

# ST JAMES, ISLE OF GRAIN, PARISH COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:01

**Present:**

Councillor P Blakeley (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs L Giddy  
Councillor A G Jones  
Councillor Mrs S Malone  
Councillor H Ogunfemi  
Councillor Mrs G Sands  
Councillor T I Sands (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Ms J Sharp  
Councillor Ms H von der Holle

**In Attendance:**

Mrs Christine Gurr – Parish Clerk

**Apologies for absence (received and accepted): None to receive.**

*(To avoid possible disqualification under the 6-month rule, Councillors must provide a reason for non-attendance.)*

**26.66 Election of Chairman**

The following nominations were received:

- Councillor P Blakeley
  - Proposer: Councillor Ms Sharp
  - Seconder: Councillor Ms von der Holle
- Councillor A Jones
  - Proposer: Councillor T Sands
  - Seconder: Councillor Blakeley
- Councillor Mrs S Malone
  - Proposer: Councillor Mrs Malone
  - Seconder: Councillor Blakeley

After a ballot of members, Councillor Jones was declared elected and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Action/Comments Agreed:**

- Notify Medway Council of this appointment;
- Update website.

**26.67 Election of Vice Chairman**

The following nominations were received:

- Councillor T Sands
  - Proposer: Councillor Mrs G Sands
  - Seconder: Councillor Ms Sharp
- Councillor Ms von der Holle
  - Proposer: Councillor Ogunfemi

  
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- Seconder: Councillor Blakeley

After a ballot of members, Councillor T Sands was declared elected and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Action/Comments Agreed:**

- Notify Medway Council of this appointment;
- Update website.

**26.68 Election of Committees**

The membership of committees for 2025/26 was examined and updated for 2026/27, *per* Appendix.

**Action/Comments Agreed:**

- Issue list, *per* Appendix, to members;
- Display on notice boards;
- Update website.

**26.69 Election of Representatives to Outside Organisations**

The list of representatives for 2025/26 was examined and updated for 2026/27, *per* Appendix.

**Action/Comments Agreed:**

- Notify the relevant organisations of these appointments;
- Issue list, *per* Appendix, to members;
- Display on notice boards;
- Update website.

**19:26** *As there was no further business, the meeting was closed.*

Signed:

Date:

02/06/26.



# **APPENDIX**

## **ST. JAMES, ISLE OF GRAIN, PARISH COUNCIL**

### **COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **2026/2027**

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| <b>Chairman:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Cllr A Jones                                                                                                    |
| <b>Vice Chairman:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | Cllr T Sands                                                                                                    |
| <b>Finance Committee:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cllr P Blakeley<br>Cllr Mrs L Giddy<br>Cllr A Jones<br>Cllr Mrs S Malone<br>Cllr Mrs G A Sands<br>Cllr T Sands  |
| <b>General Purposes Committee:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cllr P Blakeley<br>Cllr A Jones<br>Cllr H Ogunfemi<br>Cllr Mrs G Sands<br>Cllr T Sands<br>Cllr Ms von der Holle |
| <b>KALC Medway Committee:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Cllr Mrs G Sands<br>Cllr T Sands<br>(Substitute: Cllr Mrs S Malone)                                             |
| <b>Medway Council's Local Access Forum:</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | Cllr Mrs G Sands<br>Cllr P Blakeley<br>(Substitute: Cllr Ms Sharp)                                              |
| <b>Medway Council's Rural Liaison Board:</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | Cllr T Sands<br>(Substitute: Cllr P Blakeley)                                                                   |
| <b>Medway Council's Urban Parks &amp; Green Spaces Forum:</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Cllr Mrs S Malone<br>(Substitute: Cllr Ms H von der Holle)                                                      |
| <b>Friends of Grain Coastal Park</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cllr T Sands<br>(Substitute: Cllr Mrs G Sands)                                                                  |
| <b>Police Liaison:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | Cllr A Jones<br>(Substitute: Cllr Mrs L Giddy)                                                                  |
| <b>Youth Liaison</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cllr H Ogunfemi<br>Cllr Mrs G Sands                                                                             |
| <b>SSE Thermal Community Fund</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cllr T Sands<br>(Substitute: Cllr Blakeley)                                                                     |
| <b>Defibrillator Monitoring</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Cllr Ms J Sharp<br>Cllr Mrs S Malone                                                                            |
| <p>It is the responsibility of each representative to inform their substitute and the Clerk of any inability to attend a meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk will inform Medway Council or other body of any substitution.</p> |                                                                                                                 |