

There are a number of points in your article of the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 concerning the Community Governance Review for Greatstone, Lydd and New Romney which require clarification:-

- 1.) The Greatstone Residents Alliance (GRA) are campaigning solely for the unification of Greatstone and the creation of Greatstone Parish Council, whilst the Coastal Community Group (CCG) are also seeking to include Lydd-on Sea and possibly Dungeness in any new Parish. Hence the difference between the two campaigns.
- 2.) The GRA has, both verbally and in their leaflet, offered to work with the CCG on areas of common interest, but this offer has so far not been taken up.
- 3.) The Greatstone Action Group originally consisted of only four people, who are now split with two being on the GRA Committee and the other two remaining with the CCG.
- 4.) The CCG have lost public support through their inability to honour the manifesto upon which they were elected, as can be demonstrated by their candidate finishing a poor third in February's By-election.
- 5.) Four of the current Lydd CCG Councillors only joined the bandwagon less than a month prior to the May, 2007 Elections and these people know little of the struggle that went on in the preceding eighteen months with Lydd Town Council, especially in relation to the Multi Use Games Area.
- 6.) Two of the current Lydd CCG Councillors have appalling attendance records and if they truly believe in democracy, they would stand down to be replaced by others who are prepared to give a far greater commitment.
- 7.) I fully endorse the views of Mr. Michael Walsh concerning the potential for fraud and had previously contacted the C.E.O of Shepway District Council in this regard.

A lot of hard work has gone into reaching the stage where we are now at and it is right and proper that the public have the full facts to assist them in making their choice.