

- 7 PLANNING**
- a Applications**
- 632 **i MC/23/0650** Grass Verge Between Olivier Drive and Hollywood Lane, Wainscott: Prior approval under Part 16 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) for installation of a 15m Phase 8 Monopole and associated ancillary works
- No objection.
- 633 **ii MC/23/0627** Medway Yacht Club Upnor Road Upnor: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for a minor material amendment to planning permission MC/19/3257 to make changes to the training building including changes to roof pitch, windows/doors, fire exits and addition of glazed screen to training area on first floor level.
- No objection
- 634 **iii MC/23/0619** 51 Gold Drive Wainscott: Replacement and relocation of fence and gate to the front
- No Objection
- 635 **iv MC/23/0607** 71 Hollywood Lane, Wainscott: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for the construction of a hip to gable loft conversion together with a flat roof dormer to the rear; window at roof level to side and roof lights to the front.
- No Objection
- 636 **v MC/23/0605** 71 Hollywood Lane, Wainscott: Construction of a single storey rear extension, a new roof to the existing extension and demolition of the conservatory.
- No objection
- 637 **vi MC/22/0594** 26 Hawkenbury Rise Frindsbury Extra: Construction of a single storey extension to front to form entrance porch
- No objection
- 638 **vii MC/23/0493** Plot 10 Ordnance Yard, Lower Upnor: Variation of conditions 9 (bell tower) and condition 10 (boundary wall lights) on planning permission MC/21/3663 - Construction of a detached dwelling with associated landscaping works and new vehicle access to Upchat Road to enable alteration "pre commencement of development" to "prior to commencement of works above slab level"
- No objection
- 639 **MC/23/0410** 16 Hawkenbury Rise, Frindsbury Extra: Construction of a single storey side/rear extension - demolition of single storey rear projection
- No Objection
- 640 **MC/23/0138** Land to the rear of 30-38 Iden Road, Wainscott: Construction of a terrace of 3 dwellings with associated access and parking.
- Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to this planning application due to what Councillors feel is overdevelopment of the site. The proposed development does not meet the criteria to policy H9 of the 2003 local plan. They also feel having 3 storey buildings surrounded by 2 storey houses will be overbearing & loss of amenity by virtue to existing properties. There was also concerns expressed with regards to restricted access to the site, will the fire service be able to gain access? Also the restricted access caused by the parking for the development for the existing garages.

641 **MC/23/0660** 45 Eglinton Drive, Wainscott - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for a dormer to rear with Juliet balcony and two roof lights to front to facilitate living accommodation within the roof space

Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to the proposed due to the nature of the bulky dormer and the implications this may have to the party wall agreement.

642 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

c Appeals and Other Matters

643 **i Lower Upnor House Boat**

Cllr Sparks proposed that the Council write to support Medway Council's objections to the houseboat. Cllr Sparks to liaise with the Assistant Clerk.

CS
EJ

644 **d Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Sparks reported that the next opportunity to apply for a grant was 1st April when an application to Locality would be submitted. All other arrangements were agreed to commence after the election period.

RB

8 FINANCE

645 **a Bank Balances**

The Bank balances at 28 February as listed on Appendix B were noted.

646 **b Paid since last meeting**

Payments made since the last meeting listed on Appendix B were ratified.

647 **c Accounts for payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid.

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

648 **a Wainscott Brownies**

The Assistant Clerk reported that Wainscott Brownies applied for a grant of £500 towards the cost of a residential trip. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed to a grant of £250 be made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976

649 **b All Saints Church Hall**

Cllr Etheridge reported he had been approached by the Church Hall asking for help with funding for a defibrillator. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed that the Parish Council would make a grant in kind of a defibrillator to the Church Hall. Installation and future maintenance would be undertaken by the Church Hall. The grant made under S 137 of the LGA 1972.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden/Playpark

650 **i General Matters**

Nothing to report.

651	ii	MHS Tree 39 Hollywood Lane	Cllr Sparks reported he would be meeting with someone from MHS Homes to discuss the tree and work that needed doing.	CS
652	iii	Play Equipment problem, rear of 35 Hughes Drive	Cllr Sparks reported he had spoken to the residents who were having items thrown over their fence from the play equipment and that he was in talks about altering the equipment to help prevent this. He was also taking advice from a play inspection company.	CS
		b Wainscott Fields Open Space/Playpark		
653	i	General Matters	Nothing to report.	
654	c	Wainscott Fields Working Group	The Assistant Clerk reported she would contact EPR to arrange the next meeting.	
655	d	Coomber Green Open Space/Playpark	Nothing to report.	
		e Schooner Walk Open Space/Playpark		
656	i	Opening Ceremony	The Clerk reported the opening ceremony would be taking place on May 13 th and would start at 10:30am. The Assistant Clerk agreed to arrange buying and placing the ribbons.	EJ
		f Allotments		
657	i	General Matters	Cllr Sparks agreed to arrange to get a skip delivered to site to help clear some rubbish which had built up over time.	CS
658	ii	New Allotment Site	The Clerk suggested that since the Church Commissioners would not sell land for a better placed allotment site. The Clerk suggested that the Church Commissioners be approached about renting the land. The existing site, which was already rented from the Church Commissioners was inconvenient and provided no parking.	
659	g	Lower Upnor Village Green	The Clerk reported it had been established that the Village Green was not registered at the Land Registry and a virtual meeting involving the Chairman, Clerks and the Council's solicitor had been arranged for the following morning.	
660	h	Woodland	Nothing to report.	
661	i	Notice Boards	Nothing to report.	
662	j	Defibrillators	Nothing to report.	

11 UPNOR663 a **General Matters**

Nothing to report.

664 b **River Wain**

Cllr Sparks reported that Cllr Thorpe had been working hard on liaising with Ordnance Survey and that all the tests on the river were now complete.

665 c **Arethusa Venture Centre**

Nothing to report.

667 d **Litter Picking – Childrens Equipment**

The Assistant Clerk reported she had been asked to provide some children's litter picking equipment for the Upnor Litter Pick group. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed to buy 6 new children's litter pickers up to the sum of £120.

EJ

12 FRINDBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL

668 Cllr Sparks reported the halls finances had been audited and all was well and that Pam Coomber would be staying on as a trustee.

13 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

669 Nothing to report.

14 LIGHTING

670 Nothing to report.

15 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE671 a **Representative's Report**

Nothing to report.

16 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE672 a **Representatives' Report**

Cllr Moore reported their next meeting would be held in April and that a replacement secretary would be required.

17 POLICE MATTERS673 a **Police Liaison Committee Representative's Report**

Cllr Williams reported the next police surgery would be on the following week and he would be raising the issues of the break ins to cars in the Upper Upnor Car park and anti-social behaviour at Wainscott Recreation Ground.

674 b **Neighbourhood Watch**

In Cllr Onimole absence no report was given.

18 COMMUNICATIONS675 a **Website**

Nothing to report.

676 b **Magazine**

Nothing to report.

677 c **Social Media**

Nothing to report.

19 CONSULTATION678 a **Janet Skinner Artist**

The Clerk reported the Parish Council had been contacted by a resident who was in contact with an artist who used to paint around the area and was looking for a place to sell the works of art. A few galleries in Rochester had been put forward.

21 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

679 None.

MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable the Medway Councillors and members of the public to speak.

Cllrs Williams, Mrs Turpin and Etheridge reported they had been interviewed by the press and had posted the following message on social media: "We called a special meeting in September 2022 to get answers about the financial viability of the HIF project. It seems our concerns which were dismissed at the time were justified, as we now see the collapse of the main plank of the HIF project. Once again we call for more consultation and transparency with local members and local residents. The views of residents cannot be dismissed as 'non applicable' any longer. The whole project now needs to be paused and local members must be involved on the project board. Enough is Enough. The submitted Business Case for the project 'New Routes to Good Growth' (HIF), stated as part of its criteria, that a board would be established with a combination of council officers and members, (especially ward members representatives from the Parish Councils, landowners and other interested parties as observers). Additionally, there would be a number of sub delivery groups, with additional members, such as Birdwise, RSPB, Kent Wildlife trust, Kent Bat Group, Natural England, and a number of consultants. It is no wonder, that this project lurches from one disaster to the next, as this criterion has never been implemented, and would challenge if any such board meetings have ever taken place! A number of Conservative Councillors have repeatedly called for a financial update on the project, along with copies of those purported board minutes. Many will know that we have been ridiculed at Full Council, stating that we were 'trouble makers', and against the building of homes for local people. Residents have long complained about being 'kept in the dark', they can now see, that we too have been in the same loop. We will continue, as we have always done, to ensure a fair and reasonable share of development, not only in this part of Medway, but across Medway as a whole. We will continue to fight for and represent our residents to the best of our ability."

The Chairman thanked the Medway Councillors and reconvened the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**22 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

680 It was proposed by Cllr Sparks, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed the press and public be excluded from the following item on the grounds that the first was a legal matter and the second concerned members of staff.

23 ACCIDENT CLAIM

681 The Clerk reported she had received a letter from a solicitor regarding an accident which had happened in 2015. Councillors and the Clerks were extremely disappointed by the lack of communication from the insurers during the intervening period. It appeared the case had gone to court and the judge had found in favour of the claimant. The accident had occurred on a climbing frame on Wainscott Fields which had been provided by Crest Nicholson as part of planning conditions before the land and play equipment had been handed over to the parish Council.

23 PERSONNEL
682 **a Administration Assistant**

The Clerk and Cllr Roach had been working on job description, person specification and a job advertisement for an administration assistant to manage the hall and help the Assistant Clerk with the Neighbourhood Plan and any other projects that might arise: however the Chairman had asked that any action on this be delayed until after the Local Government Elections.

683 **b Salary Review**

In Cllr Roach’s absence this was deferred until the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:25

Signed Chairman

On the ... day of2023