

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Sandy Sinclair, John Millward and Tina Keeble. In attendance: Caroline Read (Clerk & RFO), Roger Lithgow (KCC Community Warden) and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr's Adele Wright, Alan Marsh (KCC) and Rachel Carnac (CCC) all sent apologies.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the September 2022 meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, matters arising included:

- Ford Manor Farm Bridge – KCC Highways confirmed that this bridge is capable of carrying normal highway loads, therefore, there is no weight limit imposed. The bridge is inspected every two years and no defects have been observed that would indicate the load carrying capacity might be decreasing.
- Submissions to KCC Highways post Sep 22 meeting also included:
 - School Lane: Channel sweep and yellow school markings and zig zags to be repainted. White junction markings to be repainted and numerous pot holes to be refilled. (within three months of request)
 - Missing Hoath sign on Hoath Road has been ordered.
 - Footpath CB119 has been reported as currently blocked by vegetation.
- A KCC Highways initiative called Lorry Watch was identified as a scheme that residents could run to identify vehicles suspected of using unsuitable roads, or not sticking to the limits and restrictions, unfortunately no volunteers yet, HPC will continue to call for volunteers within the community to help to run the scheme.
- Volunteers also still required to help write:
 - Traffic Plan
 - Neighbourhood Plan
 - Be part of the Village Green Committee
 - Be part of the Nethergong Valley Biodiversity Committee

The meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes to hear public comments. The following matters were raised:

- Roger Lithgow, Community Warden thanked all who attended the first and very successful pop-up café, the second event was unfortunately cancelled due to staff ill health.

- The next pop-up café to be held on the Village Green will take place on 25 October at 1030 to 1230pm. November's will take place at The Prince of Wales on 22 November 2022 at 1030 to 1230pm.
- Roger highlighted that there had been an increase of rogue traders operating in the district, namely groups of males claiming to be painters and decorators; offering to do these works at discounted prices. Residents are to be cautious of tradesmen approaching uninvited and highlighted that residents should avoid paying for any works to be undertaken in advance and/or in cash.
- It was requested that more information be placed on the Hoath Parish Council Facebook page. Chair confirmed that the Clerk would be added as admin.
- Parking at Barn Close has been problematic to residents. HPC to engage with residents to discuss in further detail and to ascertain which garages are out of use.
- The lack of speed cameras in the areas was questioned by residents, HPC will hasten Kent Police for a response.
- Parking outside the Primary school remains a concern for residents, HPC will engage directly with the school to discuss. It is anticipated that once road markings are repainted, this may remind parents of their parking responsibilities.
- Discussions on who has and how the 30k of funding will be spent as the Hillborough development expands. Suggestions included a chicane along Maypole Road and better road markings in the area.

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

On behalf of CCC, the Chair reminded 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.

5. Planning

New Applications:

- CA/22/01911 - Old Tree View, Old Tree Road (Erection of hay barn). No initial objections, HPC to determine conservation area boundary prior to formal comment.

Applications - Awaiting Decision by CCC:

- CA/21/02265 - Land South of Marley Lane (Installation of Digestate storage Eco bag) (HPC Objection submitted) (The retrospective planning permission for the enlargement of the Digestate Pit on Marley Lane remains ongoing, the Chair attended a Planning Committee meeting held on 21 September 2022, where it was established that CCC will now visit the site to better understand the unintended consequences of the Eco bag, including the increased traffic and the environmental impact).
- CA/22/01229 - 2 Ford Cottages, Ford Hill (Replacement outbuilding for use as a dog grooming business) (HPC – No objection)
- CA/22/01659 - Oak Lodge (Single storey side extensions and single storey side link extension together with erection of tree house) (HPC Objection submitted)

Applications - To note the Decision of CCC:

- CA/22/01378 - Tambour Manor (Replacement of timber sash and casement windows and doors with UPVC) – Decided - Granted
- CA/22/01886 - Shelvingford Farm House (Leylandii Hedge – fell) – Decided – No Objection (Note: Decision Notice not yet received by HPC)

6. Report of the clerk/RFO

At end-Sep the Cash Book and bank balance is £29,110.80. This includes the precept and CFG for 2022/23.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Ian Sargant (Grass Cutting 20 September 2022 @£55)	£55.00
2. Parry Law (Land Registry for Village Green and Car Park)	£343.00
3. Reference Books	£78.45
4. Stationery and ink	£40.39
5. Local Councils Update Subscription	£110.00

It was decided that Ian Sargant to be paid on completion of each cut in order to avoid delay in payment (maximum 16 cuts per year) (Proposed: Imogen Morizet, Seconded: John Millward)

It was decided that the Clerk to be paid her salary on the last working day of each month, initially by cheque, and then on-line once banking mandate has been updated. (Proposed: Imogen Morizet, Seconded: Tina Keeble)

Correspondence to note:

- The Community Pop-up Cafe will return to the Village Car Park at 10.30am to 12.30pm on 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. On 22 November, the pop-café concept will take place at the Prince of Wales Public House, Maypole Road timings remain the same).
- It is recognised that Hoath Parish Council website is in need of updating, this remains an ongoing issue along with updating its other social media platforms.

7. Councillors' reports

Cllr Morizet (Chair) 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 and September, volunteers from the community were invited to join.

Cllr Morizet also highlighted to the residents Planning Application CA/22/01845 (Land north of Hersden). For development of 800 residential dwellings and the associated earthworks and infrastructure, including proposal for offices, light industrial use, new community building, café, equipped play and playing pitches, mobility hubs, sustainable drainage system and a landscape bund. Residents were urged to review and make comments on CCC's Planning Portal.

For Decision: In her absence Cllr Adele Wright proposes to organise a Christmas Event to be held on the Village Green in December, festive carols and mulled wine will be available. Budget of £650 to be made available to cover cost of tree, decorations, mulled wine etc. (Date to be determined). (Proposed at the Meeting by: Imogen Morizet, Seconded: Sandy Sinclair)

For Discussion: HPC has received a request from a Hoath resident to hold a Classic Car Show at the Village Car Park with craft stalls on the Village Green one weekend in May 2023. Further information has been requested from the Car Club Secretary before a decision can be made. Item to be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

8. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be at 5.30 pm on Monday 14 November 2022.

Caroline Read
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Hoath Parish Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____
(Chair)