

**FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2009 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr David Coomber Chairman  
Cllr Gary Etheridge  
Cllr Mrs Jane Etheridge From item 18  
Cllr Mrs Brenda Hoskin  
Cllr Tom Mason  
Cllr David Miller

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Mrs Wendy Williams Assistant Footpaths Officer

**Item**

*Action point*

*Minute number 2009/10*

**1 APOLOGIES**

255 Apologies for absence were received from

|                          |                   |
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| Cllr Trevor Archer       | On holiday        |
| Cllr Mrs Valerie Archer  | On holiday        |
| Cllr Mrs Pam Coomber     | Family commitment |
| Cllr Peter Hicks         | On holiday        |
| Cllr Geoffrey Moore      | Prior engagement  |
| Cllr Mrs Georgina Revell | On holiday        |

It was proposed by Cllr Coomber, seconded by Cllr Miller and carried unanimously that these apologies be accepted by the Council.

An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Mrs Etheridge.

An apology for absence was also received from Mr David Levy, Footpaths Officer.

**2 CODE OF CONDUCT**

256 **a Declarations of Interest and Alterations to the Register**

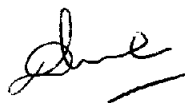
Cllr Miller and Cllr Mason declared personal interests in item 11a, Grant applications, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, as a member of and as a patron of the Royal British Legion respectively.

257 **b Standards Committee**

No meeting had been held.

**3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**

258 None.



**4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2009**

259 It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2009 be signed as a true record.

**5 MATTERS ARISING**

260 a **C/09/09/14b(236): Stonehorse Lane**

In Cllr Hicks's absence, it was not known whether he had investigated the overgrown and removed hedges.

**6 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

261 It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed unanimously that Mrs Georgina Revell be co-opted to the Council. The Clerk would arrange to receive her declaration of acceptance of office before the next meeting.

RB

**7 FOOTPATHS**

262 The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Mrs Williams to give her report.

Mrs Williams reported that all footpaths were passable and tidy. FP118 had needed reinstating but this had now been done. Dog fouling was a problem.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Williams and reconvened the meeting. Cllr Mrs Hoskin said that she had noticed dog fouling on the path that led to the by-pass.

**8 UPNOR**

263 a **Upnor Residents Association**

It was understood that the meeting scheduled for that evening had been put back to another date.

264 b **Lower Upnor Riverside Project**

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the partners held on 29 September. There had been a discussion about the landscape design for the village green and the Upnor Residents Association had suggested some changes. The Clerk reported on difficulties with the submission of the landscape design for part of the scheme, rather than for the entire scheme and said that Cllr Hicks was taking this up with the head of Planning.

**9 PLANNING**

a **Applications**

265 i **MC2009/11382: Crest Nicholson Development, Wainscott: Application for approval of phases 4 and 5 reserved matters (siting, design, landscaping and external appearance) pursuant to outline permission MC/2007/0032) for the construction of 135 dwellings; associated garages; parking and ancillary works.**

After discussion it was agreed to object as follows:

Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to this application.



Draft plans seen initially showed a road on the west edge of the site, at the rear of the shops and other businesses in Wainscott Road. This was seen as a good idea and welcomed, as it would enable provision to be made for deliveries to the rear of the shops, instead of to the front of the shops from Wainscott Road, which is the only option at present. This would have alleviated an existing problem in the area. The road would also have placed houses further away from the businesses in Wainscott Road, some of which are open into the evenings. They are not all shops. Some are noisy engineering businesses relating to the car trade and one of them has had 24 hour working over many years. The layout as submitted has put the road serving this section of the housing further into the estate. The opportunity for rear access to the properties in Wainscott Road is thereby lost, to the detriment of the whole area. This opportunity will be lost for ever. The houses will be closer to all the businesses, which will give them a lack of amenity.

It is noted that the unallocated parking spaces are located in one position at the extreme southern end of the site. These unallocated parking spaces should be scattered throughout the site. A visitor to a property on the other side of the estate will not seek out a parking space at the other end - such a visitor will park as close as possible to his destination, which will inevitably mean on the estate roads. Medway Council is presently considering altering the parking standards and if adopted, this will mean one visitor/unallocated space for every 4 dwellings. The proposal on this also states that this may be reduced "within an urban area that has good links to sustainable transport". This statement does not apply to this development. The Parish Council would like to see the developer applying the proposed standards before adoption.

Originally there was an intention to provide a drop off/pick up point for Wainscott Primary School. We assume the intention on these plans is for the visitors' parking spaces to double up in this regard. The Parish Council feels that this will be inadequate, as the spaces will inevitably be occupied by extra cars belonging to the nearby households. Should a parent drive all the way round from Hoo Road into the estate and find the parking spaces occupied, whether by other parents or by the residents, what then? There is no turning point for a proper flow of vehicles, drivers of cars in this situation will be having to execute 3-point turns. Other cars may well have parked on the road itself opposite the parking spaces, making the entire situation worse. The traffic mix will include not only parents and primary age children, but younger children, some in prams and pushchairs. Observation of the behaviour of parents at primary schools shows that the parents congregate and chat with each other before moving off, adding to the congestion. The Parish Council considers that this drop-off provision has not been considered fully and is inadequate and that it is essential that a turning circle is provided.


The Chairman said that although not part of this planning application, Extra Care facilities were outlined on the drawings. He had approached the senior partner of the local medical practice, who would now contact the Primary Care Trust about the proposals, as the developer had indicated that the Trust did not want the facilities. The specified facilities appeared to be without adequate parking provision.

- 266      ii      **MC/09/1647:** Land adjacent to 94B Hollywood Lane, Wainscott: Construction of a 2 bedroomed chalet bungalow and garage

No objection.

- 267      **Out of Time**

The responses to the out of time applications as listed on Appendix A were ratified.



**b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

- 268 **i MC2009/1249: Land between Frittenden Road and Wainscott Road, Wainscott: Village sign**

Granted.

**c Appeals and Other Matters**

- 269 **i Manor Farm**

Mr Roberts had arranged a public consultation exhibition for Saturday 24 October in the barn.

- 270 **ii Frindsbury Extra Memorial Hall**

The Chairman reported that the planning application for the extension was about to be submitted.

- 271 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**10 FINANCE**

- 272 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on appendix B were noted.

- 273 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

None

- 274 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 101261 – 101264) as listed in Appendix B be approved, with the addition of £50, Robert Emby (cheque 101265).

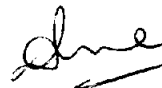
- 275 **d Finance Committee Meeting**

The Clerk would arrange a meeting of the Finance Committee when Cllr Hicks had returned from holiday.

**11 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 274 **a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hoskin and agreed that a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101266). The ceremony would take place on Wednesday 11 November at 7 pm and the Vice-chairman would officiate.



275 **b St Dunstan's**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hoskin, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101267)

276 **c Dickens Country Protection Society**

The letter from the Dickens Country Protection Society asking for help with the restoration of Frog Island Pond was discussed. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Mason that a grant of £100 be made. This was agreed by 4 votes for, none against and one abstention. The grant made under S111 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101268).

12 **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**277 **a Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

278 **b Allotments**

Nothing to report

279 **c Woodland**

The arboriculturalist's report stated that the trees at the rear of 8 Margetts Place did not require felling and only minor works of a non urgent variety were needed. The Clerk had forwarded the report to a tree surgeon and was waiting for the quotation. The Clerk was delegated to arrange the works to be carried out, subject to the Council's financial regulations.

*RB*

280 **d Hedges**

The Clerk would speak to Dan Godden about pruning the Brompton Farm Road and Frittenden Road hedges.

13 **YOUTH**

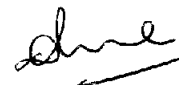
281 Nothing to report.

14 **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**282 **a Higham Road**

Cllr Mason said that in Cllr Hick's absence, he had supported Mrs Hughes at a meeting at Medway Council, which had been attended by about 20 residents. Medway Council was investigating the totality of the S106 agreements for traffic calming and agreement from the developers would be required.

283 **b Benenden Road**

Cllr Mason reported on a site meeting he and Cllr Hicks had had with Ian Wilson. They had suggested the straightening of Benenden Road, with a junction onto Frindsbury Hill. This had appeared to go well.



284 c **Hoo Road Traffic Calming**

The Chairman referred to minute 2008/9/291 in the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2008, when his written report on S106 monies for traffic calming had been tabled. He apologised that he had written "Higham Road" instead of "Hoo Road" and confirmed the amount quoted referred to Wainscott Road and Hoo Road.

15 **LIGHTING**

285 Nothing to report.

16 **POLICE MATTERS**286 a **Police Liaison Committee representative's report**

Cllr Miller reported the next meeting was on 7 November. The new PCSOs were Mandip Claire and Jenna Preston.

286 b **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Miller reported there had been no specific messages since the last meeting. There was a general message about Hallowe'en.

17 **HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**287 a **Representative's Report**

Nothing to report.

288 b **Hall Improvements/Extension**

As had been mentioned under item 9c (ii), the planning application was about to be submitted.

18 **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**289 a **Representative's Report**

The Chairman said there had been no meeting. The Committee Clerk had failed to find another parish council to host the January 2010 meeting and it was agreed this would be hosted by Frindsbury Extra Parish Council. The Clerk would approach Hilltop School. RB

b **Projects**

- 290 i Wainscott Village sign. Planning consent had been granted and the Clerk would proceed with obtaining quotations. RB
- 291 ii Seat, Frittenden Road. On order.
- 292 iii Memorial Hall. Ongoing
- 293 iv Noticeboards. It was agreed to submit a bid for replacement of the noticeboards at Wainscott Road, Leigh Road and Upnor and for a new one to be placed on the Liberty Park development in due course. DC/  
RB



19 **KALC/MAC**

294 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Miller reported on the last meeting when the speaker had been Steve Neal from Land Securities on the Chattenden Development.

20 **WEBSITE**

295 Nothing to report.

21 **CONSULTATION**

296 **a Medway Council – Gambling Act 2005: Review of statement of gambling policy**

Noted.


22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

297 None

23 **REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

298 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.16 pm

Signed .....  .....Chairman

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009