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Meeting Minutes

Date: 8th July 2026

Time: 18:30

Venue: Cross Park Pavilion

Present

- Cllr Chris Draper (Chair)
- Cllr Yvonne Forrest (Vice Chair)
- Cllr Karen Draper
- Cllr Trevor Bowley
- Cllr Sue Morrice
- Cllr Kim Wood
- Cllr Jean Sheaves
- Clerk Chris Fribbins
- 7 Members of public

388/1 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Juan Van Niekerk delayed.
- Proposed Cllr Sheaves, Seconded Cllr Bowley that the apologies be accepted – All Agreed

389/2 Declarations of Interest and notification of recording

- Cllr Morrice & Clerk (Audio Recording for personal use). Cllr Mrs Draper (Cross Park Association)

390/3 To Receive and sign the minutes of Parish Council 13th May 2026.

Deferred to Confidential (after deletion of a paragraph regarding apologies for absence),
Proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Sheaves – All Agreed.

391/4 Matters Arising (not on the agenda)

- a) None

392/5 Public Participation

Issues raised with trees at end of Shelduck Close and lack of response/action by Hyde Housing.

Further comments regarding proposed development in Stoke Road and the Road Safety Audit.

There had been a number of Power Cuts in the village, being recorded/logged for reporting. Stoke to Allhallows power supply upgrade for the Haven site is progressing , which will reduce the impact on the general electricity supply.

Cllr Van Niekerk arrived.

393/7. Reports

a Chairperson's Report

The Chair reported on the official opening of the Wild River/Swimming Pool at the Haven site (£12m investment part of c.£50m investment in the site). Networking contacts made with Haven and Deputy Mayor.

Planning Issues with Kingsmead/The Reeds site are under investigation by Medway Planning Enforcement. Issues with landscaping/environmental requirements have not been carried out and damaged.

b Clerk's report

A grant application had been received from the Allhallows Village Hall to provide funding for hall hire costs for a new Mother & Toddlers Group allowing for sessions to be free. No specific amount was quoted. Proposed Cllr Draper, Seconded Cllr Morrice that the grant be approved (to 31/3/27 end of council year) on the basis of invoice raised by the Village Hall for the activity (up to £30 per week).

c Medway Unitary Council Allsaints Councillors' Report (Cllr Spalding)

Cllr Spalding was not present (an email report had been circulated to Parish Councillors)

d Contracts

i Countryside Contract (Hedgerows/Amenity Land/Closed Churchyard/Recreation Ground/Shelduck Woods)

A quote for fixing the fence at Shelduck Woods has been received – this is Medway Council (Norse) responsibility No update.

A resident had reported Hedgerow cutting at 1am. Contractor notified, there had been no further complaints raised. Two issues raised by residents when stones 'kicked up' by strimming activities resulting in broken glass. Contractor dealing with residents directly.

ii Street Cleaning

The Parish Council have purchased a blower and strimmer to assist the clearing on alleyways and kerbs. A wheelie bin was suggested for storage and collection of natural waste generated (to be collected by Medway Norse with garden waste) Cost £40 per annum – within delegated powers to authorise,

lii Active Cemetery

No issues.

lv General Issues

Cllr Bowley (Cross Park) and Don Baulk (General village issues) continue to carry out maintenance etc. Monthly reports circulated.

e Contributions from Representatives on external bodies

i KALC Medway Area Committee (Cllrs Forrest and Morrice)

Next meetings July 16th/October 15th.

ii Rural Liaison Committee (Cllr Mrs Draper)

Presentation on light pollution and household lights on 24/7. Flooding scope discussed (gullies, ditches, field run-off, and water levels. Cllr Morrice attended.

iii Village Hall Committee (Cllr Forrest)

A detailed report was presented by Cllr Forrest and distributed. General progress being made on activities in the hall . There had been no bingo, cancelled for one session due to the weather. Beer festival being planned for October, Fayre/Fete planned for 2nd August.

iv Cross Park Association (Cllr Bowley/Wood)

New shutter being installed on serving hatch (licensing comment raised). Work was continuing during the meeting. Pop-Up Bar operations (Stagger-Inn) and events being actioned.

v Friends of All Saints Church (Cllr Forrest)

No meetings, no issues.

vi Allhallows Youth Club (Lisa Newstead)

No attendance due to Haven activities previously reported. Youth Club will close until schools return in September after the summer holidays. Leaflets/poster still to be produced and distributed at the school (new Head in September, contact made with Deputy at the Haven Swimming Pool opening).

vii Police Liaison (Cllrs Morrice and Sheaves)

Nothing to report.

f Reports from other member responsibilities

i Allotments (Cllrs Forrest)

No issues to report.

ii Recreation Ground/Play Parks (Cllrs Morrice and Bowley)

Repairs/Maintenance issues still under investigation. Safeplay can be commissioned to carry out more detailed/complex work.

iii Bourne Leisure Liaison (Cllr Draper)

No meetings held, but the Chair had been in discussion about issues with the on-site contractors.

iv Peninsula East Academy School (Cllr Forrest)

Liaison with Deputy Head and plans for more liaison from September.

v Turners Group – Kingsmead/The Reeds (Cllrs Draper/Forrest/The Clerk)

No meetings held, but the Chair had been in discussion about issues with the on-site contractors.

g Project Updates (Cross Park/The Brimp)

Cross Park - Bar development continues. The hatch on the server counter is being installed. Waste bins/Dumpsters moved away from the patio area (small compound being planned). Stumps from infected tree clearance still to be removed.

Some issues identified in the hygiene report to be actioned – kick board, extractor fan ceiling and wall still needs to be tidied.

Trial and opening hours/cover for Stagger Inn now planned to identify hours of operation and operational issues (until September it will open Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings).

New bin installed at top of staircase.

Brimp - Brick Building extension is nearing completion. Waste water drainage to new Cesspit being considered. Quote for pipework to the new location received (need to lift storage container to dig new pit required), Concrete access slope needs to be modified to reduce steepness and grounding of vehicles accessing site.

h Highways and Footpaths

i Footpath Officer/Public Rights of Way (Mr Don Baulk/Cllr Bowley)

Reports circulated.

ii Land Maintenance

Don Baulk had identified an issue with overgrown foliage at St Andrews/St Lukes, Cherry Tree by Recreation Ground and is following up.

iii Local Reports/Issue

Nothing further.

394/8 Planning Matters

a) Plans

MC/26/0001 Land at Stoke Road Allhallows Rochester ME3 9PE.

Outline application with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the construction of up to 350 dwellings (up to 320 dwellings East of Stoke Road and up to 30 West of Stoke Road) (Class C3) together with burial ground or memorial garden (Sui Generis), children's day nursery and mobility hub (Class E (f)), open space, allotments and dedicated play space and service infrastructure with associated works.

Current planned report to Medway Planning Committee for a decision is scheduled for September 23rd. The need to get objections/comments in for consideration in the Planning Officer's report and recommendation needs to be early September so that it is included should

there be an appeal (considerable weight given to Officer's report at any Planning Appeal even if the committee votes unanimously for refusal!).

b) Allhallows Neighbourhood Plan

No further progress currently, Stoke Neighbourhood Plan is progressing.

c) Medway Local Plan 2041 Update

The planning inspector that has been appointed to carry out the review had sent a series of queries to Medway Planning who suggest this is normal at this stage and being actioned/responded to. Awaiting update from Medway Planning, but they have said that any 'gaps' will be closed and any necessary consultations will be carried out. The Clerk reminded the council that the parish area will be at risk of developments if there is no Local Plan. Further public consultation has been launched on documents published at or after the submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspector (as agreed with him) – Comments required by 6th July minimum 6 week period (to be compiled by the Clerk and distributed for comment).

d) Updates received on potential development off Binney Road/Stoke Road Allhallows

Reported previously.

395/9 Finance/Policy

- a) Finance Monitoring Reports (to 30/06/26)
- b) Receipts and Payments Schedule for July 2026 for note and approval as required (update circulated at meeting)

Proposed Cllr Forrest, Seconded Cllr Van Niekerk All Agreed

JUNE

C Fribbins	Vodafone Repay	£63.22
Karate Hire		£50.00
Medway Council Street Cleaning Contract		£22,728.65
Bank Interest		£259.66
VAT Refund March		£4,485.00

JULY (to date)

C Fribbins	Vodafone Repay	£63.22
Karate Hire		£50.00
Countryside Contract		£ 30,305.19

Item	Reference	Total	VAT
Chris Fribbins	Salary*****	260701	
Bruce Muihall	Salary*****	260702	
Rosslyn Allen	Salary*****	260703	
Rosslyn Allen	Tools	260703a	33.71

Colin Davis	Salary/Fixed Work *****	260704		
Angela Goodhew	Salary *****	260705		
Angela Goodhew	Cleaning Materials	260705a	25.35	
HMRC	PAYE/NI	260706	537.70	
Nest Pensions	DD	260707	674.22	
EDF Energy	Brimp Electricity DD	260708	201.30	9.59
M&L Contracting	Countryside Contract/Cross Park	260709	2,289.98	381.66
National Broadband	Cross Park Broadband DD	260710	54.00	9.00
Staffology IRIS	Payroll Software DD	260711	13.20	2.20
TJF Property Services	Active Cemetery +C243	260712	160.00	
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Vodafone	Brimp Broadband	260714	104.22	17.36
ICO	Data Protection Annual Sub	260715	47.00	
KALC	Annual Subscription	260716	609.70	101.62
Derek Barnes	Cross Park Kitchen Socket Fix	260717	67.87	
Planning Portal	Cross Park Planning Conditions	260718	396.00	
HCI Data Ltd	Website Address	260719	114.00	19.00
Chris Fribbins	Strimmer Fuel	260720	28.99	
Derek Barnes ***	Brimp Extension Labour	260721	922.50	
Derek Barnes ***	Brimp Main Building Lighting Fix	260722	31.00	
Derek Barnes ***	Cross Park Shutter Install	260723	90.00	
Horton ***	Cross Park Shutter Install	260724	360.00	

PAST PAYMENTS

Security Direct	Cross Park Shutter	260650	1,128.60	188.10
Yvonne Forrest	CP Bins	260651	561.58	93.60
Juan Van Niekerk	Oil for Youth Clun Strimmer/Mower	260652	6.99	
Derek Barnes	SELCO Building Materials Brimp Ext	260653	343.85	57.31
Just Bin Bags	Street Cleaner Black Bags x 6	260654	200.02	33.34
Fasthosts	Larger Mailbox for Clerk	260655	97.94	16.32
7Oaks Mowers	Strimmer/Blower/Helmets/Goggles	260556	997.98	166.33

ZEMPLER (Youth Club)

No Items

* Awaiting invoice before payment, ** Paid Direct Debit/Debit Card *** Items identified after the meeting

***** figures reported to the Council but not published due to confidentiality.

f) Bank Balances @30/06/26:

Current A/C	£28,211.67
Deposit A/C	£0
Base Rate Tracker A/C	£121,524.56
Zempler A/C	£432.83

396/10 Exclusion of Press and Public

Proposed exclusion of Press and Public due to confidential items (quotes)

397/11 Confidential Items

June Minutes – Proposed Cllr Draper, Seconded Cllr Forrest that the paragraph regarding non-attendance of Medway Council Spalding be deleted – All Agreed.

There was a proposal for a Vote of No Confidence in Medway Cllr Spalding (proposed Cllr Mrs Draper, Seconded Cllr Van Niekerk – Agreed with six for and two against (Cllrs Forrest and Morrice who asked for their names to be recorded)).

398/12 Date of Next Meeting

August meeting of Parish Council 12th August 2026 at 6:30pm at Cross Park Pavilion. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The meeting closed at 20:55