

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr David Coomber	Chairman	
	Cllr Trevor Archer		
	Cllr Mrs Val Archer		
	Cllr Chris Buckwell		
	Cllr Peter Martin		
	Cllr Mrs Fatima Mitchell		
	Cllr Geoff Moore		
	Cllr Ope Onimole	-	Items 1-6, 19a, 7- 16
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
In attendance	Mr Robert Taylor	Footpaths Officer	
	Mrs Anne Roscow		
	Mr Clive Stanley	Webmaster	

Item *Action point*

Minute number 2016/17/

1 APOLOGIES

270 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Gary Etheridge	On holiday
Cllr Peter Hicks	On holiday
Cllr Chris Sparks	At work
Cllr John Williams	On holiday

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

271 None.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

272 None

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2016

273 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Archer, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2016 be signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

274 None.

6 FOOTPATHS

275 a Representative's Report

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Mr Taylor give his report.

Mr Taylor said he had cleared FP 131 Dillywood Lane to Brompton Farm Road. He had asked the Public Rights of Way Officer to get some tree stumps removed. He reported that the owners of the land further along the path had removed all the trees from the land. He had strimmed the path between 128 and 126 Brompton Farm Road and cleared FP 118 Lower Rochester Road to Higham Road. Further along to Haven Street he said he had discovered the farmer had not left enough space for the footpath. There was a similar problem with FP 326 opposite the Sans Pareil pub.

Mr Taylor said he had sold his house and was moving out of the area. He reported that Assistant Footpaths Officer Les Hoskins was also moving. They would both be resigning. He introduced Mrs Anne Roscow who had helped him recently and who was willing to take over from him.

The Chairman thanked Mr Taylor and reconvened the meeting.

7 PLANNING

a Applications

- 276 i **MC/16/3742:** Land south of View Road, Cliffe: Outline application with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the construction of 50 retirement homes comprising a mix of 2/3 storey apartments and single storey bungalows with ancillary meeting room, gymnasium, office, parking and garaging with new vehicular access to View Road

No objection

- 277 ii **MC/16/2527:** 15 Albion Place, Lower Upnor: Construction of garage block on existing embankment area to form 3 additional garages with storage above

After discussion, it was agreed to object to the application, referring to access or lack of it for other users of the garage court; lack of notification to the Parish Council as an adjacent land owner; instability of the Council's adjoining land; potential damage to at least one tree in the Council's ownership subject to a tree preservation order; reference to the planning application for a dwelling submitted in 2005, refused and dismissed; extra traffic movements; size of the "Storage Area" and reference to the many objections from neighbours.

- 278 iii **MC/16/3807:** 40 High Street, Upnor: Construction of a new mansard roof and dormer window; new rear stair enclosure; formation of a new disabled access ramp with glazed covered area, new boundary treatment and associated internal and external alterations

A recent listed building application on this site had had no objections from members. The new application had some alterations to the original drawings. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Buckwell, seconded by the Chairman and agreed to respond as follows:

Frindsbury Extra Parish Council has concerns over the proposal.

The front of the house faces the river frontage and can be seen from across the River Medway. In this respect it is close to Upnor Castle and Medway View, both significant buildings and is visually important viewed from St Mary's Island. It is joined to another house and the existing roofline extends across both properties. The raised roof line, although contained within the height of the chimney stacks, would no longer present a continuous line. The proposals are contrary to the street scene.

The house has historic associations with Lord Nelson and the Parish Council wishes to draw attention to this fact in considering the proposed alterations.

The Parish Council would also draw attention to the objection by a neighbour and understands that more neighbours will also be objecting.

- 279 **iv** **MC/16/3368:** Unit C, Strood Retail Park, Commercial Road, Strood: Construction of an external scissor lift and canopy with plant deck to the rear of Unit C1

No objection

- 280 **v** **MC/16/3627:** 12 High Street, Upnor: T1 Holly Tree – Fell

No objection

- 281 **vi** **MC/16/3574:** 45 Castle Street, Upnor: Construction of single storey extension to side/rear (Resubmission of MC/14/2413)

No objection.

- 282 **vii** **MC/16/3616:** Pitstop Garage, Plot T, Clipper Close, Medway City Estate: Application for a Lawful Development (Proposed) for use of premises to include MOT testing

No objection.

- 283 **viii** **MC/16/3614:** 13 Chatsworth Drive, Frindsbury Extra: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for formation of hip to gable roof together with insertion of dormer to rear and roof lights to front to facilitate living accommodation in the roof space

No objection.

- 284 **ix** **MC/16/3730:** Lower Upnor Flats, Upnor Road, Lower Upnor: Details pursuant to condition 4 & 20 on planning permission MC/15/3793 for construction of a two-storey apartment building for 16 apartments

- 285 **x** **MC/16/3795:** Lower Upnor Depot, Upnor Road, Lower Upnor: Construction of 8 two bedroom apartments and associated parking

After discussion, it was agreed to object as follows:

Firstly, these proposals need to be considered in the context of the other proposals for the site which already have planning permission. The site map attached to the

application only shows the proposed buildings on the site as it existed prior to any of the permissions being granted and currently implemented or in the process of being implemented. It is especially important in relation to the other dwellings proposed for the site.

It is felt that the architecture is not in keeping with either the proposed new buildings for which planning consent has already been granted or the historic buildings on the site. It would also be close to Upnor Castle. The incompatibility would especially be obvious from across the River Medway as can be seen from the visual submitted with the application. It would do nothing to enhance the view from St Mary's Island.

The proposed siting would shut off the river from the rest of the site and there would be a loss of amenity to future residents of the site occupying the other dwellings.

The outline application for the whole site included a coach park for Upnor Castle, with a road linking through the entire site. It is not clear from the drawings submitted whether this road would be compromised by this proposal. The Parish Council remains in favour of the provision of a coach park and road through.

- 286 **xi MC/16/3853:** Co-operative Store, Anthony's Way, Medway City Estate: Advertisement consent for installation of 1 x illuminated fascia logo only 7 x externally illuminated fascia 1 x non-illuminated fascia 2 x internally illuminated logos 5 x non-illuminated aluminium panels 7 x non-illuminated wall mounted aluminium panels 2 x internally illuminated totems

No objection.

287 **Out of Time**

The out of time applications as listed on Appendix A were noted.

288 **b Decisions**

The decisions listed on Appendix A were received.

289 **c Appeals and Other Matters**

None

290 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

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

19 COMMUNICATIONS

291 **a Website**

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

Mr Stanley reported that it was understood the KCC Kent Parishes website would start

charging from the next financial year, at which point he would ask the Clerk to inform them that they would no longer be using the site. He would be undertaking the usual annual review of the site with the Clerk. He would welcome any photographs or other items of interest. The renewal of the domain name was due in December.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

8 FINANCE

292 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

293 b Payments Made Since the Last Meeting

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

294 c Insurance Renewal

It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Buckwell and agreed to enter into a 5-year long term agreement with Zurich Municipal.

295 d Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved (cheques 101835 – 101843), with the addition of £27, S & P Client - CC Trading (cheque 101844).

296 e Audit 2015/16

The successful conclusion of the audit for the year to 31 March 2016 was noted.

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

297 a Royal British Legion

It was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Archer and agreed a grant of £100 be made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal under S 137 of the LGA 1972. (cheque 101845).

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

298 a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden

The Clerk reported she had received quotations from Baylis Landscape Services for work to the fencing. The contractor had reported that the matter of the fence behind 3 Burnt House Close was not really the Council's problem. Cllr Mrs Archer said the situation was delicate in view of the age of the resident. It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Buckwell and agreed that the Clerk be delegated to negotiate with a member of the resident's family, with the help of Cllrs Mrs Archer and Williams. The other items would be deferred to the next meeting.

b Wainscott Fields Open Space

- 299 i. General matters. Nothing to report.
- 300 ii. Handover of remaining open space. A meeting had been held with members of the Parish Council, Turfsoil Ltd and representatives of Crest Nicholson to identify rectification needed before the remaining open space could be handed over.
- 301 iii. Proposed landscape enhancement. It was agreed to proceed with the planting enhancement. Alternative quotations would not be sought as past experience had shown that in similar cases, maintenance contractors did not look after new planting unless they had carried it out themselves and it had always proved to be a waste of money.

c Fordwich Drive Open Space

- 302 i. General matters. Nothing to report.
- 303 ii. Laverock Tree Care would be asked to provide a quotation.

d Playparks

- 304 i. Recreation Ground. Nothing to report.
- 305 ii. Wainscott Fields. The cantilever basket swing had been vandalised. It had been decommissioned and Park Leisure contacted about a replacement.
- 306 iii. Fordwich Drive. Park Leisure had prepared a masterplan for the playpark.

307 e Allotments

Nothing to report.

308 f Lower Upnor Village Green

Laverock Tree Care had been asked for advice about the sycamore tree and for a quotation.

309 g Woodland

Nothing to report.

310 h Notice Boards

All the notice boards had now been refurbished. Turfsoil were unable to lower the board by the Upnor car park. Cllr Moore said he knew of someone who might be able to do it.

11 UPNOR**311 a General Matters**

Cllr Moore said there was noise from the former MoD site and that dogs had been left in the yard. He had also noted activity on the jetty.

312 c Lower Upnor Riverside Project

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

12 LIBERTY PARK**313 a Liberty Park Residents Association**

Cllr Martin had nothing to report

314 b Community Greenspaces

Awaiting resolution of handover of public open space before progressing.

13 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**315 a Anthony's Way, Sans Pareil and Four Elms Roundabouts**

It was believed another presentation had been made to the ward councillors the previous month.

14 LIGHTING

316 Nothing to report.

15 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**317 a Representative's Report**

The Chairman reported on the last meeting. It had been attended by 2 police officers. The National Farmers Union had given a presentation. The Council would be hosting the next meeting on Tuesday 2nd December. The Clerk would arrange refreshments.

16 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

318 No meeting.

17 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**319 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that the new tables had arrived. Bookings were going well.

320 b Hall Improvements

The installation of the audio visual equipment was almost complete. Cllr Mrs Archer and the Hall Secretary were seeing a representative from a blinds company about new blinds for the main hall and an awning at the rear. The Clerk was still pursuing seating.

18 POLICE MATTERS**321 a Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**

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

322 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

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

19 COMMUNICATIONS

323 **b Magazine**

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

20 CONSULTATION

324 No documents received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

325 **a Carbon Smart**

A letter from Carbon Smart about grants for renewable energy feasibility studies was received.

326 **b Medway Council: Royal Oak, Cooling Road**

The Royal Oak in Cooling Road had been listed as an asset of Community Value.

22 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

23 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

328 It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Archer and agreed to exclude the press and public from the following items on the grounds it was a legal matter.

24 PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITIONS

329 Ongoing. The Clerk would ask for an update.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.32 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2016