 8. SPEEDWATCH

5 sessions had taken place with 26 offenders being logged out of 182 vehicles (an offending rate of c.14%). The highest speed recorded was 47mph and 5 letters had been sent by Kent Police.

## 9. PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS / EQUIPMENT

Cllrs Gosbee had carried out inspections of the play equipment and Cllr Lawrence had been undertaking repairs to some of the equipment. He will also be pressure washing the equipment where needed.

Cllr Lawrence reported that the broken picnic table had been removed from the play area. It was capable of repair and Cllr Lawrence will be attending to that. Cllr Lawrence will also repair the broken post supporting the tractor as soon as the part needed was available.

Cllr Gosbee raised his concerns over the revolving dish which got very hot in sunny weather. Cllr Lawrence had been liaising with Proludic about that but had been told that a cover was not available. Cllr Lawrence will consider whether any other measures might reasonably be taken to address this.

Cllr Lawrence is getting a quote for the wood required to replace the stairs on the slide mound and suggested that this might be something that could be funded by Cllr Holden. A request will be made once the cost had been confirmed. A working party of volunteers would then need to be raised to complete the work.

## 10. ROAD REPORT

Cllr Gosbee reported that Sand Lane had been patches as well as Cranbook Road/Frittenden Road as far as Dig Dog Lane. He had also reported a large pot hole close to the turning into Staplehurst Road.

There was a large amount of fly tipping on Dig Dog Lane/Bettenham Lane and also on London Lane which had been reported. Cllr Gosbee continued in his efforts to get the fly tipping dumped on Green Lane (off Bettenham Lane) as long ago as February collected by Ashford Borough Council.

A request had been made by the School Crossing Patrol for the Paddock hedge to be cut as soon as possible as it was beginning to obstruct her view. The Clerk will ask the Grounds Maintenance Contract to attend to this as a priority.

## 11. PLANNING

### New Applications

24/01487/FULL	1 The Twins, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden Demolition of redundant buildings & erection of garage <b>Proposed by Cllr Vernon, Seconded by Cllr Staples</b> <b>RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reasons:</b> <b>1. that the height and bulk of the proposed building close to the road would have a material adverse visual impact; and</b> <b>2. the site is being over developed.</b>
24/01483/SUB	Buckhurst Farm Buildings, Biddenden Road, Frittenden

	Submission of Details in relation to Condition 7 (External Lighting) of 19/03080/FULL <b>NOTED</b>
24/01484/SUB	Buckhurst Farm Buildings, Biddenden Road, Frittenden Submission of Details in relation to Condition 5 (External Lighting) of 20/03360/FULL <b>NOTED</b>

### Outcome of Previous applications

- None

### Planning appeals

- None

## 12. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- The Council had been approached by KCC for comment on a request by Canham Homes for permission to erect yellow signs directing traffic to its development on Cranbrook Road. However, as the signs have already been erected it would appear that permission had been granted without the Council's input.

## 13. FINANCE

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

FRITTENDEN PAYMENTS – JULY 2024					
Cheque Number	GROSS	VAT	NET	SUPPLIER	DETAILS
BACS	£30.00	Nil	£30.00	Frittenden Memorial Hall	Room Hire – Meeting Room (2 x sessions)
BACS	£50.40	£8.40	£42.00	Urbaser Ltd	Street Cleansing – June
BACS	£55.40	Nil	£55.40	Mrs E Nightingale	Clerk's Expenses - July
BACS	£195.22	Nil	£195.22	Mrs E Nightingale	Clerk's Salary – July
BACS	£48.80	Nil	£48.80	HMRC	PAYE
DD	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	Hugo Fox	Website Hosting fee
DD	tbc	tbc	tbc	Npower	Streetlighting Energy – June
<b>Total</b>	<b>£771.28</b>	<b>£61.62</b>	<b>£709.66</b>		

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the next Village Clean Up would take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_