

Minutes of Meeting 3 to discuss Neighbourhood Plan

6.30pm Monday 24th April 2023, Hoath Village Hall

“A rural oasis between the sea and the City of Canterbury”

Present: Imogen Morizet, chair of Hoath Parish Council

Councillor Sandy Sinclair, Hoath Parish Council

Plus 3 members of the public (Sarah Cassidy, Mark Wilkinson, Carl Wright)

Councillor Morizet welcomed everyone and outlined the next steps for creating a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Morizet explained that she had been in contact with the South East New Energy Group, now the Community Infrastructure Group. This group conducts satellite surveys to assess energy use. Cllr Morizet explained that a CIC (Community Interest Company) was needed to sponsor the project and that a film production company recently set up in the parish had offered to provide that sponsorship.

Cllr Morizet and Mark Wilkinson described a visit to RSPB Lydden Valley Worth to see reconstituted wetland.

Carl Wright told the meeting about the recommendations of Canterbury City Council’s biodiversity strategy.

Cllr Morizet said that members of the steering group had been researching their chosen topics. KJ had been researching what Braintree had done on transport, SC on views of the village and GJ had been working on other issues, Cllr Morizet said she would ask them to circulate their work before the next meeting.

The history of the village was briefly discussed and the importance in reflecting that rich history in the Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the public cited relevant articles they had read in the Parish Magazine.

It was agreed to invite Barrie Beeching, editor of the Parish Magazine, to the next meeting to talk about the history of the village.

A resident (MW) talked about the importance of good design, reed planting schemes and the need for an audit of the village green to see what was growing there. He mentioned tree planting schemes and said it would be good to get enough for everyone.

Action Points:

Page on parish website (Clerk to PC)

Article for Hoath and Chislet Parish Magazine (IM)

Need to find out who has replaced Karen Britton as CCC officer responsible for NP

Get Mosaic data about Hoath Parish (IM)

Councillor Morizet to set up a WhatsApp group for the steering group to share ideas

Next meeting: 6.30pm 22nd May 2023