

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2023

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, Adele Wright and Sandy Sinclair. In attendance: Caroline Read (Clerk & RFO) and CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac and 15 members of the public.

1. Apologies

KCC Cllr Alan Marsh

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

The minutes of the March 2023 meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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

- Residents at Old Tree reported that there had been a firearm/shooting incident in the vicinity of their home. The matter had been reported to the police and residents were advised to remain vigilant and report any concerns directly to the police.
- A resident advised that some dogs owners were not cleaning up after their pets at the Village Green. **Action: Clerk to highlight on social media.**

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

CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac advised that the next Planning Committee meeting due to take place on 2nd May 2023, had been postponed and will possibly take place on 30th May 2023.

Cllr Carnac reported that CCC Biodiversity Working Group, responsible for creating greater awareness of the key challenges facing the natural environment in Canterbury district and to develop strategies to overcome these, had met to discuss their draft 10 recommendations to improve the district's biodiversity. The BWG has responded to councillor feedback and expanded priorities beyond protecting open spaces on Council and former MoD land and in specific urban areas to include protecting and fostering rural biodiversity across the district.

Cllr Carnac then left the meeting.

5. Planning:

New Applications:

CA/23/00614 – Oak Lodge, Old Tree (Non-material amendment to Planning Permission CA/22/01659FUL) – No objection by HPC

Decided Applications:

CA/23/00261 - Orchard House, Maypole Road (Single-storey outbuilding comprising of carport/garden store). **GRANTED by CCC**

CA/22/02709 - Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road (Detached Garage together with access and driveway). **GRANTED by CCC**

6. Report of the clerk/RFO

At end-March the Cash Book and bank balance is £24,128.14.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerks April 2023 Salary & Expenses
2. Village Green Grass Cutting on 4th April 2023 – (£55.00)
3. The United Parish of Reculver (£250.00)
4. KALC Membership Renewal (£272.40)

Correspondence noted:

- Payment of £285.14 to HMRC made on 31st March 2023. (Minute 456 refers). The Clerk advised she was still awaiting the March 2023 bank statement before raising the AGAR. There were also unpresented cheques she was hastening. Clerk reported the requirement to appoint an internal auditor to ensure the AGAR can be completed timely. Proposed by Cllr Morizet. Seconder: Cllr Johncock with full majority.
- Clerk advised that the CCC Election would take place on 4th May 2023. Hoath Parish Election is uncontested. Residents were reminded of the need to produce 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 accepted the invitation to be the Guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Monday 15th May 2023.

7. Councillors' reports

Cllr Morizet invited all residents to the 'King's Coronation Big Lunch' event on Sunday 7th 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. A road closure will be in place at Woodview on the day; if anyone wishes to help make this event a success, they are kindly requested to contact Cllr Adele Wright via the Clerk.

Cllr Morizet wished to thank Hoath resident Helen Parker-Richardson for settling up a 'Just Giving' page to raise more funds for the purchase of the village defibrillator. A great example of community spirit.

Cllr Morizet advised that the Woodland Trust had delivered the saplings, rabbit guards and canes and would be planted at 9.30am on Saturday 22nd April 2023, to coincide with Earth Day. All residents are welcome to come along and help on the day.

Cllr Morizet thanked the residents for their engagement with the Neighbourhood Plan and looks forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting at 6.30pm on 24 April 2023 at Hoath Village Hall. **Action: Clerk to set up appropriate area on Hoath Parish Website.**

The Council reviewed the Allotment's 'Agreement for Management' but did not decide the Allotment Rent Review. **Action: Clerk to add item to May's Agenda.**

The Council reviewed the Play Area Agreement and decided that the current agreement is to be terminated in accordance with para 1.6, by giving not less than three months' notice in writing. Proposed by Cllr Morizet. Seconder: Cllr Johncock with full majority. **Action: Clerk to issue termination letter.**

8. Date of the next meeting:

The next meeting of the Council will be at 5.00pm on Monday 15th May 2023, this will commence with the Annual Meeting of the Parish, with guest speaker from the Dogs Trust, Canterbury. The Annual Meeting of the Council will follow and conclude with the Monthly Parish Meeting.

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