

## HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2022

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Sandy Sinclair, Adele Wright. In attendance: Caroline Read (Clerk & RFO), Alan Marsh (KCC), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and 27 members of the public.

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#### 1. Apologies

John Millward and Tina Keeble sent apologies.

#### 2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the July 2022 meeting were agreed as tabled as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

- Residents were concerned about the lack of enforcement of hedgerows, CCC advised residents to submit their concerns again on the portal, and use the 'what3words location app' to assist the Council in identifying the precise areas.
- Residents raised their concerns about the high volume of HGVs, tractors and general speed of traffic on roads in and around the village. The Chairman assured all, that she had been in recent contact with the local farmers and would continue to monitor the situation. CCC also assured residents that 30k has been made available to traffic engineers to assist with the anticipated traffic flow resulting from the Hillborough development.
- It was confirmed that a Hoath Parish Council representative would be attending the Taylor Wimpey community engagement meeting later this term.
- Residents were concerned that the road weight restrictions at Ford Hill, especially the small bridge were not being adhered to by HGVs and farm traffic. Parish Clerk to investigate if there is a weight restriction in place.

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

For CCC, Rachel Carnac spoke of the Planning Committee meeting to be held at 7pm on 20 September 2022, in relation to the retrospective planning permission for the Digestate Pit. She advised that speakers should focus on 'Planning Reasons' and not personal opinions. The planning paper is to be published on 13 September 2022.

CCC also advised residents that the Draft 2045 Local Plan will be available to view online from 19 October 2022. Residents were encouraged to comment if they wished to object to any areas within the plan. She highlighted that areas for consideration may include the way the Hoath boundaries are defined, transport strategy, education strategy, etc. CCC stated that the Airfield was not detailed in the local plan, but had been put forward for consideration in the call for sites. Residents were also reminded that they could request a Residents meeting should they have concerns they wished to discuss in detail.

For KCC, Alan Marsh supported CCC comments relating to the Local Plan in that residents must comment if they have any objections or queries.

KCC also referred again to the No 7 replacement bus service, which was discussed at previous Parish Meetings. He repeated that the bus service was now in place and urged residents to register, noting that KCC will pay the initial membership fee. (The fare to use the service is £2.50 each way from Hoath to Canterbury.) Resident Maureen Hawkes confirmed that all residents had received a copy of the timetable and application form through their letter boxes.

## 5. Planning

The retrospective planning permission for the enlargement of the Digestate Pit on Marley Lane remains ongoing, with a Planning Committee meeting to be held on 20 September 2022, Chair confirmed that she will be attending.

Planning applications considered – with no objections:

CA/22/01229 (2 Ford Cottages) – Replacement outbuilding for dog grooming business  
CA/22/01886 (Shelvingford Farm House) – Leylandii Hedge - Fell

Planning applications considered – with objections:

CA/22/01659 (Oak Lodge) – Single-storey side extensions and single-storey side link extension together with erection of tree house. The PC felt the due to the locality of the property it was out of scale. The Chair stated she would be submitting the PC 's objection to the Planning portal before the deadline date of 16 September 2022, she reminded all residents who also wished to object to ensure they submitted these timely and were invited to copy objections to CCC.

## 6. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

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| 1. Adele Wright (Purchase of departing Parish Clerk's gift)   | £130.00 |
| 2. Ian Sargant (Grass Cutting 14 Jun, 28 Jun and 23 Aug @£55) | £165.00 |

At end-Aug the cash book and bank balance is £29,405.80. This includes the precept and CFG for 2022/23.

The Community Pop-up Cafe will return to the Village Car Park at 10.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday 27 September and Tuesday 25 October 2022. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to support this free initiative. Tea, coffee and cake is available, along with an opportunity to get together with old friends and new.

## **7. Councillors' reports**

Cllr Sinclair noted that the road channels and markings in School Road, particularly in the vicinity of the Primary School were overgrown with vegetation. Parish Clerk to submit info to KCC Highways for action.

Cllr Wright noted that some signage/road markings in and around the village were missing or obstructed from view. Parish Clerk to submit info to KCC Highways for action.

Cllr Morizet (Chair) emphasised to the residents that all the Councillors were co-opted on to the Parish Council, the next election is likely to be in 2023. Meanwhile she thanked all residents for their continued support and encouraged all to keep communicating, so together we can build a strong and engaged village community.

Chair also reminded the residents that there were a number of upcoming projects which would benefit hugely from public involvement. These included work on traffic plan, a Neighbourhood Plan, a Village Green Committee, Nethergong Valley biodiversity and the Canterbury Climate Action awards. As previously discussed in July, volunteers from the community were asked to come forward.

## **8. Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that this will be at 5.30 pm on 10 October 2022.

Caroline Read  
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chair)