

FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2010 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr David Coomber Chairman
Cllr Trevor Archer
Cllr Mrs Valerie Archer
Cllr Mrs Pam Coomber
Cllr Gary Etheridge From item 7b
Cllr Mrs Jane Etheridge Items 21b and 22 only
Cllr Peter Hicks
Cllr Tom Mason
Cllr David Miller
Cllr Geoff Moore

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Mr Walter Roberts Heritage Design Team
Mr Richard Smith Heritage Design Team

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2010/11

1 APOLOGIES

246 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Mrs Brenda Hoskin Indisposed
Cllr Mrs Georgina Revell Family commitment

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Moore and carried unanimously that these apologies be accepted by the Council. Apologies for late arrival were received from Cllrs Etheridge and Mrs Etheridge.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT

247 **a Declarations of Interest and Alterations to the Register**

None.

248 **b Standards Committee**

No meeting.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE TO BE TAKEN AT THE END OF THE MEETING

249 None.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

250 It was proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2010 be signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

251 No matters were raised.

6 FOOTPATHS

252 **a Footpath Officer's Report**

In the absence of the Footpaths Officer and the Assistant Footpaths Officer, there was no report.

7 UPNOR

253 **a Upnor Residents Association**

Cllr Moore reported there had been a meeting of the Association and he would report on it at the next meeting.

254 **b Lower Upnor Riverside Project**

Cllr Hicks reported that Robert Knight from the McComb Partnership had agreed to prepare tender documents for the hard landscaping part of the village green design. He proposed that in the meantime the planting was proceeded with. This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed. A grant of £1,560 had been made towards this by the E-on Community fund.

255 **c Frog Island Pond**

On behalf of Cllr Mrs Revell, Cllr Hicks reported that work would be done with volunteers over the weekends of 6th and 13th November. There had not been much response locally for volunteers.

256 **d Upnor Community Project**

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Revell, the Clerk reported on the meeting with Robyn Goldsmith of Medway Council, which had been attended by representatives of the Upnor Residents Association and local residents. Ms Goldsmith proposed working with the community to prepare for a festival in April and was looking for ideas.

8 PLANNING

a Applications

257 **i MC/10/2068: Quarry, Parsonage Lane, Frindsbury: Infill the existing disused chalk pit and construct temporary access road: Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Statement submitted**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Roberts and Mr Smith to speak.

Mr Smith explained that further to comments from Medway Council officers and others consulted, they had been asked to provide additional information on ecology, dust and noise. The plans showed a biodiversity gain, some of which had been challenged by Kent Wildlife Trust. This had been responded to by their consultants. Regarding noise mitigation, their consultant had suggested an acoustic fence at the quarry edge. Environmental Health had asked for a dust report. Provided industry standards were maintained, there would be a very low risk of dust affecting local residents. In response

to a question from Cllr Mason, Mr Smith stated that there were no complaints about the updated application, but there had been 9 objections to the original submission, with 40 letters of support. Cllr Etheridge asked about the traffic movements. He was informed the traffic would not be excessive for Berwick Way and all material would be inert and from construction sites. All loads would have to satisfy waste criteria. It was expected it would take 5 years to fill the quarry, but this was pre-requisite on material being available.

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith and reconvened the meeting.

Cllrs Etheridge and Mason were concerned that there should be a pre-arranged route for lorries. After discussion it was agreed there was no objection, but a condition should be imposed that all lorries should use the A289 and not the A228 from Strood.

As Mr Roberts and Mr Smith were present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

258 It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hicks and resolved to exclude the press and public from the following item on the grounds that the item was a legal matter, with the exception of Walter Roberts and Richard Smith of the Heritage Design Team as they were party to the matter.

24 MANOR FARM

259 The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Roberts and Mr Smith to participate in the discussion.

A document and e-mail had been received which indicated that restrictive covenants would be acceptable. Mr Roberts said he would refer back to the Church Commissioners.

The Chairman thanked Mr Roberts and Mr Smith for attending and reconvened the meeting.

It was agreed the Parish Council ask its solicitor to proceed with drafting covenants in consultation with the Church Commissioners and to prepare documents for the conveyance.

8 PLANNING

a Applications

260 i **MC/10/2504:** Hilltop School, Hilltop Road, Wainscott: Application under Regulation 3 for construction of a single storey extension to two reception classrooms; relocation of existing canopy structure; creation of a pergola walkway with planters; erection of a new fence to enclose play area and internal alterations to existing classrooms (demolition of existing low level brick wall)

No objection.

b Decisions

261 i **MC/10/1310:** Plot 1, Anthonys Way, Medway City Estate: Construction of a Park and Ride facility and Class A1 retail store together with associated car parking, delivery

yard, vehicular access, highway improvement works, landscaping and other works including land reclamation

It was reported that this had been approved by members at the Development Control Committee meeting held on 6 October. Cllr Mason had attended with Cllr Les Wicks and both had spoken in support. The officer recommendation had been for refusal on planning policy grounds. The majority of the committee had been in favour. The approval was subject to the application being called in by the Secretary of State.

c Appeals and Other Matters

262 **i Lower Upnor Development Brief and MoD Development Site, Lower Upnor**

Nothing to report.

263 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

9 FINANCE

264 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

265 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

The cheques signed since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.

266 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by the Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Hicks and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 101329 – 101332) as listed in Appendix B be approved, together with £17.00, KALC (cheque 101333) and £1,174.27 to Volker Highways (cheque 101334)..

267 **d Lower Upnor Project Account**

It was proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed the budgeted sum of £10,000 be transferred from the Council's interest account into the Council's Lower Upnor Project savings account.

10 GRANT APPLICATIONS

268 **a Hilltop School**

This had been deferred from the last meeting and further information had been supplied. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Coomber, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed unanimously that the infants' bench/table be sponsored by the Council, provided a plaque was attached, at a cost of £482.70. The grant made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101335).

269 **b St Dunstan's**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Coomber, seconded by Cllr Archer and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101336)

270 **c Victim Support**

It was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Hicks and agreed a grant of £100 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 101337)

11 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

271 **a Recreation Ground**

- i General Matters. Nothing to report
- ii Football Parking. The complaint about parking in Holly Road during football matches was discussed. Cllr Hicks stated that the parking was no worse than in other roads with parking facilities. The hall and recreation ground were for community use and there was no scope to extend the car park. The Clerk had contacted the football teams and had asked them to do all they could to minimise the problem.

272 **b Allotments**

Nothing to report.

273 **c Woodland**

Nothing to report.

274 **d Hedges**

Nothing to report.

12 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

275 Nothing to report.

13 LIGHTING

276 Cllr Miller said the light that had been on all day in Frittenden Road had now been repaired.

14 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

277 **a Representative's Report**

The Chairman said the next meeting was on 23 November and reminded councillors that the Parish Council was hosting the meeting.

b Projects

- 278 i Wainscott Village sign. Installed.
- 279 ii Noticeboards. Installed.
- 280 iii Play Equipment. A catalogue of outdoor gym equipment and prices was tabled. After discussion it was agreed equipment of at least £9,000 could be purchased, with the remaining annual allocation being augmented by £1,000 from each of the ward members' ward improvement fund and a bid from the rural liaison special fund.
- 281 iv Induction loop for hall. Cllr Mrs Coomber reported that Medway Council were unable to give a grant.

15 KALC/MAC**282 a Representatives' Report**

No meeting

16 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**283 a Representative's Report**

Cllr Mrs Coomber reported that no meeting had been held. The insurance company had been in touch over the theft of lead from the roof. Cllr Coomber had met a planning officer on site to receive advice on whether the fitting of spikes would need planning permission. Cllr Mrs Coomber said she was now questioning whether this would be cost effective.

284 b Hall Extension

The Chairman reported that three potential builders had visited the hall with the surveyor.

17 POLICE MATTERS**285 a Police Liaison Committee Representatives' Report**

Cllr Miller reported on the liaison meeting held on 12 October. The speaker had been Insp Richard Cherry, who was in overall charge of all neighbourhood policing in Medway. Mick O'Meara was retiring. Cliffe and Cliffe Woods Parish Council was interested in Speedwatch. PC Laura Emerson's area had been extended to cover the entire Peninsula. There was an overall reduction in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Cllr Mrs Coomber asked if the static speed cameras were working. The Chairman requested data from the speed indicator device in Brompton Farm Road.

286 b Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Miller said that one crime had been reported in Higham Road, a theft from a vehicle. There had been a general message about a phone call asking about security that had been received by a co-ordinator. This had been reported to Trading Standards and the company making the call had been identified. The local police telephone number was no longer valid and all calls should now be made to 01622 690690.

18 WEBSITE

287 The Webmaster was on holiday and no report was given.

19 NUCLEAR ENERGY

The Chairman referred to a document he had received that had been circulated to councillors. He had conducted a straw poll and the vast majority were in favour. Cllr Hicks said that the "No need for nuclear" campaign should be asked how they proposed to fill the energy gap. Cllr Miller said the problem with nuclear power plants was the decommissioning and disposal of toxic waste.

20 CONSULTATION

288 a Kent Downs AONB – Guidance to Support Equine Related Land Use

Received.

21 CORRESPONDENCE

289 a City of Rochester Society – City Status

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and carried by 8 votes for and 1 against that the parish Council supports the City of Rochester Society’s case for the use of “ Rochester-upon-Medway” as a name for city status.

290 b NATS – Airspace Change Proposals

Noted.

22 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

291 None received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2010