

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022.

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (chair), John Millward, Adele Wright, Sandy Sinclair. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC) and twelve members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Keeble had sent apologies as had Rachel Carnac of CCC.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the January meeting were agreed as tabled as a true record and signed by the chairman.

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

- The air-rifle range planning application appears to have been withdrawn.
- The subject of Tree Preservation Orders was raised – these are a matter for CCC
- There are some damaged traffic signs on Hoath Rd. Things like this should be reported on-line to Kent Highways.
- There was some discussion of litter picking. Chislet PC pay someone to do this.
- CCC has put out a “call for green sites”.
- Cllr Morizet referred to the CXK Bridge the Gap Programme which is designed to help the unemployed. More details from CXK on 01233 224244.

4. To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives.

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported that the KCC budget has been approved and the increase in council tax will be roughly £1 pw for a Band D property. A very large part of the KCC spend goes on adult social care; far more than on roads, for instance. The large number of KCC staff working from home is proving to be a problem when it comes to KCC members trying to get things done.

In her absence, Rachel Carnac (CCC) had emailed a report which was read by Cllr Morizet. She reported:

- CCC is seeking to improve waste recycling and is putting pressure on people not to mix waste types.
- Budget: will include money for enforcement and bin collection. Concurrent Function Grant has been retained.
- She referred to the “call for green sites” and the withdrawal of the rifle range planning application.

5. Planning

Application CA/21/03108. No objections.

6. Report of the clerk/RFO

It was unanimously resolved to renew the subscriptions for CPRE and Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: January (net)	£347.04
2. CPRE subscription	£36.00
3. Action with Communities in Rural Kent	£60.00

At end-January the cash book balance was £26,717.27. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £26,765.27.

Damaged bridge in Old Tree Road: the clerk reported he has spoken to the landowner again who has repaired the bridge and believes the damage is caused by verge-cutting machinery. The clerk is trying to establish who cuts this verge.

Web-site: there's been a further report of problems with the web-site but the clerk has checked and it appears to be gremlin-free.

7. Councillors' reports

Cllr Wright said a jubilee party is planned for Friday June 3rd on the new village green.

Cllr Millward referred to the grit spreader, strimmer and speed camera which the PC owns. He intends to access the speed camera. The recent speed check organised by the community warden caught 8 people speeding.

Cllr Morizet reported that some specific responsibilities have been allocated to members: Cllrs Wright and Sinclair will be dealing with jubilee celebrations; Cllr Millward will be looking at traffic problems. An "environment working group" has been set up. She suggested a village clean-up would be a good idea. She has a report on the problems of solar farms and a CCC presentation on community planning. She wondered if we should do a neighbourhood plan.

8. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be Monday March 14th at 5.30 pm.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____