

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Sparks Chair
 Cllr Vanessa Roach Vice-Chair
 Cllr Gary Etheridge
 Cllr Anne Roscow
 Cllr Andrew Millsom
 Cllr Sheila Noise

In attendance Emma Johnson Clerk
 0 Member of the public

Item

Minute 2024/25

*Action point***1 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

293 The Parish received two applications for the vacant Councillor position. Applications were reviewed by Councillors and a vote by show of hands was taken. It was proposed by Cllr Noise, seconded by Cllr Roscow and agreed by all that Paul Martin be co-opted.

2 APOLOGIES

294 Apologies were received from:
 Cllr Tony Ashton – Unwell
 Cllr Elizabeth Turpin – Work Commitment
 Cllr Craig Liddell – Family Emergency
 Cllr Ope Onimole – Prior Engagement

It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed these apologies be accepted.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

295 Cllr Gary Etheridge reported a conflict of interest in item 6a.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

296 None

5 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

297 It was proposed by Cllr Roach, seconded by Cllr Roscow and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October be signed as a true record.

6 FOOTPATHS**298 Footpath Officer's Report**

This month we litter picked on RS328, near the new school and on RS121 between Parsonage Lane and Berwick way. We filled 4 rubbish bags. I reported to Stacey that the tarmac on RS121 is disintegrating in one spot, creating a large pothole.

We cut back undergrowth on RS 136 up in the woods above Lower Upnor. We also worked on RS131 and the bridleway off Dillywood Lane. We have also cut back the hedge alongside RS125 by the tennis courts. The diverted footpath RS326 is now open.

- 7**
- a** **PLANNING Applications**
- 299 **i** **MC/24/2343** – 38 Jarrett Avenue Wainscott: Construction of a conservatory to rear
- No objection
- 300 **ii** **MC/24/2316** – 3 Holly Road Wainscott: Construction of a dormer window to rear and installation of roof lights front and rear to provide additional living accommodation within roof space
- No Objection
- 301 **iii** **MC/24/2307** – 7 Grasmere Grove Wainscott: Construction of a single storey side/rear extension - demolition of existing conservatory and garage
- No Objection
- 302 **iv** **MC/24/2243** - Tradebe Enterprise Close Medway City Estate : Construction of an open canopy structure and new boundary wall to provide additional shelter and protection in the yard
- No Objection
- 303 **v** **MC/24/2378** – Unit B2 Whitewall Road: Unit B2 Whitewall Road Medway City Estate
- No Objection
- 304 **b** **Decisions**
- The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.
- 305 **c** **Appeals and Other Matters**
- Nothing to report.
- 306 **d** **Neighbourhood Plan**
- Cllr Sparks reported he had met with a few businesses from Medway City Estate and the main complaint was highways concerns. As soon as a new Assistant Clerk was in place to co-ordinate the project plans can move forward more swiftly.
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- a** **FINANCE**
- 307 **a** **Bank Balances**
- The Bank balances at 31st October as listed on Appendix B were noted.
- 308 **b** **Paid since last meeting**
- Payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.
- 309 **c** **Accounts for payment**
- It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid.
- 310 **d** **Volunteer Christmas Vouchers**
- It was proposed by Cllr Noise, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed to pay £200 towards the Footpath Volunteers Christmas meal.

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

310 i Hilltop Primary School PTA – Junk Yard Orchestra

It was proposed by Cllr Millsom, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed by all to give a £50 donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal under section 137 LGA 1972.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden/Playpark

311 i General Matters

The Clerk reported a charitable organisation called Legend on the bench reached out and asked if one of their suicide prevention benches could be placed in one of our green spaces. Councillors wanted a bit more information so the Clerk will organise.

b Wainscott Fields Open Space/Playpark

312 i Cuxton FC Football Club

EJ

The Clerk reported Cuxton FC football club had asked if the Parish Council had any grounds they could use. It was decided to speak more with them to see if Wainscott Recreation ground could be used.

313 ii Legend on the Bench

After further discussion since last months meeting and more details confirmed it was agreed that Legend on the Bench could place a bench at Wainscott Fields as long as maintenance and installation was provided. It was discussed how worthwhile the project was and the positive impact it could have on someones life.

c Wainscott Fields Working Group

314 Nothing to report.

d Coomber Green Open Space/Playpark

315 It was discussed that moss has formed on the ground and it needs to be jet washed.

EJ

e Schooner Walk Open Space/Playpark

316 Cllr Sparks reported Home Counties play had coated the flooring with sealant to stop the colouring coming off on peoples shoes and to blend the colouring.

317 f Allotments

Nothing to report.

318 g Woodland

Nothing to report.

319 h Notice Boards

Repairs could be conducted in the next financial year.

320 i Defibrillators

Cllr Williams and Cllr Ashton has checked the defibrillators and confirmed razors and other extras were present as needed.

11 UPNOR

321 It was reported the public consultation for the Arethusa site now owned by Bassi Developments went well and residents were impressed with the materials and look of the proposed site but were concerned over highways issues.

12 FRINDBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL

322 Cllr Sparks reported the hall was running well but there were issues with a flat roof that needs repairs.

13 SCHOOLS

323 Cllr Roscow reported she had tried to get in contact with Hilltop Primary School but were having difficulties with the receptionists not forwarding emails to the head teacher. The Clerk will try find a direct contact. *EJ*

14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

324 Nothing to report.

15 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

325 Cllr Millsom reported at the last meeting 2 presentations were given. The first was by Arriva regarding local bus routes. Many matters were discussed including fair increases, traffic congestion causing delays and the 133 from Cliffe to Chatham would be doubling the service in the next 5 years. It was also discussed that Medway Council may invoke their own bus service. The second presentation was given by Stacey McGreggor on local footpaths. She reported they were looking to update the current map which was drawn up in 1987, 6 new routes were going to be added including a coastal walk in Grain and other circular walks.

**16 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE
326 a Representatives' Report**

Nothing to report.

17 POLICE MATTERS

327 a Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report

In Cllr Onimole's absence no report was given.

328 b Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Millsom had nothing to report.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

329 a Website/Social Media

Nothing to report.

19 Consultation

330 The Clerk reported Whoo Cares had contacted the Parish and asked if they could erect an information Board in the Parish giving historical facts and important landmarks. More information was requested.

20 Correspondence

331 None

21 Gift or Charitable Donation for Geoffrey Moore for long service on the Parish Council

332 Cllr Sparks was due to meet with Geoffrey Moore next week and would discuss at the next meeting.

MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND PUBLIC SESSION

Nothing to report.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

22 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

333 It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed the press and public be excluded from the following items on the grounds the first was a personnel matter and the second concerned a commercial contract.

23 PERSONNEL

334 a **Assistant Clerk Update**

The Clerk reported we had received a lot of interest and around 9 applications so far. It was then agreed Cllr Sparks, Cllr Roach and the Clerk would do a paper sift first, then send the applications to Councillors to check for pecuniary interests or strong opinions then interviews would be conducted in the New Year.

24 Health and Safety

335 Cllr Sparks reported himself and the Clerk did a walk around all the play parks and had discussed the new finding from the operational inspection. None were classed as urgent so repairs would be conducted in the new financial year.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:10

Signed Chairman

On the ... day of2024