

Minutes of the meeting of Hoath Parish Council held on Monday 12 June 2023 at 5.30pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, Sandy Sinclair and Caroline Read (Parish Clerk). 33 MoP present.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillor Adele Wright.
- 2. Declaration of Members' interests.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting:** RESOLVED to agree that the minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 15th May 2023, were a true record and they were signed by Councillor Morizet (Chair).
- 4. Representations from the public included:** Residents highlighted all the good work that is actively going on in the village, including coffee mornings and the clearing and planting of the traffic island at Marley Lane. The Hoath Newsletter will also resume shortly.

The Tree Warden highlighted the importance of significant trees in and around the parish, those that are notable, veteran or ancient should be recorded, including the location, type of tree, if accessible (private or public land), and measurements of the girth. Any resident wishing to find out more and get involved should contact the Clerk: clerk@hoath.org

Concerns were raised about the recently planted saplings suffering in the current heat wave. A permanent tree watering solution for the Village Green is to be explored by the Council. Clerk will engage with South East Water regarding accessing a supply off the existing network.

Traffic for Digestate Pit remains a concern for residents, including the large agricultural vehicles that transit the narrow lanes. Any complaints about vehicles seeming unroadworthy, including their drivers and ability should be reported to the Police.

5. CCC and KCC reports:

Cllr Rachel Carnac, Canterbury City Council supported the Tree Wardens comments and the importance of securing Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), if appropriate, as Hoath develop their Neighbourhood Plan. She further advised that CCC does have a Tree Management Strategy and there was now a weekly report from the Planning Department relating to applications submitted involving trees.

Cllr Carnac advised that the traffic to and from the Digestate Pit still needs to be monitored to ensure the new Planning Committee have the most up to date and relevant information. It was also noted that there is still no definition of what 'Church Farm' is, in that the digestate from the pit of Marley Lane should only be used locally on that farm.

Cllr Carnac also advised that Local Plan remains in consultation and the responses are currently being reviewed. She advised that the new coalition at CCC is very keen to work through cross party considerations to the benefit of the district.

It is was also reported that the Canenco Strike Action (CCC refuse collection service) that was due to imminently take place, had been called off.

Kent County Council Cllr Alan Marsh reported on the importance of using water just for drinking, cooking and hygiene requirements. He advised that it was highly likely a hosepipe ban would be reintroduced if the current usage level did not subside.

Cllr Marsh advised that the Joint Transport Board (JTB) had cancelled meetings until October, which had resulted in the restriction of some KCC Highways works in the district. Any resident who has any query relating to highways in the Parish was advised to first contact the clerk.

Roger Lithgow, Community Warden advised that there is to be a public consultation on the importance of the Community Warden role, residents were urged to complete and support the future of the services that these Wardens provide. Anyone requiring more information on this consultation is to contact the Clerk.

6. Planning: To consider any planning matters, including:

New Applications

CA/23/00917 - 2 The Old Hop Barn, Hoath Court – Installation of three roof-lights to rear elevation. Comments before 30th June 2023. **No Objection from HPC**

7. Report of the Clerk and RFO: To receive report from the Clerk including:

RESOLVED to note:

- Current cashbook/bank balance: £31,271.14
- RESOLVED** to agree the following payments:
- Approval of June Salary and Expenses for Parish Clerk.
- Approval of payment to Native space (Internet Services) £54.17
- Approval of payment for Grass Cutting Services (Ian Sargent) £60.00
- Correspondence, to note and review:
 - a. **NOTED** - Defibrillator fundraising continues, currently £1318 raised. GoFundMe and Quiz night at The Gate funds to be added. CCC Carnac advised that her Opportunities Fund will contribute to any shortfall in funding (up to £250).
 - b. **NOTED** - Internal Audit will now be conducted on 13th June 2023. Extraordinary Meeting will need to take place before 30 June 2023.

8. Councillors' reports - To receive reports from Hoath Parish Councillors, including:

- Cllr Morizet reported on the Planning Committee held at CCC on 30th May 2023, and thanked all the residents who turned up to speak and support. It was noted by the newly constituted committee that there was strong local support and that a second site visit would be conducted. Cllr Morizet advised that a further report to the Planning Committee would be

forwarded. Cllr Carnac and local residents was also thanked for their continued contributions to this cause and it was important to keep logging and recording any developments/movements.

- Cllr Morizet reported that there remains a vacancy for Councillor, if you are interested in local government and are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.
 - Cllr Morizet reported that the Hoath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be meeting with Richard Eastham, Planner & Designer appointed by CCC, who is visiting the Parish to provide support and advice on HPC's current draft neighbourhood plan. Anyone wishing to be part of this process is invited to meet at Hoath Village Carpark at 11am on Friday 30th June 2023.
- 9. Date of the next meeting:** The next Monthly Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 5.30pm on Monday 10th July 2023.

An Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 5.30pm on Friday 23rd June 2023, to complete the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/23 (AGAR).

Caroline Read
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
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Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____
(Chair)