

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022.

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

Cllr Millward took the chair in the absence of Cllr Morizet

1. Apologies

Cllr Morizet had sent apologies as had Rachel Carnac of CCC and community warden Roger Lithgow

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the March 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:

- There was much concern at the proposed cancellation of the No. 7 bus service. The PC will be writing to Stagecoach, local MPs, etc., etc.
- The Village Hall jubilee lunch will be on June 5th. Flyers will be delivered throughout the village.
- Concern was raised about the potential housing development at Church Farm. The PC has already met with the developers and will be monitoring this closely. There is no planning application as yet.
- It's not possible to combine the Beating the Bounds walk with a Ukraine fundraising walk.
- Some broken road and street signs have been reported. It's worth noting that road signs are KCC but street name signs are CCC.

4. To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives.

For KCC, Alan Marsh spoke about the impending loss of the bus service. There is money available via the "enhanced bus partnership" scheme. If the parish can reach a consensus on a replacement service it might be possible to progress this. Ruth Goudie at CCC is a key person here.

5. To consider arrangements for the jubilee picnic

The current plans would imply the need to spend money on: entertainment, PA hire, cable covers, an extension cable, bunting, food and drink, a gazebo to protect the stage area, a tarpaulin for the stage area.

It was unanimously resolved to approve a budget of up to £2,000 for the event. The clerk needs written quotations for as many items as possible to prepare a robust bid for the £800 grant promised by KCC. Cllr Wright will try to obtain a written price for the main entertainment act.

6. To consider the agreement for the transfer of the land consisting of the village green and car park and to consider maintenance arrangements

The agreement had been previously circulated. It was unanimously resolved to sign it.

The clerk had obtained two quotes for grass cutting; one was £55 a cut and the other £180 a cut so the lower quote was unanimously accepted and the contract awarded to Mr Ian Sargent on the basis of a maximum of 16 cuts p.a.

7. Planning

An application for works to trees at Old Tree pond (CA/22/00766) was considered but there were no comments on this.

8. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: March (net)	£352.46
2. HMRC	£255.00

At end-March the cash book balance was £25,724.92. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £25,766.92.

Year-end 2021/22: the clerk reported that the annual return was ready to be submitted to the internal auditor. It showed a surplus for the year of £1,390. It was unanimously resolved to declare as an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

9. Councillors' reports

Cllr Millward reported that he and Cllr Morizet had agreed to meet with the parish magazine editor in May to discuss the PC's possible input.

10. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be Monday May 9th. It will be at about 5.35 pm, immediately after the annual PC meeting which will be at 5.30 pm. It is expected to be immediately followed by the annual parish meeting.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____