

**FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2011 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  
Cllr Mrs Jane Etheridge From item 17  
Cllr Peter Hicks From item 14b  
Cllr Tom Mason  
Cllr David Miller  
Cllr Geoff Moore

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Mr Clive Stanley Webmaster

**Item** *Action point*  
*Minute number 2010/11*

**1 APOLOGIES**

338 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Mrs Brenda Hoskin indisposed  
Cllr Mrs Georgina Revell Family emergency

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

**2 CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

None.

340 **b Standards Committee**

The next meeting was the following week.

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

341 The Chairman wished to raise an item concerning change to the date for the September meeting.

**4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2010**

342 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Archer, seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2010 be signed as a true record.

**5 MATTERS ARISING**

343 No matters were raised.

As the Webmaster was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

**18 WEBSITE**

344 The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Stanley to speak.

Mr Stanley said that social networking sites such as Facebook were now being used to promote businesses and councils. He explained that the Parish Council would be able to register a Facebook page with a link to the Council's website. There would be no external expense and the only cost would be the Webmaster's time in setting it up. Mr Stanley tabled printouts from other parish councils' Facebook pages. He assumed the Council would not wish to make use of the chat pages and did not recommend this.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting and a general discussion on how people now expected to source material on the internet followed. The Clerk was asked to contact Stone Parish Council about their experiences with Facebook. The Chairman then thanked Mr Stanley and indicated a decision would be made at a later meeting.

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**6 FOOTPATHS**

345 **a Footpath Officers' Report**

In the Footpath Officers' absence, there was no report.

346 **b RS 124 (part) Extinguishment Order 2010 – Hilltop School**

It was noted that a public inquiry will be held and that the date was to be advised.

**7 UPNOR**

347 **a Upnor Residents Association**

Cllr Moore reported that the Residents' Association would be holding a street party on the Arethusa Venture Centre hard to coincide with the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

348 **b Lower Upnor Riverside Project**

Cllr Hicks reported that the next meeting would be held on 14 February and would concentrate on grant funding. The contractor doing the soft landscaping had asked for an advance of £1,000 to buy the plants and this was agreed (cheque 101347).

**8 PLANNING****a Applications**

349 **i MC/11/0020: 85 Holly Road, Wainscott: Porch extension and garage**

No objection, subject to no objections from neighbours.

350 **ii MC/10/3839: Hilltop Primary School, Hilltop Road: Application under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country General Planning Regulations 1992 for the siting of a shipping container on the school playing field to provide secure storage for games and PE**

equipment

No objection

- 351 **iii MC/11/0009:** adj to Water Gardens and Landscape Centre, Dillywood Lane: Change of use of existing workshop to offices and meeting rooms with extension at first floor

Application considered together with the following item and a combined response submitted.

- 352 **iv MC/11/0010:** adj to Water Gardens and Landscape Centre, Dillywood Lane: Erection of new 3 bay garage with office/training room at first floor together with new parking area

After discussion on both this and the previous application, it was agreed to object to both together as follows:

Frindsbury Extra Parish Council objects to these applications as being additional development in the Metropolitan Green Belt. There is a presumption against additional development within the Green Belt, unless there are special circumstances for additional development. The Parish Council does not consider any special circumstances are justified. In addition, the proposed change of use and further building do not appear to be tied in with any existing property and indeed the site plan shows the intended development as a separate entity from the Garden Centre. The Parish Council questions why meeting and training rooms and a 3 bay garage are proposed for this rural situation and anticipates that should permission be granted, in years to come an application will be made for change of use to a dwelling house, which would again be contrary to the Green Belt.

- 353 **Out of Time**

None.

- 354 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

- c Appeals and Other Matters**

- 355 **i Lower Upnor Development Brief and MoD Development Site, Lower Upnor**

Nothing to report.

- 356 **ii 36 Hollywood Lane**

The Enforcement Officer's comments were noted.

- 357 **iii Consultation on Draft Validation Checklists and Guidance**

The draft was available online.

- 358 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**9 FINANCE**

359 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

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

The cheque drawn since the last meeting was ratified.

361 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Coomber and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 101343 – 101346) as listed in Appendix B be approved.

**10 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

362 No applications received.

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

363 **a Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report

364 **b Allotments**

Nothing to report.

365 **c Woodland**

Nothing to report.

366 **d Hedges**

The Brompton Farm Road hedge had been cut by Medway Council.

**12 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

367 It was reported some road repairs had been carried out.

**13 LIGHTING**

368 Nothing to report.

**14 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

369 **a Representative's Report**

The Chairman reported on the last meeting, hosted by Stoke Parish Council. Dave Harris and Lisa Maryott had discussed the receipt of planning applications by parish councils. Mrs Maryott would arrange a meeting with the clerks. The Clerk was asked to reinforce the point that parish councils must have hard copies, especially necessary with large developments. The new Head of Hundred of Hoo School had spoken about his aspirations for the school. A briefing on the census had been given by the local census co-ordinator. Brian McCutcheon had given an update on developments in the area. Martin Sharp from Kent Police had reported that the new area commander was

Superintendent Graham Smith. The police wished to introduce a pay-back scheme for offenders.

**b Projects**

370 i Outdoor Gym. The Clerk had met three suppliers on site. Their submissions were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Hicks and agreed that Park Leisure be granted the project. They had followed the brief, while the other two suppliers had deviated from it. Park Leisure also gave best value for money. *RB*

371 ii Induction loop for hall. Cllr Mrs Coomber reported that the system would cost £1,170.28. The committee would be meeting the ACRK “Funding Buddies” co-ordinator on 14 February.

**15 KALC/MAC**

372 **a Representatives’ Report**

Cllr Moore reported that the last meeting had been poorly attended. Clive Stanley had given a presentation on parish websites.

**16 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

373 **a Representative’s Report**

Cllr Mrs Coomber said that no meeting had been held.

374 **b Hall Extension**

The Chairman reported that four tenders had been received, varying from £196,000 to £265,000. The highest had been discounted. The surveyor was going to discuss their quotations with the companies who had submitted the two lowest. There was an option to start with work to the toilets and another option was to start with phase 2. The S 106 money from the “Liberty Park” development would not be released until the 100<sup>th</sup> house is occupied and so far only 80 properties appeared on the electoral register.

**17 POLICE MATTERS**

375 **a Police Liaison Committee Representatives’ Report**

Cllr Miller reported the next meeting was on 29 March. Mick O’Meara is retiring and taking up a job on the front desk at the police station. The Committee had written to him to thank him.

376 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Miller reported on thefts and attempted thefts of and from motor vehicles in Hollywood Lane, Frittenden Road and Larkin Close. There had been an incident in Cooling Road involving youths with baseball bats who had been followed by a police van. Cllr Miller had witnessed an arrest at Angel Corner in Strood. The person doing the police messaging had retired and a police apprentice would be taking over. Cllr Mason said a resident had reported that there had been a spate of burglaries in Higham Road.

**19 CONSULTATION**

377 No documents received.

**20 CORRESPONDENCE**

**378 a Closure of Medway Council’s Funding Unit**

Cllr Hicks said that the closure of the Funding Unit was a consequence of the need for comprehensive spending reductions. The e-mails from Mark Dent and Symone Krista were received.

**379 b Localism Bill**

The briefing on the Localism Bill by the CPRE was received. It was agreed that when a date for a seminar became known, Cllr Etheridge and the Clerk should attend.

**21 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

380 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

**3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**381 a Change of date of Meeting September 2011**

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had been invited to Virginia in September and would like to extend her visit to spend a few days with her daughter and family in Connecticut. She had asked if the September meeting could be held on the fifth Thursday (29<sup>th</sup>) instead of the fourth. The Chairman would propose this at the next meeting. Cllr Moore said he would second this.

**CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

**22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

382 It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Etheridge and resolved to exclude the press and public from the following item on the grounds that the item was a legal matter.

**23 MANOR FARM**

383 The Clerk reported that planning consent had been given for the Barn. She would contact the Council’s solicitor and the Heritage Design and Development Team.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.34 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2011