

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT FRINDSBURY EXTRA MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 PM**

Before opening the meeting, the Chairman introduced Mr Rob Sterry of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service who gave a presentation on the organisation

PRESENT:	Cllr Chris Sparks	Chairman	Except item 7c(i)
	Cllr Geoff Moore		In the chair item 7c(i)
	Cllr Gary Etheridge		
	Cllr Peter Martin		
	Cllr Andrew Millsom		
	Cllr Mrs Fatima Mitchell		
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Noise		
	Cllr Paul Thorpe		
	Cllr John Williams		
		Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
	Mrs Emma Johnson	Assistant Clerk	

Item

Minute 2021/22/

*Action point***1 APOLOGIES**

147 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Vanessa Roach	On Holiday
Cllr Ope Onimole	Family Commitment
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Turpin	Hospital

It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed these apologies be accepted. An apology for absence was also received from Mrs Anne Roscow, Footpaths Officer.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

148 Cllr Etheridge declared a possible conflict of interest in Item 7a as a member of Medway Council's planning committee.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

149 None

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2021150 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Noise, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2021 be signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

151 None.

6 FOOTPATHS

152 a Representative's Report

The Assistant Clerk read Mrs Roscow's report in her absence:

Dennis and I strimmed and cut back brambles, ivy and other undergrowth on RS129, running behind Hollywood Lane.

We have also cut back undergrowth on RS125, the bridge between Wainscott and Upnor and trimmed back the hedge by the tennis courts. We have cut back undergrowth on RS120, between Cooling Rd and Cliffe Road.

We have strimmed and cleared some of RS131, between Brompton Farm Road and Dillywood Lane.

For the last two weeks we have been cutting back the undergrowth on RS122, from Castle Street Upnor. On Saturday 25th September we are going to be joined by some members of the Cuxton volunteers to help us with RS122. The aim is to cut it back a lot further in order for the plants to not converge upon the footpath so frequently. We met some of the Cuxton volunteers as well as some Medway volunteers last week.

Adam Taylor had arranged for us to have a trip and light lunch on board the Edith May as a thank you for our volunteering. It was a calm day with a mixture of cloud and sun. We made our way from Sun Pier to Gillingham marina after Adam had said a few words of thanks. After we passed Upnor Castle the engine was turned off and we continued slowly under sail. It was a lovely trip, and it was great to meet other volunteers some of whom expressed an interest in helping Dennis and me.

7 PLANNING

a Applications

153 i **MC/21/2620** 12 Admiralty Road, Upnor: Installation of first floor window to front elevation with proposed fencing to side boundary.

No objection.

154 ii **MC/21/2590** Cherry Trees 36a Hollywood Lane: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for construction of a single storey rear extension

Members were unable to make comment as no documents were online have requested from Medway Council.

155 iii **MC/21/2524** Wasteaway, Whitewall Road, Medway City Estate: Details pursuant to condition 3 (Suds pre-commencement) and condition 5 (No infiltration of SUDs) on planning application MC/21/0931 for New depot improvements to accommodate reinforced concrete ground slabs together with sustainable drainage

No Objection

- 156 **iv** **MC/21/2344** Plot 1, Anthonys Way, Medway City Estate: Advertisement consent for installation of one non-illuminated totem sign.
- No objection
- 157 **v** **MC/21/2350** 37 Choir Close, Wainscott: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for conversion of the garage to habitable living space
- Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to this application. Loss of the garage will increase the pressure of on street parking on Choir Close and in the surrounding roads. This is already bad enough, causing difficulty for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, waste removal and emergency vehicles.
- 158 **vi** **MC/21/2188** Plot 1, Unit 2 Anthonys Way, Medway City Estate: Advertisement consent for 1x internally illuminated fascia sign and 1x non illuminated fascia sign to the front of the building on the North side
- No objection
- 159 **vii** **MC/21/2645** 186 Frindsbury Hill, Wainscott: Construction of a single storey extension to the side; conversion of garage to living accommodation; pitched roof canopy to the front; dormer to the side and raised patio to the rear
- Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to this application, for the same reasons it objected to a previous application on this site (MC/21/1980), on the grounds of inadequate provision of off road parking, which might lead to parking on the A228, Frindsbury Hill, not far from the junction with the A289 at the nearby roundabout. Since this objection was made, the issue has been compounded by the granting of planning permission for a secondary school and change of use of the mediaeval barn to a wedding venue with provision of overnight accommodation and an administration block, also close to the roundabout.
- 160 **viii** **MC/21/2710** H E Services (plant Hire) Ltd Whitewall Road Medway City Estate : Variation of condition 2 and 4 on planning permission MC/18/1185 - To allow a minor material amendment to condition 2 This submission provides the plans that are proposed to replace two of those already granted under MC/21/1990(WWR-LP-003-A and WWR-LP-004-A)
The proposed replacement drawings are: WWR-LP-003-B - WWR-LP-004-B
Rewording of Condition 4 as follows - The development permitted by this planning permission shall make provision of appropriate flood mitigation measures to provide flood resilience/resistance by protecting the critical components of infrastructure to a minimum flood level of 4.8 metre above Ordnance Datum.
- No Objection
- 161 **ix** **MC/21/2666** 26 Hollywood Lane, Wainscott: Construction of a single storey extension to rear to accommodate a swimming pool
- Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of over development of the site and with the loss of a substantial part of the garden of this 5 bedroomed house, loss of private amenity for the benefit of the property.
- 162 **x** **MC/21/2544** 27 Wainscott Road, Wainscott: Construction of a single storey rear extension - demolition of existing conservatory.
- Members were unable to make comment as no documents were online and had been requested from Medway Council.

163 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

c Appeals and Other Matters

164 **i Esquire Estates Appeal**

Cllr Sparks declared a pecuniary interest as Esquire Estates was a client of his planning consultancy business and left the room. The Vice-chairman took the chair,

The appeal to be held by public inquiry was discussed and it was agreed that it was Cllrs Thorpe and Millsom would attend. Cllr Thorpe would speak on the ecology of the area.

Cllr Sparks returned to the room and resumed the chair.

165 **ii HIF bid survey**

Cllr Sparks reported he had met with Martin Hall and asked questions regarding the HIF bid which had been recorded and he would email the recording round to all Councillors.

166 **d Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Sparks reported he was currently writing a draft letter to Medway Council.

8 FINANCE

167 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances were noted.

168 **b Payments Made Since Last Meeting**

The payments made since the last meeting as listed on the Rialtas report contained in Appendix B were ratified.

169 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Millsom, seconded by Cllr Mrs Noise and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be approved.

170 **d Finance Committee**

It was agreed that a meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on 16th November.

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

171 **a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Cllr Etheridge suggested that the Parish Council be represented at the Cathedral on Remembrance Sunday and purchase a second wreath. It was proposed by Cllr

Martin, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed that a wreath be purchased as suggested. It was proposed by Cllr Thorpe, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground/Hall Garden

172 i General Matters

The Assistant Clerk reported she had attended the recreation ground and the plastic tubes protecting some of the newly planted trees had been vandalised but some of the trees left were growing well.

173 ii MHS Trees 39 Hollywood Lane

Cllr Sparks reported that he would write to MHS Homes to request they pay for the tree's removal.

CS

174 iii Fence at 36 Hughes Drive

The Assistant Clerk reported she had received one quote but was organising getting two more.

EJ

b Wainscott Fields

175 i General Matters

Nothing to report.

176 ii Wainscott Fields Working Group

Cllr Thorpe reported he had been in contact with Kent Nature Partnership and he felt there was an excellence case for making Wainscott Fields a wildlife site.

Cllr Sparks reported that the reptile survey commissioned from EPR had shown the site was over populated with reptiles.

c Coomber Green

177 i General Matters

Nothing to report.

178 ii Official unveiling of bench in memory of David Coomber

Cllr Etheridge reported that he and Cllr Turpin would contact Kelly Tolhurst to invite her to unveil the bench.

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- d Playparks**
- 179 **i Recreation Ground – Replacement play equipment**
- The Assistant Clerk said she would chase Bradley Walton of Home Counties Play to check on progress. *EJ*
- 180 **ii Wainscott Fields.**
- The Clerk reported she had received complaints about a bike ramp being constructed in the middle of the grass by digging up the grass and dirt. It was agreed to look at the price of getting a half pipe.
- 181 **iii Coomber Green.**
- Nothing to report.
- e Allotments**
- 182 **i General Matters**
- Cllr Sparks reported he had spoken to Mark Greenfield and he had agreed we could get a skip to the allotment site to dispose of rubbish on site. The Assistant Clerk would email allotment holders to see if they would spare their time to help clear the site. *CS*
EJ
- 183 **ii New Allotment Site**
- Nothing to report.
- 184 **f Lower Upnor Village Green**
- Nothing to report.
- 185 **g Woodland**
- Nothing to report
- 186 **h Notice Boards**
- Cllr Martin reported one of the noticeboards needed new beading and screws.
- 11 UPNOR**
- 187 **a General Matters**
- The Clerk reported a complaint had been received from a resident regarding anti-social behaviour and drug use in Upnor. The Parish Council agreed action needed to be taken and that the police would be contacted. Cllrs Williams and Etheridge would bring this issue up at the next Police surgery
- Cllr Martin asked if the Lord Mayor of London no longer attended for the ceremony of the London stones. The Assistant Clerk would liaise with Cllr Martin. *EJ*
PM

Cllr Thorpe asked if the river/stream In Upnor was named and if not would it be possible to have it named due to its importance as a rare chalk stream.

12 COCKHAM WOOD COMMUNITY PARK

188 Cllr Sparks reported planning had been approved.

13 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

189 Cllr Etheridge reported he had received complaints from the landlord of the Ship because deliveries were being made difficult due to parked cars in the road and the landlord would like parking tickets issued..

14 LIGHTING

190 Nothing to report.

15 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

191 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Millsom reported that the next meeting was on 29th September.

16 KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE

192 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Moore reported that the next meeting was on 27th October.

17 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

193 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Sparks reported he wanted to arrange a meeting with the Secretary and Treasurer to discuss to hall's current situation.

18 POLICE MATTERS

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

Cllr Etheridge reported the next meeting was on the 5th October.

195 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

In Cllr Onimole's absence there was no report.

19 COMMUNICATIONS

196 **a Website**

Cllr Sparks reported he wanted to arrange a meeting with the Assistant Clerk to go over some aspects of the website.

197 **b Magazine**

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by Neil Hutchings of Its The Biz Limited who had reported that due to financial difficulties doing a magazine for the Parish Council would not be viable.

198 **c Social Media**

The Assistant Clerk reported she had been dealing with many negative comments with regards to planning applications and anti-social behaviour in certain areas.

20 QUEENS PLATINIUM JUBILEE

199 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Noise, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed to obtain two trees with commemorative plaques, one for Coomber Green and one for Lower Upnor.

21 DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING

200 It was agreed the December meeting would be held on 23rd December.

22 CONSULTATION

201 **a Vote of No Confidence in Medway Council**

The Clerk reported she had received an email from Hoo Parish Council asking for Frindsbury Extra's position on the vote of no confidence in Medway Council and this Council's response to the HIF bid. The Clerk had responded with stating Frindsbury Extra had taken the decision not to support the vote of no confidence and could not reverse the decision within 6 months. Hoo Parish Council should seek the HIF consultation responses on Medway Council's website

23 CORRESPONDENCE

202 None received.

24 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

203 None.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the Medway Councillors' report and public session.

MEDWAY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Etheridge reported that Eddie Hughes the Secretary of State for Housing had reported there is no such thing as a government housing target and that we had been lied to by Medway Council In regards to this. Cllr Etheridge also reported that in the HIF consultation there is no link between the A289 and the A2 which would put pressure on local road networks.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Etheridge and reconvened the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

25 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

204 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 the first was a legal matter and the second concerned a commercial contract.

26 ACQUISITION OF LAND

205 Cllr Sparks reported he would get in contact again with Richard Carter for an update. CS

27 RETAINING WALL

206 Cllr Millsom reported that work was nearly complete but there had been an issue with the bricks being used, which had been resolved.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 22:15

Signed Chairman

On the ... day of2021