

1. Present

- Ray Morris (RM) - *chair*, Glyn Charlton (GC), Bruce Sturdy (BS), Barbara Dagger (BD), Denis Fowle (DF), Ian Bruce (IB), Morris Little (ML)
- *Also part attending* – John Wilson (JW), David Hussain (DH), Jean Hussain (JH), Mandy Howard (MH)

2. Apologies

- Neil Colman (NC), Andy Dagger (AD), Lucy Dorton (LDo), Brian Dorton (BDo)

3. Declarations of Interest

- GC stated that he was a member of the Parish Council (EFPC).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Agreed

5. Previous Actions & Action Plan

Item	Action
<p><i>V1 – Create centre with Village Green</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The chairman said he had received a further letter from Kent Fire and Rescue indicating if an incident occurred in Vicarage Lane at peak times it would consider sending two vehicles, accessing from both ends of the lane. ○ The public meeting: The notes of the meeting were agreed. Members felt the meeting was very useful in publicising work and aims of our group, dealing with unfounded rumours and receiving parish opinions. ○ Parking in Vicarage Lane: The meeting welcomed an offer for sale to the parish council of about half-acre of land adjoining and south of the primary school. This gave an opportunity for parking to serve both the school and the recreation ground. ○ Feasibility Study. BD was requested to seek again funding for a feasibility study. This could consider possibilities if the land purchase progressed plus the potential for improving traffic flows near The Bull and protecting the bridge. 	
<p><i>V2 – Retain and preserve Old School Hall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner Mandy Howard spoke of plans to build up bookings in the hall and agreed to aim to publicise dates when it is available. She said they planned to apply for change of use for the top floor for their own residential purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p><i>T1 – Review road signage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action owner – to be retained on minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need owner
<p><i>T4 – Bridge</i></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed to distribute to parish houses the petition for 'Save Our Bridge.' Cllr Wilson said both Barming and Fant were now likely to organise separate petitions. Cllr Wilson has arranged a site meeting with Kent Highways, on 28th March. ML will attend on behalf of the Group. The petitions are likely to be presented to the July meeting of Maidstone Joint Transportation Board. 	
<p><i>T11 – Gateway entrances to village</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action owner – to be retained on minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need owner
<p><i>CO3 – Noticeboards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM progressing 	

6. AOB

Annual parish meeting: The chairman will report on our work at the May 1 meeting.

7. Next Meeting

- Wednesday April 11 at the White House.