

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hoath Parish Council held on Monday 10th July 2023 at 5.30pm in Hoath Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, Sandy Sinclair, William Hawkins and Caroline Read (Parish Clerk). 16 Members of Public present (MoP).

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillor Adele Wright.
2. **Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests.** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Co-option to the Parish Council.** William Hawkins was CO-OPTED to Hoath Parish Council. (LGA 1972, s87(1)). Cllr Hawkins confirmed he had no declarations of interest.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.** RESOLVED to agree that the minutes on the meetings held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, were a true record and they were signed by Cllr Morizet (Chair).

### **5. Representations from the public included:**

MoP asked when will the determination on the playgroups lease of 'the triangle' be made. HPC assured residents that careful consideration in relation to the deed and covenant is ongoing, and the intention is to meet with the playgroup Manager before the date of the next meeting.

MoP asked that if the lease to the playgroup is not be extended, then what would its purpose and intended use be. Cllr Morizet advised that the guiding principle is the covenant on the land and all users and resident's opinions would be considered.

MoP asked where the minutes of meetings were published: Clerk confirmed that all Minutes can be read on the Hoath Parish Website and in the Monthly Parish Magazine.

MoP highlighted the need for HPC to consider vision splays when landscaping the Village Green and car park areas.

### **6. KCC and CCC Reports.**

CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac, reported on the current waste collection strike and advised residents to continue following the advice provided by CCC on social media relating to side waste and collections. She further advised that the Canterbury Household Waste Recycling Centre continues to remain open.

Cllr Carnac also reported that CCC's Cabinet is to hopefully approve the creation of a cross-party councillor working group to review the district's draft local plan. One focus could be to protect open spaces and improve biodiversity in the district, another concern is about the number of houses that need to be built over the life of the draft plan. Once the working group has undertaken its work, a 12-week public consultation on the new draft Local Plan under what is known as Regulation 18 is pencilled in to take place in early 2024.

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KCC Cllr Alan Marsh reminded residents that he was there to help where he could and invited residents to contact him should they need assistance.

**7. Planning.** Member considered the following new planning application:

CA/23/01155 - Oak Lodge, Old Tree Road. 4 Rooflights and replacement doors to garage together with flue to north elevation and 2 air-source heat units rear garden. (Comments by 21 July 2023). Members RESOLVED to object (IM, KJ & SS. Abstained WH)

**CCC Decided Applications:**

CA/23/00859 - Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road (Increase height of chimney). **GRANTED**

CA/23/00917 – 2 The Old Hop Barn, Hoath Court (Installation of three roof lights to rear elevation) – **GRANTED**

**Update on Undecided Applications:**

CA/21/02265 - Land south of Marley Lane, Hoath - Installation of digestate storage Ecobag with construction of bund. Cllr Morizet advised that it is now for the Planning Inspector to decide the application and HPC will be able to make representations during the appeal process.

**8. Report of the Clerk and RFO:**

RESOLVED to note current cashbook/bank balance: £32, 378.74

RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

- July and August 2023 Salary and expenses for the Clerk.
- HMRC £61.80
- Ian Sargent – Grass Cutting £60.00
- Kevin Hawkes – Sign Purchase £20.49

RESOLVED: Delegated power to Clerk Purchase and installation of Defibrillator.

• Correspondence, to note and review:

1. Auditors Report – Members RESOLVED to produce an action plan to address the Internal Auditors report.
2. Members noted the South-East Water connection costs were currently unaffordable and members DECIDED to postpone the installation of a water connection until these costs could be met without impact on the current budget.
3. Joint Parish Group, Members RESOLVED to engage with Chislet Parish Council.
4. Members RESOLVED to explore opportunities for a CCC Capital Grant.
5. Members were advised of the Grove Ferry Inn Application Reference: LAPFV/23/01574 to extend its licensing hours.
6. Members were advised of the ongoing Training opportunities available to them, inc. Dynamic Councillor event, Planning and Health & Wellbeing.

**9. Councillors' reports:**

- No reports from members.

**10. Proposed date of the next meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting is proposed for 5.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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

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