

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2022.

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (chair), John Millward, Sandy Sinclair, Adele Wright. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC). Rachel Carnac (CCC) and 15 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Keeble had sent apologies.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the May 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:

- Should we have a boot fair on the village green? This was thought to be a good idea.
- There were concerns about the safety of the new pond. This does not belong to the PC. Apparently local residents are discussing this with the developer.
- Should we have a power supply on the village green and electric car charging points in the car park? These were also thought to be good ideas.
- There are already reports of anti-social behaviour in the car park. Clearly security issues around the car park and the village green will need to be looked into.
- The matter of the speed camera was raised; Cllr Millward is dealing with this.

4. To receive reports from representatives of KCC and CCC.

For KCC, Alan Marsh said he continued to look into replacements for the No 7 bus. He said that KCC might be prepared to help with this and also with costs related to the car park issues already raised.

For CCC, Rachel Carnac spoke about a local group of residents getting together to preserve the local landscape. She also mentioned the new cabinet system at CCC; she is a member of the cabinet with responsibility for Corporate Affairs. She is no longer on the planning committee.

5. To consider purchasing a lap-top computer.

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved to authorise the clerk to purchase a lap-top computer and relevant software to a value of up to £600. The clerk can then set this up to be passed to his successor.

6. Planning

Application CA/22/01082 (Pear Tree Cottage, solar panels on outbuilding): no objections.
Application CA/22/01103 (lawful development certificate): no comments.

7. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: May (net)	£469.93
2. N.D Ogilvie (internal audit)	£140.00
3. Mr I Sargent (grass cutting)	£110.00
4. Adele Wright (jubilee picnic entertainment)	£350.00
5. Maureen Hawkes (jubilee picnic expenses)	£13.00

At end-May the cash book balance was £32,114.63. This includes the precept and CFG for 2022/23.

It was reported that local resident Pam Hardiman has taken on the role of Tree Warden under the auspices of the Kent Tree and Pond Partnership. This is welcome news.

There will be a pop-up cafe in the car park in the morning of the last Tuesday of August, September and October. All are encouraged to support this.

8. Councillors' reports

Cllr Wright noted that a road sign near the Thanet Way has become overgrown by trees. She was advised the best thing to do was to report this via the Kent Highways web-site; this has been proved to work in the past. She felt the jubilee picnic went very well and she was thanked by all for her efforts in organising this.

Cllr Sinclair reported that one or two picnic gazebos had blown across the road the morning after the picnic. It would be good to give some chocolates to the local residents who helped retrieve them.

Cllr Millward asked about the speed camera. Apparently it is in storage in the village hall. It was noted that everyone should report incidents of speeding, etc., to the police to help build an evidence base. Cllr Millward also suggested we have a village sign made; this was thought to be a good idea.

9. Date of the next meeting

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

Guy Foster

Clerk to Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____