

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2023

The Meeting was held in Hoath Village Hall for the transaction of the following business:

1. Welcome introduction:

Residents were welcomed to the Annual Parish meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of local activities and achievements by the residents in the Parish of Hoath in the last 12 months:

- Hoath parish council has taken ownership of the New Village Green and Carpark – currently take shape with the planting of new saplings (the shade of which the next generation will sit in).
- There was the launch of a free ‘Hoath Newsletter’ for every home in the Parish, edited by a local resident.
- The Jubilee Event was attended by virtually the entire village, celebrating the reign of our late Queen. The weekend included activities on the Green, a separate lunch in the Village Hall and wonderful floral display in Holy Cross church. All were extremely well attended.
- A Christmas Event was held in the Village Hall, with singing and dancing. With a lit and decorated tree on the green.
- Also, at Xmas the parish was able to donate hampers and vouchers to residents who were less fortunate than others.
- KCC Cllr Alan Marsh provided funding for over 20 residents to see the Panto at Broadstairs, including free return transport.
- HPC launched the start of the Neighbourhood plan, this is empowering the Hoath community to develop a shared vision for its neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of the local area.
- Our first No Mow May, with a view to making the current un-mowed section a wild flower area next year.
- The defibrillator at the Village Hall is back and serviceable, and a second is to be purchased (to be installed on an external wall at The Prince of Wales public house).
- Coffee Mornings: The Church holds monthly coffee mornings with its bring and buy, the village had its first post-covid weekday coffee mornings which were initiated by Rural Kent and held on the village green. These have since moved to the Village Hall monthly, on a Saturday. The Prince of Wales public house also holds coffee mornings for the community; all of these are free initiatives and are run on a voluntary basis (donations are always welcome).
- There have been new residents to welcome, not only the Marley Fields development who have all moved in, but also new Landlords at both the Prince of Wales and the Gales at the Gate.
- We have a new Councillor: Karen Johncock - who is already active in the community and her family contribute significantly to village life.
- The Hoath Parish Facebook page has been refreshed and grown significantly in 6 months, to over 300 followers, with one post reaching over 9000 members. The Website continues to grow, but it can only be as good as the information provided to the council.
- We have had some success with KCC Highways, new yellow lines at the school, Hoath gates and other signage now visible and potholes are being attended to when reported.

- The community managed to get the Planning Committee from CCC to visit the digestate eco bag location.
 - There are some 'Secret Gardeners' out and about in Hoath, currently attending to the traffic triangle at Marley Lane and Church Road.
 - A Coronation Big Lunch Event was held and it was wonderful to see the community enjoying the sunshine and music, did you get to sample the free cheese? Great spirit was shown from the residents. A great raffle and a guess the balloons competition. All prizes were kindly donated by local businesses with £354 raised.
 - There was a Rogation Walk with beating of the bounds, attended by many, followed by a delicious lunch in the village hall.
 - And we must congratulate the WI at Hoath for their wonderful Post box toppers, they are simply joyful to see.
 - A great year in the Parish to celebrate and another first for Hoath with a guest speaker at its Annual Parish Meeting
3. All Clubs and Associations associated with the Parish of Hoath were noted as:
- Hoath WI
 - Gardening Society
 - The Allotments
 - The Hoath Singers
 - The Hoath Players
 - Summer Sunday Lunch Team
 - The Whist Club
 - The Men's Club
 - Warm Welcome Space at The Prince of Wales
4. Guest Speaker, Lara Murphy represented the Dogs Trust, Canterbury and gave an extremely interesting and in depth talk about her experiences working with, and rehoming dogs in the community.
5. Date of the next meeting: 13th May 2024.

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

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held on 15th May 2023

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, Adele Wright and Sandy Sinclair. In attendance: Caroline Read (Clerk & RFO) and KCC Cllr Alan Marsh, CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac and 33 members of the public.

The Meeting was held in Hoath Village Hall for the transaction of the following business:

1. The Parish Councillors elected for the Parish Council's Uncontested 4-yearly Election on 4th May 2023 are: Imogen Morizet, Adele Wright, Karen Johncock and Sandy Sinclair.
2. The election of Chair: Imogen Morizet was the only nomination and she was unanimously elected. Election of Vice Chairman: Karen Johncock was nominated by Adele Wright; the decision was unanimous.
3. Apologies for absence.

None.
4. Declarations of Interests.

None.
5. The Clerk confirmed that Hoath Parish Council meets the criteria for 2022-2023 to be an exempt authority, and wishes to be an exempt authority, not subject to a Mazars LLP external auditors review for that year.
6. Clerk was unable to present the End Year Bank reconciliation to 31st March 2023, as bank statements to 31 March 2023, had not yet been received. This is to be presented at the next meeting.
7. An Internal Auditor had been instructed to review the accounts and annual return for the year ended 31st March 2023. This audit will include a review of internal controls; assurance that laws and other regulatory matters have been complied with; risk assessment; consideration of financial impact of litigation or other liabilities or commitments.
8. Date of next Annual Meeting of the Council is 13th May 2024.

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