

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting 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.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of members' interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

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

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes to hear public comments. The following matters were raised:

- Residents requested a meeting with the council to discuss the Allotment Rent increase. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**
- Residents requested a meeting with the council to discuss use of the Play Area. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**

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

CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac advised that since the election, a new Planning Committee would be put in place and the challenge would be for them to come and revisit the site of digestate pit and to see what they think. Also, at CCC, a new Labour leader is to be appointed along with the new council which will take shape, from that the cabinet and various committees will also be established. As a result, it is likely that there will be a review of the Local Plan, which will need to be considered as Hoath Parish establish their own Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Carnac advised that with a change of control at the city council, the view regarding the Marley Lane Solar Farm may change, (if an application were to ever go to planning), in that the Labour and Liberal Democrats appear to be more pro-solar and renewables in rural areas.

Cllr Carnac advised that she is aware of issues surrounding local housing problems and assured residents that she is always available to discuss any matters that residents have concerns over. Cllr thanked all those who ensured her re-election and she looks forward to working with the parish of Hoath.

Cllr Marsh advised that he had renewed the Annual Membership fee with effect from June 2023, for those using the Thanet Community Transport. He urged residents to use this valuable service or risk losing it.

Cllr Marsh accepted that there is a lot of road works being undertaken presently, not just KCC Highways, but also by all the major utility companies who are only required to notify intent. He asked residents that if they were unhappy with any roads, and were not having any success themselves with KCC Highways, then they were to contact him directly.

Cllr Marsh stated that if the allotment determination resulted in an increase in fees, then he has agreed to pay the additional fee.

Cllr Marsh advised that the Village Hall was an asset for the Hoath Community and expressed his appreciation of all the work that Arthur and his late partner Lee had done over the years.

Cllr Marsh and Cllr Carnac then left the meeting.

5. Planning:

New Applications:

CA/23/00589 – Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road (Increase height of chimney) – No objection by HPC

Decided Applications:

CA/22/02593 - Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road (LBC for external & internal alterations inc. installation of wood stove together with increased height of chimney). **GRANTED by CCC**

Park Farm Road - Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order. **GRANTED by KCC** wef 27 April 2023. Any challenge to this Order to be made no later than 12 June 2023.

6. Report of the clerk/RFO

At end-April the Cash Book and bank balance is £23,717.52.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerks May 2023 Salary & Expenses
2. Village Green Grass Cutting x 2 (22nd April and 13th May 2023) (£120.00)
3. Information Commissioner (ICO) (£40.00)
4. Arthur J Gallagher Insurance (£549.51)
5. Coronation Poster Printing (£50.00)
6. Coronation Expenditure (inc. Entertainment, decorations & refreshments) (£398.45)

Correspondence noted: Amendment to Minute 452: Cllr Carnac requested Minute 452 relating to 'red recycling bins' be corrected to read: If the inserts of a bin go missing or are broken, they will be replaced with a box (as inserts are no longer available) by the council as a part of its no quibble guarantee. Inserts cannot be replaced simply because residents do not like them. Red bins are, however, available at a reduced price of £10 at the moment if a box is not a suitable option. If any resident has an issue with the replacement of a recycling insert, please contact Cllr Carnac.

7. Councillors' reports

Cllr Johncock reported on the success of Earth Day at Hoath Parish Council, over 250 saplings were planted and in the vicinity of the Village Green and Car park and she wished to express her thanks to everyone who had been involved. It would be discussed at the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting if more hedging or trees were needed.

Cllr Wright thanked everyone who made the Coronation Big Lunch Event a success, it was attended by over 100 residents and the raffle and balloon guessing competition raised £354 towards the new defibrillator.

Cllr Morizet reminded residents that there remains a vacancy at Hoath Parish Council, any interested residents should contact the clerk for further information on co-option.

Cllr Morizet advised that the Neighbour Plan is making excellent progress and invites all residents to participate and provide their input and views, meetings are held monthly in the Village Hall. Door knocking and engagement with residents will commence in due course to collate views and recommendations.

8. Date of the next meeting:

The next meeting of the Council is on Monday 12th June 2023.

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