

1. Present

- Ray Morris (RM) - *chair*, Glyn Charlton (GC), Bruce Sturdy (BS), Barbara Dagger (BD), Andy Dagger (AD), Denis Fowle (DF), Lucy Bloomfield (LB), Brian Dorton (BDo) , Ian Bruce (IB)
- *Also attending* – John Wilson (JW) - *first part of meeting*, David Hussain (DH), Jean Hussain (JH), Tony Burman (TB).

2. Apologies

- Lynda White (LW), Neil Colman (NC), Morris Little (ML), Alan White (AW)

3. Declarations of Interest

- Nil

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The chairman said he had made a presentation to East Farleigh Parish Council. The council has decided a public meeting should be held to seek suggestions from the public on the focus of the brief for the study to be commissioned. ○ The proposal is for the meeting, probably to be held in early March, to be widely publicised. There will be an independent chairman and GC will contact her as soon as possible so that a date can be agreed. ○ The proposal is for the Group to present our ideas to open the discussion. It will not be a decision-making meeting. We will still seek a grant to fund the study and close liaison with the parish council will be necessary on this to avoid liability for VAT. Increasing traffic problems were reported, especially at peak school times in Vicarage Lane (we have received two further complaints recently) and increasing traffic speed in Lower Road. ○ Kent Fire Brigade has responded to a letter from the chairman about traffic problems in the lane – and the chairman has written again seeking further information. 	
<p><i>V2 – Retain and preserve Old School Hall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman has e-mailed the new owners about a possible meeting but, to date, has had no response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action
<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"> • It was reported that a car hit the Farleigh side of the bridge on New Year's Eve and caused major damage. Repairs should be covered by an insurance claim. This has led to renewed pressure on KCC Highways to prevent further damage by heavy lorries • JW reported on a new communication from KCC which he felt was not really satisfactory. He asked again that the village present a well-supported petition to Maidstone Joint Transportation Board at its April meeting pressing KCC to take actions to protect this Grade 1 listed bridge. • It was agreed to organise such a petition and the Chairman and JW will liaise over the brief wording to be agreed with the Parish Council at its February meeting. Signatures may also be taken over the village website. The petition will be promoted in publications circulating in the village. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM
<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

- Twinning with village of Ghissigies, Northern France - The parish council asked us to consider a letter from an East Farleigh resident who is proposing East Farleigh should consider twinning with the village of Ghissigies, about a two-hour drive in to Northern France from Calais. The group felt this was not within our remit – but was pleased to learn that it is being investigated by a village resident.

7. Next Meeting

- This will be arranged once a date for the public meeting is known.