

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022.

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Wright had sent apologies.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

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

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

- There was much comment opposed to the planning application for an air rifle operation on land at Ford Hill. The nature of the material used in the "bund" gave cause for concern. This is a matter for the Environment Agency.
- The electric fence reported at the last meeting has apparently moved to another field.
- Roger Lithgow, (Community Warden) said that a Speedwatch operation was now planned for Hoath. This was welcome news for which Roger was warmly thanked.
- A hedgerow by the proposed solar farm site has disappeared. Tree Preservation Orders can be used to protect these. Rachel Carnac of CCC can help with the process.

4. To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives.

For CCC, Rachel Carnac reported that she had little to report, given the Christmas break. She noted that planning applications are judged on the basis of planning law and policy and not on objections by the public.

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported that the best person at KCC to contact if people had difficulty getting a response from the Environment Agency was Robin Gregory (robin.gregory@kent.gov.uk). If people want to raise highways objections direct with Kent Highways, the director there is Simon Jones.

5. Planning

Application CA/21/02869 (air rifle range and bund at Ford Hill). After discussion, it was unanimously resolved to confirm the resolution of the December meeting to object. Cllr

Morizet had tabled a proposed form of objection which was unanimously approved. The clerk was asked to submit this to CCC.

6. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

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| 1. Clerk: December (net) | £347.04 |
| 2. HMRC (PAYE Oct-Dec) | £248.80 |

At end-December, the cash book balance was £27,303.11. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £27,651.11.

Damaged bridge in Old Tree Road: the clerk reported he has spoken to the landowner who has visited the site, noted the damage and agreed to repair it. He thanked the clerk for bringing it to his attention.

Web-site: the clerk reported that he had spent some time investigating the second set of problems and believes he has resolved them. It's not clear what caused the problems but it may have been a routine software update.

7. Councillors' reports

CLlr Sinclair publicised an event at the church on Saturday January 15th.

CLlr Morizet thanked Mr Lithgow for his help with Speedwatch. The clerk confirmed that the PC owns some speed-sensing equipment but for a variety of reasons it's never been used. He will contact the former chairman who will still have it, as well as a PC-owned grit spreader. CLlr Morizet thanked the members of the public for coming and said it was good to see the local community working together.

8. Date of the next meeting

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

Guy Foster

Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____