

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025 AT FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:	Cllr Chris Sparks Cllr Vanessa Roach Cllr Gary Etheridge Cllr Paul Martin Cllr Andrew Millsom Cllr Craig Liddell Cllr Anne Roscow Cllr Elizabeth Turpin Cllr John Williams	Chair Vice-Chair	Items 6-21 Item 5-21 Items 6-21
	Emma Johnson Kim Shubrook	Clerk Assistant Clerk	
In attendance	0 Member of the public		

Item

Minute 2025/26

*Action point***1 APOLOGIES**

- 319 Apologies were received from:
 Cllr Ope Onimole – Work Christmas Party
 Cllr Sheila Noise – Prior Commitment
 Cllr Elizabeth Turpin – Prior Commitment
 Cllr Tony Ashton – Prior Commitment

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 320 None.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

- 321 It was reported that former Councillor and Vice-Chairman Geoffrey Moore had sadly passed away. Geoffrey served as a Councillor for approximately 30 years and was deeply committed to supporting the community.
 The proposal to install a memorial bench in Upnor was discussed, and the Clerk will obtain quotations and include this item on the January agenda for consideration and decision.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

- 322 It was proposed by Cllr Liddell, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2025 be signed as a true record.

5 FOOTPATHS**323 Footpath Officer's Report**

Cllr Roscow reported "This month our footpath clearing group cleared RS120 from Cooling Road to Cliffe Road. Rain prevented us from doing any other footpaths. We have had our Christmas meal at the Tudor Rose. The food was tasty and portions were large."

6 PLANNING Applications

- 324 i **MC/25/2386** - 34 Povey Avenue, Wainscott : Construction of a single storey extension to rear

No Objection

- 325 **b** **Decisions**
- The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.
- 326 **c** **Appeals and Other Matters**
- It was discussed that Medway Council were becoming extremely far behind with their determinations on planning applications which was causing issues. Cllr Sparks will draft a letter to Medway Council to express the concerns of the Parish Council. The Clerk will also email Dave Harris to ask why the highways improvements to the Wainscott Junction and B2000 were not included in the section 106 section of Medways Objection to planning application MC/25/0006.
- 327 **d** **Neighbourhood Plan**
- The Assistant Clerk reported herself and Cllr Sparks took a tour of the Parish with Dave Chetwyn and discussed policy themes. A QR code had also been created and quotes from Royal Mail to deliver business and residential flyers for the Neighbourhood Plan Survey have been obtained as well as printing quotes.
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- 328 **a** **Finance**
Bank Balances
- The Bank balances at 30th November as listed on Appendix B were noted.
- 329 **b** **Paid since last meeting**
- Payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.
- 330 **c** **Accounts for payment**
- It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid.
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- 331 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
wHoo Cares Christmas Giving Initiative
- The Parish Council were contacted by wHoo Cares a local charity who assist vulnerable and isolated members of the community on the Peninsula asking for donations towards the Christmas Giving Initiative. It was proposed by Cllr Liddell, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed a £50 donation be made under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
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- 332 **a** **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**
Recreation Ground/Hall Garden/Playpark
- The Clerk reported she had spoken to Medway Council regarding the lease of the recreation ground and requested the processes of ending the lease.
- 333 **b** **Wainscott Fields Open Space/Playpark**
- It was reported a trolley had been left at the park and the graffiti was still on the ground which the landscape maintenance team would try to remove.
- 334 **c** **Coomber Green Open Space/Playpark**
- Nothing to report.
- 335 **d** **Schooner Walk Open Space/Playpark**
- Cllr Martin reported that a bolt cover was missing in the park and that the bin had not been emptied for a while, but the team were on site and did empty it later that day.
- 336 **e** **Allotments**
- Nothing to report.

- 337 **f** **Woodland**
- The sale of the woodland was discussed, and it was agreed to have Cllr Sparks speak to land agents to obtain a valuation.
- 338 **h** **Notice Boards**
- It was reported that Derrick Reddick came to look at the Upper Upnor noticeboard and fixed the door without charge.
- 339 **i** **Defibrillators**
- Nothing to report.
- 10** **UPNOR**
- 340 **i** It was reported that The Ship pub was now reopened with new owners who are local.
- 11** **FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL**
- 341 Cllr Sparks reported the hall was in a good position with steady revenue stream. The Assistant Clerk reported that she had made good progress with the memorial board names and she would be meeting with an archive volunteer who was creating a WW2 memorial who wanted to share information.
- 12** **SCHOOLS**
- 342 The Assistant Clerk and Cllr Sparks reported they had a meeting with Wainscott Primary on the 7th of January. Cllr Williams reported that a school crossing person job for Wainscott Primary had been advertised but no one had applied so far, it was suggested that if no one comes forward to suggest a zebra crossing again.
- 13** **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**
- 343 Nothing to report.
- 14** **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**
- 344 Cllr Millsom reported there is no meeting until March.
- 15** **KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**
- 345 **a** **Representatives' Report**
- It was reported that Cllr Sparks was now Chair and there is no meeting until the end of January.
- 16** **POLICE MATTERS**
- 346 **a** **Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**
- In Cllr Onimole absence no report was given.
- 347 **b** **Neighbourhood Watch**
- Nothing to report.
- 17** **COMMUNICATIONS**
- 348 **Website/Social Media**
- Nothing to report.

18 Consultation

349 a Medways Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy

The Policy was discussed but no comments were taken forward.

19 Correspondence

350 None.

MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND PUBLIC SESSION

Medway Councillors reported that Medway Council were putting forward the decision to refuse the planning application for 800 homes on Lower Rochester Road in Wainscott. Unfortunately, due to Medway not responding within the statutory time limit the applicant due to non-determination has taken the application to the secretary of state for a decision. It was also reported that Strood Healthy Living Centre has now been withdrawn and the Local Government Reorganisation was discussed.

21 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

351 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 that the matter was regarding the purchase of land.

22 Purchase of Patman Land Update

352 Cllr Sparks reported he had met with Harrisons but was still awaiting a response from Taylor Wimpey.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:55

Signed Chairman

On the ... day of2026