

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021.

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (chair), Tina Keeble, Sandy Sinclair. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and twenty-two members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Wright and Millward and Alan March of KCC had sent apologies.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the October meeting were agreed as tabled as a true record.

4. To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

Rachel Carnac reported that CCC's budget was under consideration. Savings of £6m needed to be found. Concurrent function grant was staying for the time being.

The planning application in respect of the Ford Hill bund may well have to be resubmitted; the planning officer has raised a number of concerns.

The large development at Hillborough is going ahead but a contribution of £30k has been set aside to provide mitigation of the effects on traffic.

She advised everyone to keep an eye on the progress of the new CCC local plan. She thought it unlikely that the old airfield site would be accepted for development.

The meeting was adjourned to hear public comments. The following matters were raised:

- The planning application just referred to was discussed. A number of reasons were put forward as to why it should be opposed. These included wildlife which should be listed on the county biological database.
- Traffic problems were raised, especially those relating to the school. Cllr Morizet said she would visit the school, the clerk having written without a reply being received.
- In this context it was suggested we try to utilise the local community warden who might be able to visit the school at "school run" times.
- It was reported that the village hall committee intend to install a computer in the village hall and would like to provide basic IT classes. Volunteers sought!

5. To consider the Highways Improvement Plan.

It was resolved to add various items to the existing plan, such as speed sensitive signs and a traffic survey. The clerk to continue to chase KCC to progress this.

6. Planning

Application CA/21/ 01596 (Longshot): no objections.

In respect of application CA/21/02511 (bund at Ford Hill), the clerk was asked to write to the applicant, his agents and the landowner expressing concern and seeking clarification.

The chair proposed making site visits in respect of planning applications and this was supported by the meeting.

7. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

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| 1. Clerk: October (net) | £347.04 |
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At end-October, the cash book and bank balance was £27,964.76.

Precept for 2022/23

The clerk had circulated some relevant figures. After discussion it was resolved to keep the precept unchanged at £7,400.

New village green: the clerk reported that he had just received a report from our solicitor which he had circulated. One key point was that transfer is envisaged in March 2022.

Web-site: it has become apparent that gremlins have affected the way the web-site works. The clerk has already gone some way to fix this but needs to do a bit more. If it's beyond him, then professional help may be needed. This was supported by the meeting.

8. Councillors' reports

CLlr Sinclair suggested the community warden be invited to the next PC meeting.

CLlr Morizet urged all those present to report road maintenance issues to KCC on-line.

9. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be Monday December 13th at **5.30 pm**.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____