

## HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock and Sandy Sinclair. In attendance: Caroline Read (Clerk & RFO) and CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac and 10 members of the public.

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#### 1. Apologies

Cllr Adele Wright and KCC Cllr Alan Marsh

#### 2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

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

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

- The deterioration of the highway at Ford Hill was reported to KCC Highways, PC awaits an update.

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

- Residents advised that the small paper recycling bins were being removed by CCC, if residents required a free replacement red wheelie bin, they were to engage with CCC before contacting CCC Cllr Carnac for assistance.
- Residents highlighted suppliers that could supply seating/equipment to the Village Green for minimal cost. The Village Green area including the car park is to be developed in consultation with residents who are conducting the Neighbourhood Plan. Next meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall, residents were encouraged to attend in order to submit their views.
- Residents requested a little bin to be installed in the vicinity of the Village Green.  
**Action: Clerk to engage with CCC.**
- A resident highlighted new funding available from KCC, under the umbrella of 'Kent Community Foundation'. **Action: Clerk to explore funding opportunities.**
- Residents reported problems in the vicinity of Heath House and also Barn Close relating to noise and public nuisance. Residents were advised to contact Kent Police with their concerns. Residents were also concerned about the misuse of council properties; this can be reported to CCC at the following: [tenancy.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:tenancy.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk)

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

CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac advised that the Planning Committee will likely visit the site of the Digestate Storage and Eco Bag at the end of March. She advised that this is not an open meeting and that the Planning Committee would not be able to engage in discussions with the public relating to the application. Cllr Carnac also advised residents that the Transport Report

refers to digestate being used for 'local use' only, however, as residents believe the Pit supports farming in the wider Kent area, she advised that this evidence, demonstrating the Pit's use is actually industrial size, must be submitted to the Planning Committee as soon as possible.

Cllr Carnac advised that there had been recent discussion about the Solar Farm development at Marley Lane. It was clear there was some disparity at higher government over Therese Coffey MP's resolution to not use agricultural land, but utilise public buildings instead. She advised HPC to engage directly with Sir Roger Gale MP, requesting a public meeting to enable residents to express their concerns directly. Residents agreed that we must protect our unique landscapes. **Action: Clerk to invite MP.**

Cllr Carnac also advised that the Planning Application to build four new homes at Nethergong Hill has been withdrawn.

## 5. Planning:

### **New Applications:**

CA/23/00261 - Orchard House, Maypole Rd (Single-storey outbuilding) (HPC No Objection)

### **Applications - Decided by CCC:**

CA/23/00108 - Willow House, Old Tree Road (Single store side & rear extension): GRANTED

CA/22/02642 - Barn Lodge, Church Road (Single-storey rear extension). GRANTED

## 6. Report of the clerk/RFO

At end-Dec the Cash Book and bank balance is £24,259.46.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerks March 2023 Salary & Expenses
2. CRPE Membership (£60.00)
3. HMRC (payment amount to be confirmed at next meeting circa. £280)

Correspondence noted:

- Potholes in and around the Parish continue to be addressed by KCC Highways.
- The Clerk advised residents that HPC have had their KCC £700 grant application approved to help purchase a second defibrillator for the village. The Prince of Wales pub have also kindly agreed to hold a fundraising Quiz Night on 29<sup>th</sup> March, to help with the cause. Circa. £900 more is required and HPC are looking at other ways to raise the funding in order to protect the reserve.
- Clerk advised that since the resignation of Cllr Millward, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council, anyone wishing to become a Councillor is invited to get in touch.
- 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).

- Clerk reminded residents the need to photo ID in order to be able to vote at the elections. Further information is available from Canterbury Electoral Services.
- The Dogs Trust, Canterbury have been invited to be the Guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## 7. Councillors' reports

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 Cllr Wright via the Clerk.

Cllr Morizet thanked the residents for their engagement with the Neighbourhood Plan and looks forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Cllr Morizet advised the saplings obtained from the Woodland Trust had started to arrive and would need planting. Also received were rabbit guards and stakes. Planting is likely to take place one weekend in April, volunteers were asked to contact the Clerk with their availability.

Cllr Morizet advised that HPC had been attempting to organise a Residents Litter Pick as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean'. Update: Unfortunately, due to the lack of footpaths and the majority of roads having a speed limit over 30mph in the parish, CCC and HPC are not currently able to insure volunteers. HPC mirrors the advice from CCC, the safety of volunteers is the most important thing, therefore will not be organising a Residents Litter Pick. HPC would however, wish to thank residents who already litter pick in and around the parish of their own accord.

## 8. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that this will be at 5.30 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Caroline Read  
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
Hoath Parish Council  
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Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chair)