

**FRINDSBURY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, HOLLY ROAD, WAINSCOTT AT 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr David Coomber Chairman  
Cllr Mrs Pam Coomber Except item 10a  
Cllr Gary Etheridge From item 2b  
Cllr David Miller  
Cllr Geoff Moore

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Mrs Wendy Williams Assistant Footpaths Officer

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

**1 APOLOGIES**

384 Apologies for absence were received from

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| Cllr Trevor Archer       | indisposed                     |
| Cllr Mrs Valerie Archer  | indisposed                     |
| Cllr Mrs Jane Etheridge  | At a meeting of Medway Council |
| Cllr Peter Hicks         | At a meeting of Medway Council |
| Cllr Mrs Brenda Hoskin   | indisposed                     |
| Cllr Tom Mason           | At a meeting of Medway Council |
| Cllr Mrs Georgina Revell | Away from home                 |

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

**2 CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

Cllrs Coomber and Mrs Coomber declared personal interests in item 8a(iii), planning application for 10 Hawkenbury Rise, as Hawkenbury Rise was situated at the bottom of their garden. Cllr Mrs Coomber declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10a, grant to the Frindsbury Extra Memorial Hall, as Secretary of the Management Committee.

386 **b Standards Committee**

No meeting.

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

387 The Clerk wished to raise an item concerning posters she had been asked to put up.

**4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2011**

388 It was proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Miller and agreed that the minutes

of the meeting held on 28 January 2011 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendment:

C/01/11/17a: minute 375: Delete “17 March” and substitute “29 March”.

## **5 MATTERS ARISING**

### **389 a C/01/11/3a(381): Date of September meeting**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed that the date of the September meeting be changed from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## **6 FOOTPATHS**

### **390 a Footpath Officers’ Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mrs Williams to speak.

Mrs Williams said that she and her colleagues would soon start work again. Part of the footpath along the by-pass was slippery. It was suggested she ask Mr Levy to contact the PROW officer.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Williams and reconvened the meeting.

## **7 UPNOR**

### **391 a Land Slippage**

As Mr Alec Brown was not present, the item was deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Etheridge proposed that meanwhile Medway Council be asked to arrange for a structural engineer to inspect. This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed.

### **391 b Upnor Residents Association**

Cllr Moore reported that the Residents’ Association were getting ready for their street party and would also be holding a fundraising race night.

### **392 c Lower Upnor Riverside Project**

The Chairman reported that funding had been the main topic of the last partnership meeting and that he would be attending a funding fair.

### **393 d Upnor Events**

The e-mail from Robyn Goldsmith was noted.

## **8 PLANNING**

### **a Applications**

#### **394 i MC/11/0275: 12 Grasmere Grove, Frindsbury: Construction of a single storey side extension including front porch (demolition of existing garage and linked outbuilding)**

No objection, subject to no objections from neighbours.

395 **ii MC/11/0382:** Veolia, Whitewall Road, Medway City Estate: Advertisement consent for installation of a pair of 6m high flag poles adjacent to both of the main entrances to the site

396 **iii MC/11/0070:** 10 Hawkenbury Rise: Change of use of garage to living space. Replacement of garden shed on boundary.

No objection, subject to no objections from neighbours.

397 **iv MC/11/0580:** 4 Sole Street Farm, Lower Rochester Road: Single storey rear extension (demolition of existing conservatory)

No objection, subject to no objections from neighbours.

398 **Out of Time**

The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified.

399 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

**c Appeals and Other Matters**

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

It was understood this had now been put on hold.

401 **ii Consultation on Draft Validation Checklists and Guidance**

Noted

402 **iii New Dwelling adjacent to 1 Benenden Road**

Cllr Miller said that when the application had been considered, councillors had been worried about parking. He had observed a van parked on the property and there had been space for another vehicle.

403 **d Licensing Applications**

None.

**9 FINANCE**

404 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

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

None

406 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed the account for payment (cheques 101348) as listed in Appendix B be approved.

407 **d Contested Election Expenses**

The information supplied by the Electoral Registration Officer was discussed. Compared with the cost of a contested parish election in 2003, it seemed excessive. Annoyance was expressed that the figures had been supplied to parish councils after their budget process and precept setting and that the cost would impact severely on the smaller councils and others who had not maintained an election expenses reserve. This council had such a reserve but it would be inadequate if there were contested elections in more than one ward.

**10 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

408 **a Frindsbury Extra Memorial Hall**

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Cllr Mrs Coomber left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and agreed to make a grant of £1,544.63 being the cost of the insurance premium (cheques 101349 and 101350). The grant made under S 19 of the LG (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Cllr Mrs Coomber returned to the meeting.

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

409 **a Recreation Ground**

The Clerk reported that the top pedestrian entrance was extremely muddy and suggested she ask Park Leisure to fit a grass mat when they installed the outdoor gym. The cost could come out of next year's rural liaison grant. This was agreed.

410 **b Allotments**

Nothing to report.

411 **c Woodland**

Nothing to report.

412 **d Hedges**

Nothing to report.

**12 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

413 **a Brompton Farm Road Speed Indicator Device**

Cllr Mason would be reminded he had offered to obtain statistics.

**13 LIGHTING**

414 Nothing to report.

**14 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

415 **a Representative's Report**

The Chairman reported that the meeting planned for March had been cancelled due to

the elections. The next meeting would be in June and would be the open meeting.

**b Projects**

416 i Outdoor Gym. Ongoing

**15 KALC/MAC**

417 **a Representatives' Report**

Cllr Moore said the next meeting would be held on 16 March.

**16 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

418 **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Mrs Coomber said the next meeting was the following Monday. The electricity had been tested. Together with the Treasurer, she had had a meeting with "Funding Buddies".

419 **b Hall Extension**

The Chairman said that they were considering starting with the toilets. The Clerk reported she had reminded Catherine Smith about the remaining £50,000 S 106 monies due from completed developments.

**17 POLICE MATTERS**

420 **a Police Liaison Committee Representatives' Report**

Cllr Miller reported the next meeting was on 29 March. The new rural sergeant would be introduced.

421 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Miller reported there had been problems with the website due to a change of provider but he had finally achieved a link to the parish council's website. There had been a theft from a garage in Ashcroft Road.

**18 WEBSITE**

422 The Clerk had spoken to Jenny Thomas, Clerk to Stone Parish Council about being on Facebook. Mrs Thomas would be attending the next meeting.

**19 ROYAL WEDDING**

423 Approaches had been made by two of the three schools in the parish about the possibility of the Parish Council donating a commemorative mug to the children. The idea was discussed. It was recognised that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics would be taking place in 2012. There were about 850 children in the three schools. A mug had been identified that would cost £2 each, plus delivery. After discussion it was agreed a coin would be preferable and that the Council proceed on this basis.

**20 CONSULTATION**

424 No documents received.

**21 CORRESPONDENCE**

425 None

**22 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

427 **a Posters**

The Clerk tabled posters she had been asked to put up on behalf of the Wainscott Institute. She had put up posters for them in the past to advertise charity events. One poster appeared to advertise a commercial event and the other not only advertised another commercial event but was in bad taste. She would not be putting the posters up and councillors supported her in this.

**CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

**23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**24 MANOR FARM**

429 The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Heritage Design and Development Team, who had been asked to provide more environmental reports in connection with their application for the quarry. One was a herpetology survey which would take time over the summer to do. The Clerk had also informed the Council's solicitor of the consent for the barn and had asked how he was proceeding in drawing up restrictive covenants.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Signed .....Chairman

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