

Minutes of the meeting of Hoath Parish Council held on Monday 18th September 2023 at 5.30pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, William Hawkins and Caroline Read (Parish Clerk). 19 Members of Public present (MoP).

- 1. Apologies.** Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillors Sandy Sinclair (Holiday) and Adele Wright (Health grounds).
- 2. Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests.** Cllr Hawkins declared that his spouse is a Cllr at Chislet Parish Council. There were no other declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.** RESOLVED to agree that the minutes on the meetings held on Monday 10th July 2023, were a true record and they were signed by Cllr Morizet (Chair).
- 4. Representations from the public included:**

MoP raised the issue of the continued dumping of industrial waste on agricultural land. Cllr Johncock was writing to the Environment Agency for advice and CCC advised her to also investigate whether the persons responsible were breaking current planning legislation.

MoP highlighted the recent road traffic incident at Ford Hill and that Kent Police had subsequently been monitoring speeding on Maypole Road. MoP confirmed she was content for her email to be forwarded to KCC Cllr Marsh for info.

MoP were asked to volunteer for Speedwatch and Cllr Johncock will engage with other Parish Councils to arrange borrowing a speed camera. Cllr Johncock also advised that she is shortly meeting with KCC Highways and will be reviewing Hoath's current Highway Improvement Plan.

5. CCC Report.

CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac, reported that the current waste collection strike had now ended and advised residents to put out their waste on the appropriate collection days, if not collected when due, to leave bins out and report it as a missed bin collection. She further advised that the Canterbury Household Waste Recycling Centre continues to remain open.

6. Community Warden Report.

Roger Lithgow reported that it had come to his attention that there was a recent altercation in the village hall at one of the Friday Coffee afternoons, which resulted in police involvement. He highlighted that the community afternoon was set up for the residents of Hoath to have somewhere to relax, chat and have refreshments, not as a place to vent frustrations resulting in threats and intimidation. He further stated that it should not be necessary to have a KCC Community Warden present at events to prevent a disturbance occurring.

Roger highlighted to MoP that the KCC Public Consultation for the Community Wardens Review is still available online or in paper form, closing date is 3rd October 2023. This is the final

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opportunity to have your say about the future of Kent's Community Warden Service and your feedback will contribute to the redesigning process.

Roger also reminded residents that he attends Hoath on a regular basis, whilst also dealing with issues around Herne and Canterbury areas. He has been able to speak with a number of residents and given advice about personal issues and provided signposting to the appropriate agencies. He reiterated that residents should feel free to contact him anytime and where possible he will promptly answer the call, otherwise to leave a voicemail message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

7. Planning. Members considered the following new planning applications:

- CA/23/01503 - 2 Millbank Cottages, Maypole Lane - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed installation of first floor bathroom. Expiry Date: 15 Sep 23, determination deadline 4 Oct 23. **No objection – full majority.**
- CA/23/01540 – Pear Tree Cottage, Maypole Road – Erection of two single-storey detached garages in the southeastern corner of the curtilage of Pear Tree Cottage. Expiry Date: 29 Sep 23, determination deadline: 18 Oct 23. **No objection – full majority.**
- CA/23/01609 - Petcham House, 1 Old Tree Heights, Old Tree Road - Holme Oak - fell, due to close proximity to garden wall and shared driveway, low level branches and potential damage to property from tree roots. Expiry Date: Not available, determination deadline: 10 Oct 23. **No objection – full majority.**
- CA/23/01524 - Details submitted pursuant to condition 3i (Archaeology Evaluation-partial approval) of planning permission CA/22/01911/FUL - Old Tree View Old Tree Road. **No objection – full majority.**

New Applications arising since publication of agenda:

- CA/23/01650 & 01651(LBC) – Orchard House, Maypole Road – Single Storey rear extension and internal alterations (inc. LBC). Comments by 6 Oct 23. **No objection – full majority.**
- CA23/01708 – Tambour Manor, Church Road. Variation of condition 3 (residency) of planning permission CA/90/00899/FUL for the erection of farmhouse; to allow removal of condition 2. Comments to CCC by 13 Oct 23. **To be considered at next Parish Meeting.**

Update on Undecided Applications:

- CA/21/02265 - Land south of Marley Lane, Hoath - Installation of digestate storage Eco bag with construction of bund. No further update has been received since July 2023, when 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. **Action: Clerk** to request an update from CCC.

8. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

RESOLVED to note current cashbook/bank balance: £30,568.68

RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

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- Ian Sargent – Grass Cutting 11 Jul and 3 Aug - £120.00
- Purchase of External Hard Drive - £78.83
- Election Costs - £56.70
- Allotment Society Membership - £67.00
- Ian Sargent – Grass Cutting 26 Aug - £60.00
- Microsoft 365 - £59.99
- Cllr Morizet – Cllr Trg Course - £60.00
- DK Networks – Laptop repair - £50.00
- September 2023 Salary and expenses for the Clerk.
- Parish Magazine (see below) - £200.00

UPDATE on purchase/installation of Defibrillator: Clerk advised that she hoped to secure written confirmation from the owner of the Prince of Wales in the next few days, that he was content for the installation to take place, noting that this required connection to the building's electricity supply. **Action: Clerk.**

Correspondence, to note and review:

- Allotment Rent Increase received from PCC, £25, applicable May 2024.
- Community Warden Consultation would be closing on 3rd October and all residents were asked to complete. Hoath PC thanked Roger for his ongoing service to the community and confirmed the importance of the role of Community Warden, fearing that a cut back could prove a false economy.
- KCC Canterbury Youth Detached Bus were undertaking a recce of the village car park, it is hoped that Hoath will have a visiting Youth Club every week.
- Hoath & Chislet Parish Magazine Donation. A request had been received from the editor for assistance in funding the Parish Magazine. The Cllrs unanimously approved to donate £200 to the cause to ensure the longevity of this valuable parish resource, also matching a donation from Chislet PC.
- Free Door Stickers detailing 'Do not knock, no uninvited or unexpected callers' were available from the Parish Clerk. 50 stickers would also be available from Holy Cross Church.
- The dead saplings at the Village Green were to be removed by volunteers. **ACTION: Clerk:** To request 60 more saplings (30 copse/30 hedgerow) to replace those lost in the June drought.

Hoath Parish Council adopted the following, all to be added to the Hoath Parish Website:

- ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Standing Orders
- ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Financial Regulations
- ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Member's Code of Conduct
- ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Complaints Policy & Vexatious Complaints Policy
- ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Information and Data Protection Policy
- ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Privacy Statement
- Not ADOPTED: Hoath Parish Council - Reserves Policy, to be reviewed at next meeting.

9. Councillors' reports:

- Cllr Morizet provided an update on Councillor's Areas of Responsibility; these will be published in the Parish Magazine. **ACTION: Cllr Morizet**

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- Cllr Morizet provided an update on Neighbourhood Plan, the next meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Monday 25th September. All residents are encouraged to attend and provide input.
- Cllr Johncock provided an update on the Joint Parish Group initiative which was hosted by Herne and Broomfield Parish Council, to try and establish the commonalities and problems that each neighbouring Parish is facing, and how we can learn from each other and work towards common goals. These events are expected to take place two to three times a year, with Hoath Parish Council hosting the next.
- Allotment rent review was conducted and it was RESOLVED unanimously to increase the Annual Rent by £25. **ACTION: Clerk** to contact the trustees to inform them on the Rent Increase, to take place May 2024. To also obtain copies of documents previously requested and to advise the Trustees that the Agreement for Management is currently under review in line with guidance obtained from The National Allotment Society.
- Playgroup use of Triangle was RESOLVED unanimously. Chislet & Hoath Playgroup to retain the exclusive use of the triangle until April 2024. The triangle will then revert to open community use, for recreational purposes for the benefit of the residents of the Village of Hoath, in line with the covenant placed on the land when it was originally purchased. **ACTION: Clerk** to inform Playgroup Manager.

10. Proposed date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting is 6pm on Monday 9th October 2023, (Parish Councillors available from 5.15pm).

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

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