

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024 AT FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:	Cllr Chris Sparks Cllr Vanessa Roach Cllr Tony Ashton Cllr Gary Etheridge Cllr Craig Liddell Cllr Anne Roscow Cllr Paul Martin Cllr Andrew Millsom Cllr Sheila Noise Cllr Ope Onimole Cllr John Williams	Chair Vice-Chair
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	Emma Johnson 1 Member of the public	Clerk
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Item

Minute 2024/25

Action point

Before the meeting began Richborough gave a presentation to the Parish Council on the proposed planning application they are seeking to submit to Medway Council.

1 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

336 Cllr Martin was voted for by Councillors to join the Parish Council at the last meeting and all paperwork was completed.

2 APOLOGIES

337 Apologies were received from:
Cllr Elizabeth Turpin – Unwell

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

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

338 Cllr Gary Etheridge reported a conflict of interest in item 6a.
Cllr Roach reported a conflict in interest for planning application MC/24/2463
Cllr Roscow reported a conflict in interest in planning application MC/24/2517

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

339 None

5 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

340 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

341 Footpath Officer's Report

This month we have worked on RS122, removing ivy from some of the trees. There has been no need to work on any other footpath this month, as not much is growing.
We also enjoyed a Christmas lunch together at The Kings Arms and wholeheartedly thank the Parish Council for paying for the meal. It was very much appreciated.

351	c	Accounts for payment	
			It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid.
9		GRANT APPLICATIONS	
352			None
10		MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY	
	a	Recreation Ground/Hall Garden/Playpark	
353			Nothing to report.
	b	Wainscott Fields Open Space/Playpark	
354	c	Wainscott Fields Working Group	
			Nothing to report.
	d	Coomber Green Open Space/Playpark	
355			Cllr Liddell reported that moss had formed on the ground and it needs to be jet washed. <i>EJ</i>
	e	Schooner Walk Open Space/Playpark	
356			Nothing to report.
357	f	Allotments	
			Nothing to report.
358	g	Woodland	
			Complaint received from Brissenden Close in Upnor about trees behind the resident's property being overgrown and swaying in the wind. From photographs believe these to be on Taylor Wimpey land but the Clerk and Chair will visit to investigate. <i>EF/CS</i>
359	h	Notice Boards	
			Repairs could be conducted in the next financial year.
360	i	Defibrillators	
			Cllr Williams and Cllr Ashton reported all In good order.
11		UPNOR	
361			More criminal damage in car parks in Upnor had been reported but Cllr Onimole raised this issue at a recent police meeting and no reports of criminal damage had been received.
12		FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL	
362			Cllr Sparks reported roof repairs were needed.
13		SCHOOLS	
363			Nothing to report.

14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

364 a Medway Letter – Four Elms roundabout & Wainscott A289/B2000 junction

It was discussed that a letter had been sent to Medway Council to express the serious concerns of Councillors and residents regarding the escalating traffic congestion in the area.

15 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

365 Cllr Millsom reported he attended a carbon credit meeting with Simon Curry's team. The next meeting would be in January.

16 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

366 a **Representatives' Report**

Cllr Sparks and Cllr Roach reported they both were in attendance of the KALC AGM and found it extremely insightful and hoped to make more use of the KALC resources in future. Cllr Roach suggested the creation of a community resilience plan.

17 POLICE MATTERS

367 a **Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**

In Cllr Onimole reported he had attended a police meeting where it was raised that residents are not reporting crimes that are being reported to the Parish Council. Unless crimes are reported the Police cannot gather crime statistics to link patterns and organise resources.

368 b **Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing to report.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

369 a **Website/Social Media**

Nothing to report.

19 Consultation

370 None.

20 Correspondence

371 None

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

372 Defer to January agenda.

MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Etheridge reported that Medway Council's finances were not in a good way but yet all staff got pay rises. The Council's plan is to take out a 20 year loan from the government. The safer streets scheme was discussed and how it was not working, its created issues for local bus routes who cannot get through and parents/carers are just turning up to the areas earlier and sitting in their cars with the engines on. Cllr Etheridge reported he attended a detailed meeting on the national planning framework and discussions on the local plan. The framework favours multiple purpose developments and these will likely get approved regardless of objections. The devolution of Kent County Council and its split into 4 areas was discussed.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

22 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

373 It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed the press and public be excluded from the following item on the grounds it is a HR matter.

23 PERSONNEL

374 a Assistant Clerk Update

The Clerk reported applications had been shortlisted to 5 people and interviews would be conducted on the 25th of January 2025.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:15

Signed Chairman

On the ... day of2024