

## FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026 AT FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 PM

**PRESENT:** Cllr Chris Sparks  
 Cllr Vanessa Roach  
 Cllr Gary Etheridge  
 Cllr Andrew Millsom  
 Cllr Sheila Noise  
 Cllr Elizabeth Turpin  
 Cllr Anne Roscow  
 Cllr John Williams

Chair  
 Vice-Chair

Items 6-23

In attendance Emma Johnson  
 Kim Shubrook  
 0 Member of the public

Clerk  
 Assistant Clerk

#### Item

Minute 2025/26

*Action point*

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

392 Apologies were received from:  
 Cllr Tony Ashton – Work  
 Cllr Craig Liddell – Unwell  
 Cllr Paul Martin – Family Emergency  
 It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed these apologies be accepted.

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

393 Cllr Gary Etheridge – Item 6a Planning

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

394 None.

#### **4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

395 It was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be signed as a true record.

#### **5 FOOTPATHS**

##### **396 Footpath Officer's Report**

Cllr Roscow reported "This month we litter picked on local roads, near Maritime Academy, Berwick Way and Parsonage Lane.  
 We cut cleared And litter picked RS 127 from Arethusa to Elm Avenue. We included the footpath from Elm Avenue towards Hoo. We cut back buddleia and brambles along RS93 towards Upnor beach.  
 Toady I met with Stacey to check out the stiles on RS118 with a view to replacing them with kissing gates in the summer. We also checked out RS119 as the farmer told us there is a problem with the field flooding from the River Wain which is silting up in the corner near Four Elms Hill. The ditch parallel to Four Elms Hill is completely blocked. The farmer believes the silt originates from the army land higher up the hill. He has spoken to them but nothing has been done yet.  
 I attended the Local Access Forum meeting this month. The Friends of Deangate asked us to advertise the Day Of Action they are planning on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. The plan is to have stalls including one from the Ramblers Association.  
 National Walking Day is on 1<sup>st</sup> April this year.  
 The National Grid are planning some temporary ROW closures this year and some compulsory purchases on Hoo Peninsula to facilitate electricity cables going between Grain and Tilbury.  
 Lower Thames Crossing is making funding available for local projects. Whose Hoo are giving grants to support projects that benefit local community."

- 6**
- a**      **PLANNING Applications**
- 397      **i**      **MC/26/0287** - 30 Iden Road Wainscott : Construction of a single storey extension to side along with relocation of the entrance door to front
- No Objection**
- 398      **ii**      **MC/26/0175** - 204 Brompton Farm Road Strood : Construction of a single storey rear/side extension following demolition of existing conservatory
- No Objection**
- 399      **iii**      **MC/26/0161** - 18 High Street Upnor : Construction of single storey part rear extension to replace existing lean-to; fire damage repair to whole property.
- No Objection**
- 400      **iv**      **MC/26/0162** - 18 High Street Upnor : Listed building consent for construction of single storey part rear extension to replace existing lean-to; fire damage repair to whole property.
- No Objection**
- 401      **v**      **MC/26/0154** - 17 Grasmere Grove Wainscott : Construction of a side single storey extension to side
- No Objection**
- 402      **vi**      **MC/26/0145** - McDonalds Anthonys Way Medway City Estate : Replacement 2 drive thru booths and an additional booth; new access door formed and new windows; reconfigured kerb lines to the drive thru lane; replacement patio furniture and associated works to the site.
- No Objection**
- 403      **b**      **Decisions**
- The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.
- 404      **c**      **Appeals and Other Matters**
- It was reported that Richborough had now submitted an appeal to the secretary of state for the 800 homes on Lower Rochester Road. It was agreed with Councillors we would submit to be a Rule 6 party who will give evidence at the hearing. Cllr Sparks reported he had spoken to Medway regarding working together sharing information for the appeal.
- 405      **d**      **Neighbourhood Plan**
- The Assistant Clerk reported that Dave Chetwyn had requested documents on rental data for Medway City Estate and Kingsnorth along with transport figures which had been supplied. A meeting with Raymonda from Medway Council was being planned and the letters and posters are ready to go live.
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- 406      **a**      **Finance Bank Balances**
- The Bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> January as listed on Appendix B were noted.
- 407      **b**      **Paid since last meeting**
- Payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.
- 408      **c**      **Accounts for payment**
- It was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Millsom and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid.

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

409 None.

**9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**

**a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden/Playpark**

410 It was reported there was no response back from Medway yet regarding the lease.

**411 b Wainscott Fields Open Space/Playpark**

The Clerk reported she was gathering quotes for bins and the repair of the sunken path.

**412 c Coomber Green Open Space/Playpark**

Nothing to report.

**413 d Schooner Walk Open Space/Playpark**

Nothing to report.

**414 e Allotments**

The Assistant Clerk reported that invoices and contracts had been sent out for the New Financial Year.

**415 f Woodland**

Nothing to report.

**416 g Notice Boards**

Nothing to report.

**417 h Defibrillators**

Nothing to report.

**10 UPNOR**

418 i The Clerk reported she was awaiting quotes for the memorial bench.

**11 FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL**

419 Cllr Sparks requested that Councillors give him and Cllr Roach delegated authority to approve renovations to the hall office where the budget of £5000 has already been agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Millsom, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed for quotes to be accepted and works to start. The Assistant Clerk reported she had over 172 names for the Memorial Board and was due to meet with a lady from Medway Archives to cross reference in the coming weeks.

**12 SCHOOLS**

420 It was reported the rescheduled meeting with Wainscott Primary would be taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

**13 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

**421 a Station Road Closure**

Cllr Roach reported the major disruption being caused by the closure of Station Road in Strood and although not in our Parish, it was having a significant effect on the local roads. The road has been closed multiple times in the last year for emergency works and it was requested we write to SGN and Medway Council to request clarity on the continued closures and why the emergency repairs keep occurring.

422     **b**     **Pothole Complaint**

It was reported that Councillors had requested via whatsapp to put a post on social media regarding the awful state of local roads in the Parish and ask residents to provide the location of the potholes to compile a list and request action from Medway Council and view their latest audits of the affected roads.

**14**                   **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

423                   Cllr Millsom reported there is no meeting until March.

**15**                   **KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**

424     **a**     **Representatives' Report**

Cllr Sparks reported there is no meeting until the end of March.

**16**                   **POLICE MATTERS**

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

In Cllr Onimole's absence no report was given.

426     **b**     **Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing to report.

**17**                   **COMMUNICATIONS**

427                   The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Hugofox regarding the transfer of our domain from Domain Name shop to Hugofox which is a government recommended email and domain supplier. It was proposed by Cllr Roach, seconded by Cllr Sparks and agreed to change suppliers.

**18**                   **Consultation**

428                   None.

**19**                   **Correspondence**

429                   None.

**20**                   **Annual Parish Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May**

430                   The Clerk reported the Annual Parish meeting would be taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May and request any speaker ideas from Councillors.

**MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND PUBLIC SESSION**

Cllr Williams reported that Medway Council would be holding their full budget meeting tomorrow night which the ward councillors would be attending. It was reported that the Council were in a significant amount of financial difficulty and were borrowing more money to cover the gaps and selling assets. More planning applications across the area were not being responded to in time resulting in non-determination by Medway Council and applicants taking them direct to the secretary of state. It was reported there is no money in the proposed budget to fight planning applications.

**21**                   **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

431                   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, reviewing risk assessments and HR matters.

**22**                   **Purchase of Patmans Land Update**

432                   Cllr Sparks reported he had spoken with Taylor Wimpey who had declined the proposal to purchase some land for an access way to create a new allotment site, So we would not be moving ahead with the purchase of the Patman Land.

**23 Review and Agree Playground, Footpaths group and Staff/Councillors Risk Assessments**

433 It was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed for the risk assessments to be implemented.

**24 Assistant Clerk Work from Home**

434 It was proposed by Cllr Millsom, seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed the Assistant Clerk received a pro rata payment for work from home.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:44

Signed ..... Chairman

On the ... day of .....2026