

## FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AT FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 PM

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Chris Sparks Cllr Geoffrey Moore Cllr Tony Ashton Cllr Gary Etheridge Cllr Vanessa Roach Cllr Anne Roscow Cllr Craig Liddell Cllr Andrew Millsom Cllr Sheila Noise Cllr Ope Onimole	Chairman Vice-Chairman
	Emma Johnson Ashlie Gash	Clerk Assistant Clerk
In attendance	0 Member of the public	

#### Item

Minute 2024/25

*Action point*

#### 1            **APOLOGIES**

- 118            Apologies were received from:  
                  Cllr John Williams - Holiday  
                  Cllr Elizabeth Turpin – Family Commitment

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

#### 2            **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 119            None

#### 3            **ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**

- 120            None

#### 4            **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- 121            It was proposed by Cllr Noise, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be signed as a true record.

#### 5            **MATTERS ARISING**

- 122            None

#### 6            **FOOTPATHS**

##### 123            **Footpath Officer's Report**

Cllr Roscow reported: This month we concentrated in Upnor. RS 126 between Lower and Upper Upnor has been cleared. RS 121 from the end of Castle Street has been cleared. RS136 from Brissenden Close to Upchat Road has been cleared but needs more work across the top. RS 128 Running parallel to Upchat Road between RS136 and RS 126 has been cleared. On 8th June, Medway Council hosted a Thank you lunch for volunteers who work in country parks and the wider countryside. This was held in Capstone Park and the Deputy Mayor presented all the teams of volunteers with a certificate. Three of us went as the other three had prior commitments.

- 7            **PLANNING**
- a        **Applications**
- 124            None.
- 125      **b        Decisions**
- The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.
- c        **Appeals and Other Matters**
- 126      **i        House Boat Lower Upnor**
- Cllr Sparks reported that the appeal decision from the planning inspectorate is that Subject to enforcement notice variations the appeal is dismissed, and the enforcement notice is upheld.
- 127      **ii        Medway City Estate Costa/Car Showroom**
- Cllr Sparks reported at the Medway Council planning meeting the application for the new costa and car showroom was approved but no one even mentioned the significant ecology of the site for nesting birds who use the area to roost at certain times of the year, a major point in the Parish Council's objection to the application.
- 128      **d        Neighbourhood Plan**
- Cllr Ashton reported that stakeholder letters were now ready to be posted and the Assistant Clerk said she would post by the end of the week.
- 8            **FINANCE**
- 129      **a        Bank Balances**
- The Bank balances at 31 May as listed on Appendix B were noted.
- 130      **b        Paid since last meeting**
- Payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.
- 131      **c        Accounts for payment**
- It was proposed by Cllr Noise, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid.
- 9            **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
- 132            None
- 10          **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**
- a        **Recreation Ground/Hall Garden/Playpark**
- 133      **i        General Matters**
- Cllr Sparks reported he had emailed multiple people at Medway Council to try discuss the recreation ground lease with no response so far.
- b        **Wainscott Fields Open Space/Playpark**
- 134            The Clerk reported she had received a request from Medway Youth Services who wished to use land at Wainscott Fields to hold a youth event in the summer. Risk assessments and public liability had been shared and Councillors agreed to the use of the land for the event.
- c        **Wainscott Fields Working Group**
- 135            Nothing to report.
- d        **Coomber Green Open Space/Playpark**

136 Nothing to report.

**e Schooner Walk Open Space/Playpark**

137 Cllr Sparks reported that a fire at the newly installed play park had purposely been started with a flammable substance by local children in Upnor. Police were investigating. It was also reported he had spoken to the resident regarding the trees at Schooner Walk growing over the garages. The removal of the trees was discussed but Cllr Sparks requested the resident speak to their neighbour regarding privacy as a hedge row was recently planted to give that neighbour more privacy from the play park.

138 **f Memorial Tree**

Nothing to report will remove from Agenda.

139 **g Allotments**

Cllr Sparks reported that funding from the Shared Prosperity fund had been applied for and obtaining land to purchase was still ongoing. The Assistant Clerk reported she had obtained quotes for waste removal and it was agreed a removal team instead of a skip was easier for the site and she would contact Mark Greenfield to gain access.

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140 **h Woodland**

Nothing to report

141 **i Notice Boards**

Nothing to report.

142 **j Defibrillators**

Nothing to report.

**11 UPNOR**

143 **a General Matters**

Nothing to report.

144 **b Lower Upnor Green**

It was reported that the land registry caution had not been successful.

**12 FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL**

145 Nothing to report.

**13 SCHOOLS**

146 Cllr Roscow and Liddell reported they had visited Wainscott Primary School and had a tour. The school reported a major issue they hoped the Parish could assist with is the amount of near misses and an accident on Wainscott Road where children are crossing the busy road and there is no crossing. It was agreed we would write to Simon Curry to urge a crossing be installed. The school also asked after an allotment plot but unfortunately none at present were available and they also requested children being involved in the Parish Council and although we could not hold a Parish meeting at the school it was agreed it would be a fantastic opportunity to involve all local schools in the neighbourhood plan.

**14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

147 Nothing to report.

**15 LIGHTING**

- 148 Nothing to report.
- 16 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**
- 149 Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June.
- 17 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**
- 150 **a Representatives' Report**
- Next meeting in July.
- 18 POLICE MATTERS**
- 151 **b Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**
- Cllr Onimole reported about the arson in Upnor, scrap metal thefts from people's driveways and that the police surgery was next week. It was asked if Cllr Onimole could request some number plate screws for residents.
- 152 **c Neighbourhood Watch**
- In Cllr Millsom reported the same incidents as Cllr Onimole.
- 19 COMMUNICATIONS**
- 153 **a Website**
- Nothing to report.
- 154 **b Magazine**
- Magazine no longer in circulation.
- 155 **c Social Media**
- Nothing to report.
- 20 CONSULTATION**
- 156 Cllr Roach reported that the public footpath through the new school site in Wainscott had a notice up advising of a planned diversion. The Clerk will request full information and will distribute to Councillors.
- 21 Correspondence**
- 157 None

#### **MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND PUBLIC SESSION**

Nothing to report.

#### **CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

- 22 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
- 158 It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed the press and public be excluded from the following items on the grounds that the matter concerned tenders and quotes.

**22 Health & Safety and HR**

**159 a Play Park Repair Quotes**

Two quotes for play park repairs were provided by the Clerk who had struggled to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> due to most companies not wanting to repair equipment not installed by their suppliers. Both quotes were examined and there was quite a few discrepancies between flooring areas and bearing prices so Cllr Sparks will speak to one of the companies regarding the quote but requested Cllr agree to a budget price to complete works. Councillors felt instead of temporarily placing grass matts that the Parish should look at spending more and getting the work completed properly and agreed in principle to a budget of £40,000.

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

Signed ..... Chairman

On the ... day of .....2024