

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr David Coomber	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs Pam Coomber	
	Cllr Gary Etheridge	Items 1-7, 14, 8
	Cllr Peter Hicks	
	Cllr Peter Martin	
	Cllr David Miller	
	Cllr Geoff Moore	
	Cllr Mrs Georgina Revell	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Mrs Wendy Williams	Footpaths Officer
	Mr Dave Harris	Medway Council
	PCSO Craig Messenger	
	3 members of the public	

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2014/15/

1 APOLOGIES

140 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Trevor Archer	On holiday
Cllr Mrs Val Archer	On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Revell and agreed these apologies be accepted. An apology without reason was received from Cllr Tom Mason, which was not accepted by the Council. An apology for early departure was received from Cllr Etheridge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

141 None.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

142 None.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2014

143 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Revell, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2014 be signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING**144 a C/07/14/7c(i) minute 2014/15/110: Paramount Theme Park**

Cllr Etheridge commented that there would be 15,000 staff.

6 FOOTPATHS

145 The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the Footpaths Officer to speak.

Mrs Williams said that the paths were all reasonably passable. She said she thought the strimmers should be serviced.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Williams and reconvened the meeting. It was agreed the strimmers should be taken for service during the winter ready for next year and Mrs Williams was asked to arrange this.

7 POLICE MATTERS**146 a PCSO's Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow PCSO Messenger to speak.

PCSO Craig Messenger introduced himself. He was new to the area and had been the PCSO for Strood Rural for the previous two months. He was dealing with certain families and anti-social behaviour had improved. A couple of anti-social behaviour orders had been issued.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Messenger and reconvened the meeting. Cllr Hicks said there had been thefts in Upnor, including those of a bicycle and of cast iron cannons.

147 b Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report

In Cllr Millsom's absence, there was no report.

148 c Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Miller said he had received only two local reports since the last meeting. One was a general warning about scams. The other was of the theft of keys from a house in Hollywood Lane and the theft of a motor bike from Holly Road.

As members of the public were present who wished to comment about Frindsbury Hill, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

14 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**149 a Frindsbury Hill**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

A resident of Frindsbury Hill was concerned about its use by HGVs, especially at night, which produced noise and vibration. He asked if night time restrictions had been

considered. The speed cameras were no longer there and he had been told they were being repaired.

The Chairman thanked the residents and reconvened the meeting. Cllr Hicks said that all HCVs were encouraged to use the A289 and not to go through Strood and up Frindsbury Hill. He said he would speak to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and ask him to investigate.

150 **b Greenfields Close**

It was reported that Cllr Rodberg had asked for improvements at Greenfield Close.

8 PLANNING

151 **a Discussion with Taylor Wimpey on Brompton Farm Road Development**

As there was no representation from the developer or their planning consultants, the item was deferred to a future meeting.

152 **b Presentation by Dave Harris, Medway Council**

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

Mr Harris he was now in charge of planning policy, applications and enforcement. He had started working on a new local plan, which would take about 3 years. He would like to attend parish council meetings regularly to discuss the plan. He invited questions and responded as follows:

There was no "list" of conditions that could be imposed; each case was taken on its merits.

Parking standards were now minimum, rather than maximum, as had been the case in the past. Medway now had its own standards for garages – the minimum was 3m x 7m. On new developments, it would no longer be possible to convert garages into habitable rooms.

Sales on the open market to housing associations could not be controlled. Cllr Hicks added that West Kent Housing had more properties in Strood Rural than anywhere else in Medway but a strong line was taken on breaches of tenancy agreements.

The issue of the S 106 agreement on the Taylor Wimpey Brompton Farm Road development was raised, where the case officer had informed the Clerk that only a certain amount of the money for open spaces had been allocated to the parish and the majority of the money had been allocated elsewhere. The Council was advised to attempt to influence Chris Valdus. Cllr Etheridge said he had noticed that developers were trying to back out of S 106 agreements where a community infrastructure levy was not in place. Mr Harris replied that if a developer wanted to reduce the amount, there would be a meeting and the developer would have to provide evidence.

Cllr Hicks said that the Church Commissioners were refusing to renew leases of the tennis and cricket clubs in Upnor and he was strongly in favour of a Hogmarsh Valley

Park being included in the local plan. Mr Harris was fully in agreement. He said that the Church Commissioners were lobbying for land to be allocated for housing in the local plan. Cllr Mrs Revell said that there was a rumour that the Church Commissioners were planning to sell some of the tenant farms for housing.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had been allowed to put names forward for roads on developments and asked that this would continue.

Both Cllr Martin and the Clerk made comments on the planning pages of Medway's website. They were asked to take any matters up with Lisa Maryott.

The Chairman thanked Mr Harris and reconvened the meeting.

c Applications

- 153 **i MC/14/2090:** 27 Jarrett Avenue, Wainscott: Details pursuant to condition 3, 5, 6 and 8 of planning permission MC/13/1218 - Construction of two storey two bedroom detached house with car parking

No objection.

- 154 **ii MC/14/2289:** 71 Rolvenden Road, Wainscott: Engineering works to front garden, construction of retaining walls, hardstanding and vehicular crossover

No objection.

- 155 **iii MC/14/2435:** 109 Hollywood Lane, Wainscott: Part two storey part first floor extension to side and rear - Demolition of garage

No objection

- 156 **iv MC/14/2447:** 36 Hughes Drive, Wainscott: Outline application with all matters reserved for construction of a 4-bedroomed dwelling with associated parking

After discussion it was agreed to object as follows:

It is considered that the access onto Hughes Drive is too restricted to permit access to both the existing property and the proposed new property. The access would be onto the turning circle at the end of Hughes Drive and might cause problems for the other properties on the turning circle, especially no 38. The plot is big enough but the position of the proposed dwelling as shown on the drawings is quite close to the road, further restricting access. It would also make a terrace of properties, with no access to the rear garden of the existing property, no 36 other than through the house.

- 157 **v MC/14/2443:** The Whitewall Centre, Whitewall Road, Medway City Estate: Retrospective application for change of use from office to two 1-bedroomed self-contained flats

After discussion it was agreed to comment as follows:

Frindsbury Extra Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, but would like a condition imposed that the flats remain solely for the use of staff of the business. Members also suggest that the permission is temporary for 5 years.

- 158 vi **MC/14/2452:** Remet UK Ltd, Whitewall Road, Medway City Estate: Application for Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for temporary 20 year installation of 185kWH of solar panels to the road side section of the roof with all other equipment being installed within the building

No objection

- 159 vii **MC/14/2555:** 1 Iden Road, Wainscott: Construction of single storey side extension incorporating integral garage together with insertion of a dormer window to rear to facilitate living accommodation in the roofspace

No objection

- 160 viii **MC/14/2658:** Wayne Court, Miller Way, Wainscott: Details pursuant to condition 23a and 23b of MC/13/2513 - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a 3 storey block comprising six 2-bedroomed flats; three 1-bedroomed flats; two 1-bedroomed wheelchair flats and eight 3-bedroomed terrace houses with associated parking, landscaping, refuse area and cycle storage. Resubmission of MC/13/0285 (arboricultural consultant and arboricultural site monitoring schedule)

No objection

- 161 ix **MC/14/2648:** 38 Iden Road, Wainscott: Construction of a single storey side/rear extension with roof light (Resubmission MC 14/1424)

No objection

- 162 x **MC/14/2788:** Wayne Court, Miller Way, Wainscott: Details pursuant to condition 05 on planning permission MC/13/2513 for demolition of existing buildings and construction of a 3 storey block comprising six 2-bedroomed flats; three 1-bedroomed flats; two 1-bedroomed wheelchair flats and eight 3-bedroomed terrace houses with associated parking, landscaping, refuse area and cycle storage. Resubmission of MC/13/0285. (Roof, cladding and balcony details)

No objection

Neighbourhood Consultation

- 163 xi **MC/14/2856:** 65 Galleon Way, Lower Upnor: Construction of conservatory to rear.

164 b Decisions

The decisions listed on Appendix A were received.

c Appeals and Other Matters

- 165 i **MC/11/2516:** Lodge Hill, Chattenden

It was noted that a special meeting of Medway Council had given approval. The Strood Rural and Peninsula ward councillors had spoken against. The proposals were now going to the Secretary of State. Among the 25 conditions was a contribution towards highway and public transport improvements on the A288 and A289, including

the Sans Pareil and Anthony's Way roundabouts, Wulfere Way, Berwick Way and Vanguard Way, all within the parish and improvements to the cycle links between the application site and Medway City Estate. Cllr Hicks said that the applicant had found alternative sites for the nightingales.

166 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

9 FINANCE

167 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

168 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

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

169 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Revell, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B (cheques 101658 – 101665) be approved, together with £24.45, Wendy Williams (cheque 101666).

170 **d Completion of Audit 2013/14**

The audit for the year to 31st March 2014 was now successfully completed. The notice had been placed on a noticeboard and the annual return would be put on the website.

10 GRANT APPLICATIONS

171 **a Kent Air Ambulance**

It was proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by the Chairman and agreed a grant of £150 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101667)

172 **b Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Cllr Miller said he used to be an organiser, then just a member. This year there had been no communication from the local branch and he was no longer a member. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Revell, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101668)

173 **c Blind Veterans UK**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hicks and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101669)

11 UPNOR**174 a General Matters**

Cllr Moore said the village green was still looking good. Cllr Mrs Revell said the traffic going down the High Street had doubled.

175 b Lower Upnor Riverside Project

Cllr Hicks reported he was working on a costings update.

12 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**176 a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden**

The Clerk reported she had asked the football club to remove the old goals from the rear of the hall.

177 b Wainscott Fields Open Space

i General Matters. Nothing to report.

ii Litter Bins. The Clerk reported on her difficulties in finding someone to empty litter bins. Highways would be putting in a bin by the bus stop, as this would be on Hoo Road. She had asked that this was one of the new combined litter/dog bins. Highways could not empty bins on Chancel Drive as this was not yet adopted. She had asked that either Medway Council invoice the Parish Council or that they provide the name of a contact at Veolia.

iii Landscape Enhancement Scheme. The Clerk presented a planting scheme with costings. It could be implemented over 1, 2 or 3 years. After discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the complete scheme immediately, using the rural liaison grant and money from the landscape maintenance budget.

c Playparks and MUGA

178 i. Recreation Ground. Nothing to report.

179 ii. Wainscott Fields. Nothing to report.

180 d Allotments

Nothing to report.

181 e Lower Upnor Village Green

Nothing to report.

182 f Woodland

Overhanging branches had been cleared from the rear of three houses in Brissenden Close.

183 g Contract with Turfsoil Ltd

Turfsoil Ltd had asked if their contract could be renewed for a further year. This would

make sense as they would be looking after the new planting for its first year. There would be a price review from 1st April. Members felt they were doing a good job. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Revell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Coomber and agreed their contract be renewed as discussed.

184 **h Notice Boards**

Cllr Martin said he felt they needed re-varnishing and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations.

13 YOUTH PROVISION

185 The Clerk reported on a meeting with West Kent Extra, which had also been attended by Cllr Mrs Archer in her capacity as Memorial Hall Chairman. West Kent Extra were doing work with children on the Liberty Park development, but children in the rest of the parish were missing out. They had discussed an 8s – 12s project which was strictly supervised. Children attended by referral of schools, social services and housing associations and the sessions provided early interventions to prevent anti-social behaviour in the future. The scheme was working well elsewhere. West Kent Extra would be invited to a future meeting.

15 LIGHTING

186 Nothing to report.

16 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

187 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Hicks reported on the last meeting. Speakers had been from the National Farmers Union and Kent Association of Local Councils. The police were still receiving complaints about motor bikes.

b Projects

188 i Method of Payment. In future the annual allocation would be paid as a one-off payment at the beginning of the financial year. The payment for 2014/15, together with the sum rolled over from the previous year had been received.

189 ii Parish Room. The Chairman was still undertaking research for the honours board.

190 iii Wainscott Fields landscaping. Already discussed and agreed.

191 **c Hosting of Meeting on 2nd December**

It was agreed the Clerk should arrange for refreshments for about 30 people.

17 KALC/MAC

191 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllrs Moore and Martin reported on the meeting held the previous evening. High Halstow had asked about noise from half-pipe skateboard facilities. Motor bikes were

still being a nuisance in Grain and Cliffe. Upper Stoke was asking for more play equipment for younger children. There had not been much resistance to the proposed solar energy farm. Cllr Martin had reported on the proposals for the Wainscott Club, which had proved of interest. There had been an appeal for people to attend a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 8th October.

18 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

192 a **Representative’s Report**

No meeting.

19 COMMUNICATIONS

193 b **Magazine**

The Clerk asked for articles to be submitted.

194 a **Website**

The Webmaster and the Clerk had carried out their annual review of the site.

20 CONSULTATION

195 No documents received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

196 a **Wisdom Hospice**

Members were asked to respond individually to the invitation to a 30th anniversary service of thanksgiving if they wished to attend.

22 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014