

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Hoath Parish Council held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 5.45pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock and Sandy Sinclair, plus KCC Cllr Alan Marsh. 14 Members of the Public (MoP) present.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Cllr Hawkins (Holiday), Cllr Wright (Medical).
2. **Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests.** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.** RESOLVED to agree that the minutes on the meetings held on Monday 15th January 2024, were a true record and they were signed by Cllr Morizet (Chair).
4. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

None.
5. **CCC Report:** There was no report this month, apologies received.
6. **KCC Report:** Cllr Marsh reported that Council Tax for KCC would increase by 5%.
7. **Community Warden Report:** Roger Lithgow reported that he was still working in the Birchington area and in addition he has been assisting mental health issues within the Canterbury district. He had attended a multi-agency meeting hosted by Kent Police to discuss the financial constraints for the coming year.

8. Representations from the public included:

A MoP enquired if a hard copy welcome pack was to be produced.

A MoP raised further questions relating to the lease at of The Paddock and was of the opinion that the area would not be viable for future events, due to lack of water and electricity¹.

MoP wanted to show support the Parish Council's decision regarding reopening The Paddock back to the community.

A MoP raised concerns that the Village Green had yet to be developed.

A MoP has arranged from Southeast Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb) to provide a free CPR and Defibrillator Training Session between 10am to 12pm on Saturday 2nd March 2023. All residents are welcome to attend.

9. Planning.

There were no new planning applications received, and no further updates available on undecided applications. CCC Planning Portal remains unavailable due to a recent cyber incident.

Chair Initials:

10. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

Members RESOLVED to note current cashbook/bank balance: £25,686.51.

Members NOTED the General and Earmarked Reserves.

Members RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

1. Clerks February 2024 Salary.
2. Litter Bin £198.92

Correspondence, to note and review:

- a) Members were advised that a number of responses had been received regarding the Parish Council's decision relating to the lease of The Paddock.
- b) It was unanimously RESOLVED to donate £100 to SECamb for providing the CPR & Defibrillator training to all Hoath residents.
- c) Kent Police will be delivering a Cyber Protection & Fraud Prevention presentation on Monday 8th April 2024, this is open to all residents. **Action:** Clerk to advertise.
- d) Clerk has webinar arranged with the Central Digital Data Office (CDDO) relating to the creation of a .gov domain for the website and email accounts.
- e) After a successful trial by the Clerk, it was RESOLVED to transfer the Payments and Receipts Financial Reporting to Easy PC Accounts, a web-based accounting package, annual cost for FY24/25 is £60.
- f) Members RESOLVED to apply for the KCC Winter Grant Scheme.

11. Councillors' reports:

- Cllr Morizet reported that the Hoath Meadow Group is awaiting delivery of saplings and work continues at the Village Green. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group were continuing their efforts with the assistance of Feria Urbanism.
- Cllr Johncock provided an update on Speed Watch and confirmed that five residents had joined and that she was now waiting for Kent Police to confirm they can provide the appropriate equipment before commencing this activity in the parish. She further confirmed that roundels and road signs had been included in the Highways Improvement Plan and continues to work with KCC Highways.
- Cllr Johncock advised that next Joint Parish Group will take place on 18th March 2024.
- The Councillors wish to engage with the Hoath & District Play Group Manger. **Action:** Clerk to arrange.

12. Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting is 5.45pm on Monday 11th March 2024, (Parish Councillors will be available to the public from 5.15pm). Parish Council meetings continue to take place on the second Monday of the month (except August).

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

Chair Initials: