

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022.

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

1. Apologies

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

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the February 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:

- Roger Lithgow (community warden) reported on a couple of recent crimes and said people should always report crimes. He also said that KCC was now using "TS checked" instead of Checktrade for finding reliable contractors.
- The PC is opening the Village Green with a village picnic, the Village Jubilee Fun Day on Friday 3rd. The Village Hall committee are proposing a jubilee lunch on Sunday June 5th.
- There was opposition to planning application CA/22/00092 and the related conservation order for hedgerow and tree works, CA/22/00220.

4. To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives.

For CCC, Rachel Carnac referred to reports of problems with large vehicles servicing the biodigester waste and said people should obtain registration numbers of such vehicles.

She said the bund at the proposed air rifle site should be going, now that the planning application has been withdrawn.

She very helpfully supplied some litter picking equipment.

5. Planning

Application CA/22/00092. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to object to this on the basis of possible contravention of planning policies LB10, DB3 and HE6.

Related application/conservation order CA/22/00220. After discussion it was also unanimously resolved to object to this on the same grounds and also because there seems to be uncertainty as to who owns the hedgerow in question.

6. Report of the clerk/RFO

It was unanimously resolved to donate £100 to Air Ambulance.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: February (net)	£407.31
2. KALC (Course fee)	£42.00
3. Air Ambulance	£100.00

It was noted that the clerk's pay was higher than usual due to a local authority pay rise back-dated to April 2021.

It was also noted that the clerk has tendered his resignation w.e.f. 31st August.

At end-February the cash book balance was £26,274.23. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £26,370.23.

7. Councillors' reports

Cllr Sinclair reported that she had heard of some concerns about the clearance of a site off Church Road.

Cllr Morizet reported that a Hoath newsletter had been prepared and it was intended this should be a regular publication.

There was talk of a village walk in aid of Ukraine and it was suggested this be combined with the annual "beating of the bounds".

Cllr Millward requested via email on 11 March in the context of his Apologies that it be noted that he has met the Acting Head of Hoath Primary School and has agreed to be a key holder.

8. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be Monday April 11th at 5.30 pm.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____