

## HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), John Millward, Sandy Sinclair and Adele Wright. In attendance: Caroline Read (Clerk & RFO), KCC Cllr Alan Marsh and CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac and 11 members of the public.

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#### 1. Apologies

None.

#### 2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

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

The minutes of the January 2023 meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, matters arising included:

#### 4. Co-option to the Parish Council.

Miss Karen Johncock was co-opted to the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council. Proposed: Imogen Morizet. Seconded: Sandy Sinclair (Full majority).

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

- Residents were frustrated at the speed of traffic on Maypole Road and Hoath Road and discussion followed about requesting KCC Highways paint a centre line to encourage road users to stick to their side. Clerk advised, supported by KCC Cllr Marsh that this was not possible as KCC Highways deem the road width too narrow (less than 5.5m).
- Residents highlighted the damage to roads especially on Ford Hill, where much of the edge had worn away due to the many agricultural vehicles, namely the large tractors trailing tanks and tankers, which have been transporting digestate from St. Nicholas Court Farm, Saint Nicholas at Wade. HPC advised residents that they must submit their evidence directly to KCC Highways, this includes the additional wear and tear that the farm traffic had caused, especially on Church Road, Hoath Road, Maypole Road and Ford Hill. **Action: Clerk to submit an online fault to KCC Highways.**
- Residents queried when the site meeting will take place for the Digestate Pit Eco Bag. Cllr Carnac advised that CCC were still waiting for all the assessments to take place and it was unlikely that this would be completed before the election in May 2023.

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

CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac thanked residents for uploading their comments about the Local Plan, especially as in 2017, there was a nil response.

Cllr Carnac advised that the CCC budget would take place the following week, she wasn't expecting anything momentous or any significant changes, other than much more investment in waste and bins. She advised residents that the small paper recycling bins that fit inside the blue bins were going to be removed by CCC. This is due to contamination crossover when the waste is being collected. Residents would be able to order a red paper recycling wheelie bin at no charge. Residents were also advised that CCC offer free assisted waste collections to residents who find it difficult to put their bins at the kerbside due to age, illness or disability.

**Action: Clerk to advertise bin information on social media.**

Cllr Carnac highlighted the good work that the residents of Herne Bay were undertaking to assist with the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. Donations of time, ability and/or boxes could be delivered to No. 30 The High Street, Herne Bay.

Cllr Marsh highlighted to residents that the KCC budget was £1.2 billion, he noted that adult social care was forecast to be in the region of £527 million. Highways budget was £140 million, this sum is to take care of 5,400 miles of road and 3,900 miles of pavements. The weekly increase for a Band D property would be in the region of £1.40 per week, along with an annual rise of £15 for Police services. His members grant which he uses to provide support to the community is to be £3,600 for the year. This amount is to cover his 7 parishes.

On a positive financial note, Cllr Marsh has managed to secure funding to ensure the Hoath Community bus service can continue, as KCC will be paying for the annual membership fee once again. Residents needing more information on this service are invited to contact the clerk. KCC have also approved £700 to go towards purchase of a defibrillator for the village.

Cllr Marsh also highlighted that if Hoath wished to put in place any road closures during the period to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023, then applications should be forwarded without delay. **Action: Cllr Wright**

## 6. Planning:

### New Applications:

- CA/23/00108 – Willow House, Old Tree Road (Single store side and rear extension) Comments Expiry Date: 24 Feb 23. Determination Deadline: 20 Mar 23 **(No Objection by HPC)**

### Applications - Awaiting Decision by CCC:

- CA/21/02265 - Land South of Marley Lane (Installation of Digestate storage Eco bag) Expiry Date: 24 Jun 22. Determination Deadline: 10 Nov 21. **(HPC Objection submitted).**
- CA/22/02593 – Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road (LBC for external and internal alterations including installation of woodstove together with increased height of chimney) – Heritage Statement is available on Planning Portal. Expiry Date: 20 Jan 23. Determination deadline: 6 Feb 23 **(No objection by HPC)**
- CA/22/02593 – Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road (Listed Building Consent for external and internal alterations including installation of woodstove together with increased height of chimney) – Heritage Statement is available on Planning Portal. Expiry Date: 20 Jan 23. Determination deadline: 6 Feb 23. **(No objection by HPC).**
- CA/22/02642 - Barn Lodge, Church Road (Single-storey rear extension). Expiry Date: 3 Feb 23. Determination Deadline: 13 Feb 23. **(No objection by HPC).**

**Applications - Decided by CCC:**

- CA/22/02246 - Black Barn Court, Hoath Road (Single-storey rear extension) (HPC note property is in a Conservation Area and that there is a requirement for an archaeological watching brief to be undertaken and approved by CCC before any development can take place). Expiry Date: 25 Nov 22. Determination Deadline: 16 Dec 22. **APPLICATION GRANTED**

**7. Report of the clerk/RFO**

At end-Dec the Cash Book and bank balance is £24,954.08. This includes the precept and CFG for 2022/23.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerks Salary & Expenses (1 to 28 Feb 23)	£417.32
2. Village Hall Hire	£135.00
3. 13 <sup>th</sup> Edition Arnold Baker – Local Council Administration (+P&P)	£141.80

Correspondence noted:

- Highways update: The significant water leak on School Lane had been reported and repaired swiftly by South East Water. A new no-waiting sign had been erected outside the primary school. HPC were now in contact with Highways with regard to establishing Lorry Watch. Residents were advised that anyone is able to report potholes in the village and surrounding area, if no success then residents are to inform the Clerk who will be able to escalate the issue.
- The Clerk reminded residents that although KCC Cllr Alan Marsh would be providing a grant of £700 to help purchase a second defibrillator for the village, due to the increase of costs approx. £900 would still need to be raised, it is likely this money will need to come from the Reserve. **Action: Clerk to identify possible defibrillators for consideration.**
- The Clerk had received information relating to a noise complaint and advised residents that these should be submitted to CCC.
- The Thanet Community bus timetable is available from the Clerk, it will also be published in the March edition of the Parish magazine.
- Residents were reminded to be vigilant as there had been 4 reports of theft at Hicks Forstal. The Clerk again called for volunteers to assist in reinvigorating the Hoath Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- The Clerk advised that 'No Mow May' might be a consideration for the Village Green, this was to be determined by the Village Green sub-committee, once set up.
- Clerk advised that the 270 saplings obtained for free from the Woodland Trust would be delivered early March 2023. Residents were asked to volunteer with the planting.
- Clerk advised that the CCC Election would take place on 4 May 2023. Hoath Parish Election would also take place on this day if more than 5 persons register to be a Councillor (5 or less would be an uncontested election for Hoath). Residents were advised that if they wish to be considered for election, they need to register their nomination no later than 4pm on 4 April 2023 (in person, at CCC). Further information is available from Canterbury Electoral Services.

## 8. Councillors' reports

Cllr Morizet spoke again about the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and was delighted that the meeting with Karen Britton, Community Planning and Enforcement Manager at CCC had been such a success and that many residents had come forward to form a steering group. A second NP meeting would be taking place at the Village Hall at 5.30pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, all residents are welcome to attend and support this initiative for the good of the village.

Cllr Morizet also highlighted the need to set up the Village Green Sub-Committee, it is envisaged that this will become part of the NP. This will enable the Hoath community to decide what it wants. Meanwhile as the new saplings are due to arrive in March 2023, it was proposed by Cllr Morizet and seconded by Cllr Sinclair (full majority), that a lockable, outside tap should be installed in the vicinity of the car park. **Action: Clerk to obtain quotes.**

Cllr Morizet reported that the Pop-Up Community Café held at the Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February was a huge success, anyone wishing to volunteer for the next one should contact either Mrs Maureen Hawkes or Arthur, contact details available from the Clerk. There was also a Community Coffee morning held at the Prince of Wales public house on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February which was also well supported. Future coffee mornings are to be held on the first Saturday of the month at the Village Hall, and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Prince of Wales. There will also be a Spring Quiz at Reculver School on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 7.30pm.

Cllr Wright and Cllr Morizet highlighted to residents that there will be a 'King's Coronation Big Lunch' event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The event is for everyone in the community to join together in a spirit of friendship, food and fun. The event will take place at the Village Green and Village Hall. Anyone wishing to be help make this event a success is requested to contact the Clerk.

## 9. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be at 5.30 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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