

## HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (chair), John Millward, Sandy Sinclair, Adele Wright, Tina Keeble. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC). Rachel Carnac (CCC) and 10 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 June meeting were agreed as tabled as a true record and signed by the chairman.

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The meeting was adjourned for a presentation by Jane Cribben from Thanet Community Transport. With help of funding from Alan Marsh/ KCC, Jane and team have been able to set up a service to partly replace the No. 7 bus. Timetables and other literature were distributed. At first, the service will be fairly limited but it can be increased if demand is there. Those wishing to use it will need to become members but the membership fee will be funded by KCC. There is a fare to use the service which will be £2.50 each way from Hoath to Canterbury.

Jane was warmly thanked for coming to the meeting and for her efforts in setting up this service and Alan Marsh was also thanked for his invaluable assistance.

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

- Community Warden Roger Lithgow reported that there have been problems at Heath House. People need to ring 101 or 999 or Crimestoppers as appropriate if they witness anything of a criminal nature.
- Footpath CB119 is badly overgrown. Such matters can be reported online via the KCC Public Rights of Way web page.
- Has there been any work done on security or electric car charging points at the new car park? Not yet.

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

For KCC, Alan Marsh referred to the No 7 replacement bus service, as already discussed.

For CCC, Rachel Carnac spoke of the Local Plan which will be going out to public consultation in the autumn. She didn't think it would contain any serious matters for Hoath but the village needed to be aware of its planning "categorisation" and also to keep an eye on concurrent function funding, the future of which remains under threat.

## 5. Planning

KCC have issued a notice proposing a ban on traffic on Park Farm Road, which is a track off Marley Lane. The PC has no objection to this per se but is not so keen on the gate which was erected across the entrance to the track some time ago. Cllr Morizet proposed to write to KCC about this and this was supported by the meeting.

Planning applications considered:

CA/22/01378 (Tambour Manor)  
 CA/22/01103 (1 Millbank Cottages LDC, actually now granted)  
 CA/22/01353 (Willow House)  
 CA/22/01445 (Meadowbrook Barn)  
 CA/22/01229 (2 Ford Cottages)

There were no objections to any of these.

## 6. To consider the appointment of a new parish clerk

After discussion it was unanimously resolved to appoint Ms Caroline Read as parish clerk as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 7. Report of the clerk/RFO

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: June (net)	£877.33
2. Clerk: July (net –post-dated)	£352.46
3. Clerk: August (net – post-dated)	£352.46
4. HMRC – PAYE April-June	£242.60
5. Sandra Sinclair (jubilee expenses)	£54.88
6. Adele Wright (jubilee expenses)	£220.17
7. Kevin Scroggins (jubilee expenses)	£24.00
8. PCC of Holy Cross, Hoath (allotments site rent)	£250.00
9. John Millward (jubilee expenses)	£252.00

The clerk's June payment includes reimbursement of the purchase of a laptop computer and software totalling £524.67.

At end-June the cash book and bank balance was £31,231.70. This includes the precept and CFG for 2022/23.

The clerk reported that we have received the £800 KCC jubilee grant. Thanks to Alan Marsh for help in expediting this.

There will be a pop-up cafe in the car park in the morning of the last Tuesday of August, September and October. All are encouraged to support this.

#### **8. Councillors' reports**

Cllr Wright noted that Ford Hill was in very poor condition.

Cllr Millward said he was going to take a look at the Highways Improvement Plan for Hoath.

Cllr Morizet said that there were a number of upcoming projects which would benefit hugely from public involvement. These included work on traffic, a Neighbourhood Plan, a village green committee, Nethergong Valley biodiversity and the Canterbury Climate Action awards.

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

It was agreed that this will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. It was noted that this is a change from the normal schedule.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_