

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2014 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr David Coomber	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs Val Archer	
	Cllr Peter Martin	
	Cllr Tom Mason	
	Cllr David Miller	
	Cllr Andrew Millsom	
	Cllr Geoff Moore	
	Cllr Mrs Georgina Revell	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Mrs Wendy Williams	Footpaths Officer
	Mr Clive Stanley	Webmaster

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2013/14/

1 APOLOGIES

511 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Trevor Archer	indisposed
Cllr Mrs Pam Coomber	Family commitment
Cllr Gary Etheridge	Away from home
Cllr Peter Hicks	Indisposed

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed these apologies be accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

512 None.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

513 None.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2014

514 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Archer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Revell and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2014 be signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

515 No matters were raised.

6 FOOTPATHS

516 The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Mrs Williams to speak.

Mrs Williams said she had not yet walked all the paths. She had been cutting the brambles, The paths appeared to be open and clear.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Williams and reconvened the meeting.

As Mr Stanley was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

517 a Website

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Stanley to speak.

Mr Stanley reported that the hit counter had reached 10,091 and that 2,611 visits had been made to the site in the previous 12 months. He mentioned that the 2-year renewal of the domain name and web hosting would be due in December 2014.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

7 PLANNING

a Applications

- 518 i MC/11/2516:** Lodge Hill, Chattenden: Outline planning application with some matters reserved (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the demolition of existing buildings and development of a mixed use settlement comprising up to 5000 residential units, up to 36,750 m² GEA of B1 business floorspace, up to 7,350 m² GEA B2 business floorspace, up to 3251 m² GEA convenience retail floorspace A1, up to 2070 m² GEA comparison retail floorspace A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, secondary school, 3 primary schools, community facility, healthcare facility, assisted living facility, nursing home, garden centre, two hotels, water bodies and associated infrastructure works including access, roads, informal and formal open space, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport infrastructure, utilities, car and cycle parking.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed the Council object as follows:

Frindsbury Extra Parish Council has considered the new drawings and information for this application and notes they supersede the drawings and information originally supplied. The Council objects to the application.

I refer to the Council's earlier submission, which was solely concerned with highways and transport. It can be found on Medway Council's website as letter of representation 135953 and is minuted as minute number 2011/12/408 in the minutes of the meeting of Frindsbury Extra Parish Council held on 20th December 2011, available on the Parish Council's website. As we understand submissions previously made in 2011 will not be considered this time, I attach a copy, which is now part of the Council's current submission,

Consideration of the new drawings and information supplied on highways and transport has not changed members' opinions and all points made still stand. We would however like to emphasise the need for a road off the Wainscott by-pass straight into the site, which would relieve some of the pressure on Four Elms roundabout, already a problem at peak times. This road should be constructed first, so all construction traffic entering the site would not have to use the roundabout and Four Elms Hill. It is to be regretted that there is insufficient land available on the Wainscott side of the by-pass

for a bridge to take traffic wishing to use to A289 in the M2/A2 direction. All traffic exiting the site should come up Lodge Hill Lane to the A228, turn left and use the roundabout, in the same way existing traffic does. We see no reason for the use of Upchat Road as the exit for Lodge Hill. The alteration of the existing slip road onto the A228 would then no longer be necessary.

The Parish Council is also objecting on grounds of the site's natural value. The Government Inspector considering Medway's overall housing strategy advised that Lodge Hill should not be developed because of this and that they should withdraw their strategy and look for alternative sites. The part of the site which now has SSSI status is now protected and must not be compromised.

There would be disturbance of wildlife, both during the construction period, which could be 20 years and by residents of and others resorting to the proposed development. There is mention of developing an alternative site in Essex and of relocating the nightingales. Apart from the questionable success of asking the nightingales effectively to emigrate from their current home, why should residents of the Hoo Peninsula thus be deprived of one of their major natural assets?

The application is for up to 5,000 homes which could mean that eventually a town of as much as 14,000 people would be created. Granted the plans also include schools, shops and medical facilities. However in creating a "hub" for the Hoo Peninsula located at one end of the peninsula, it may cause the existing peninsular villages to become cut off and more remote that they are already. It is possible that public transport would become worse for the current population as buses may terminate at Lodge Hill and go further out more infrequently than at present. The "hub" could be detrimental to the well-being of the rest of the Peninsula.

Members question whether the supplies of gas, electricity and especially of water could cope. This applies equally to the sewage system and drainage.

Members fully support the personal sentiments expressed by Cllr Tony Watson in his blog www.hoo-peninsula.co.uk

Should permission be granted, the Parish Council would like conditions imposed that the complete infrastructure is implemented first, before the construction of houses, so that everything is already in place before the first residents move in and the inevitable disruption caused by construction affects as few people as possible. This would include the road systems, drains and sewers, water pipes, gas pipes, electricity cables, fibre optic telephone/broadband/television cables, mobile phone provision and everything else demanded by modern life.

- 519 ii **MC/14/0557:** Land west of Clipper Close, Medway City Estate: Details pursuant conditions 7 & 8 on planning permission MC/13/2755 for construction of a building for the storage of recyclables

No objection

- 520 iii **MC/14/0545:** 11 Iden Road, Wainscott: Construction of a single storey side extension

No objection, subject to no objections from neighbours.

- 521 iv **MC/14/0716:** Sandacres, Upnor Road, Lower Upnor: Details pursuant to condition 3 on planning permission MC/13/2022 for retrospective planning application for the construction of 15 dwellings access from Upnor Road; ground remediation; drainage works: the raising of land levels: construction of retaining walls: Parking: boundary treatments and landscaping

It was agreed to make no comment.

- 522 v **MC/14/0221:** Unit 2, Maritime Close, Medway City Estate: An application for a Lawful Development Certificate (existing) for use as vehicle repair garage to include MOT station

No objection

- 523 vi **MC/14/0753: 1 Noke Street, Wainscott:** Construction of a 2-storey extension to front and rear including new chimney stack

No objection

- 524 b **Decisions**

The decisions listed on Appendix A were received.

- c **Appeals and Other Matters**

- 525 i **Call for Development Sites**

The letter from Medway Council was received.

- 526 d **Licensing Applications**

None.

8 **FINANCE**

- 527 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed the payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B be ratified.

- 529 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Archer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Revell and agreed the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B (cheques 101624 – 101626) be approved, with the addition of £66, Clive Stanley (cheque 101627) and £213.60, A Osborne (101628).

9 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 530 None.

10 **UPNOR**

- 531 a **General Matters**

Cllr Moore reported it was very quiet. Cllr Mrs Revell said that there had been a complaint about the rubbish in Upnor car park. She understood Medway Council would be replacing the existing dog bin to a combined litter and dog bin.

532 **b Lower Upnor Riverside Project**
In Cllr Hick's absence, there was no report.

533 **c MoD Site**
Nothing to report.

11 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden
534 The turfing and planting was complete.

b Playparks and MUGA
535 i. Recreation Ground. Nothing to report.
536 ii. Wainscott Fields. Nothing to report.

537 **c Wainscott Fields Open Space**
Nothing to report.

538 **d Allotments**
The allotment holders had been invoiced.

539 **e Lower Upnor Village Green**
Nothing to report.

540 **f Woodland**
Nothing to report

541 **g Frittenden Road Hedge**
Nothing to report.

542 **h Notice Boards**
Cllr Martin said he had now put stays on most of the boards. PCSO Mandip Clare had asked if he could have a key. Cllr Martin would obtain some so there were spares. *PM*

12 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

543 **a Wainscott Road**
It was reported there were double yellow lines adjacent to the new road into Wainscott School from Wainscott Roal. The Chairman said he would have a look and contact Cllr Filmer.

13 LIGHTING

544 Nothing to report.

14 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**545 a Representative's Report**

The Chairman reported on the last meeting. The Police had reported on re-structuring that was to take place in June. The PCSOs would not reduce in number and the parish still had PCSO Clare. There had been dispersal orders on youths on the Medway City Estate. Roy Smith had given a presentation on the Youth Service. They were continuing to work with police on "Liberty Park" and were taking young people to the Strood Youth Centre. Feedback had been given on an exercise to test emergency plans at Isle of Grain. Brian McCutcheon was retiring and the Chairman had proposed a vote of thanks.

b Projects

546 i Instant hot water tap for hall. On order

547 ii Parish Room. The Chairman had undertaken some research for the honours board but had many more records to go through

*DC***15 KALC/MAC****547 a Representatives' Report**

No meeting

16 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**548 a Representative's Report**

No meeting.

549 b Hall Extension

The Chairman reported that a hole had appeared in the car park and this had been rectified by Complete Moling.

17 POLICE MATTERS**550 a Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**

Cllr Millsom reported on the last meeting. The main issues were related to drugs at Isle of Grain and a break-in at Hoo.

551 b Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Miller said there had been a break in to a garage in Grasmere Grove and a motor bike had been stolen.

18 COMMUNICATIONS**552 b Magazine**

The second issue was being delivered.

19 DATES OF MEETINGS

553 The date for the Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Assembly) was confirmed as Wednesday 21st May and the Annual Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 29th May.

19 CONSULTATION

554 No documents received.

20 CORRESPONDENCE

555 None.

21 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014