

1. Present

- Ray Morris (chair), Glyn Charlton, Barbara Dagger, Maurice Little, Ian Bruce, Dennis Fowle

2. Apologies

- Andy Dagger, Lynda White, Brian Dorton, Lucy Bloomfield, Alan White

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"> ○ Public meeting: The parish council’s notes of the public meeting have now been produced and were considered positive by our chairman. They will appear on parish website. ○ Traffic in Vicarage Lane. The parish council is progressing negotiations to purchase about half acre of land adjoining southern boundary of school site (about 20m wide and 100m long – close to playing field boundary). This could provide a road with parking on either side (about 80 cars). DHA Associates are being commissioned to draw up a feasibility study for consideration by the parish council, our group, the school and residents and then Kent Highways. ○ Feasibility Study. The group decided a further feasibility study should be commissioned for improving traffic flows in the village, especially close to the Church. Barbara Dagger is in contact with The Big Lottery Awards for All and we may be eligible for a grant of up to £10,000 to commission this study. Barbara will email our members with details of our proposals for a grant. Any application would need to be made by the parish council and this will be before the council meeting of May 8. ○ Grapevine: The chairman is submitting a brief report on our work for next edition of Grapevine. Action RM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BD
<p><i>V2 – Retain and preserve Old School Hall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
<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"> • Maurice Little reported on a site meeting with KCC Highways engineer. The engineer made encouraging statements but said possibilities were restricted by regulations. He felt the best possibilities were village gateways on the approaches to the bridge and improved signage. The group is helping organise a petition in East Farleigh to be presented to Maidstone Joint Transportation Board in July. Cllr John Wilson is hoping to get petition support in Barming and Fant. The hope is the Board will support improvements around the bridge to prevent HGVs crossing so that a scheme gets in to the KCC Highways Programme and early design work will be carried out. • GC indicated that the Parish Council will write to the Highways engineer asking that he specify the suggested measures in writing so that we can press KCC for action. Letter will be copied to RM so that VPAG can write as well. Action GC, RM • We will keep the Rochester Bridge Wardens Trust well informed because they have indicated potential support recently and could help fund improvements. Action: BD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC, RM • BD
<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

- N/A

7. Next Meeting

- RM will fix a date when more information is available on key points discussed at tonight's meeting.