

Minutes of Meeting 6 to discuss Neighbourhood Plan

6.30pm Monday 19th June 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 4 members of the public (Sarah Cassidy, Pam Hardiman, Mark Wilkinson, Carl Wright)

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

Carl Wright asked for clarification of the terms of reference so that “everybody was on the same page”. It was agreed to look at medium term goals to 2030 and to long term goals to 2045 to align with Canterbury City Council’s draft local plan. There was some discussion of whether the long term ambitions of the neighbourhood plan should cover the period up to 2050 to align with the government’s net zero target but it was decided to align with CCC’s local plan.

Cllr Morizet explained that she had attended a Climate Change Action Partnership meeting where the draft local plan was mentioned. She said that some changes could be expected following the election of a new council led by a Liberal Democrat/Labour coalition but that any changes would have to be carefully done to avoid legal challenge as the plan would be examined by a planning inspector.

She said that various groups were hoping to strengthen the biodiversity elements in the draft local plan which at the moment were very weak.

The change in council leadership was likely to mean more time spent in Reg 18 rather than moving into Reg 19 next year.

There was going to be a big push to declare a biodiversity emergency in the same way that the council had already declared a climate emergency.

Carl Wright said it was positive that there was now a new cabinet post for climate change and diversity. But he said that CCC was £180 million in debt in part due to investments like the Riverside development. That debt would hamper the new council.

Councillor Morizet said that a design company called Feria Urbanism had replaced CCC officer Karen Britton as the point of contact for groups preparing neighbourhood plans. Richard Eastham, a planner and designer from Feria Urbanism, would be meeting with the NP groups on Friday 30 June and coming to Hoath at 11am-1pm

Mosaic data (which would give demographics) still to come. IM to get back to Simon Thomas, CCC

Locality funding: (third round still to open not available yet.

Headings were agreed for first draft of Neighbourhood Plan.

1. History, heritage (IM)
2. Environment, biodiversity and climate: including landscape (CW)
3. Infrastructure to include roads, transport including footpaths and bridleways (GJ, MJ, KJ), water, IT, schools, energy, renewable energy (MW),
4. Housing: design codes (MW)
5. Community facilities: use of village hall (IM, GJ, MJ)
6. Employment and Economy

Update on action points from previous meetings:

Page on parish website (Clerk to PC) DONE

Article for Hoath and Chislet Parish Magazine (IM) DONE

Who has replaced Karen Britton as CCC officer responsible for NP? (IM) DONE Feria Urbanism plus Lizzy Johnson, CCC. Find out status of Lizzie Johnson in NP preparation

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

Get Mosaic data about Hoath Parish (IM) STILL TO DO

Outstanding Action Points

Find out if Lizzie Johnson, CCC who was copied in on Feria Urbanism email, is also a point of contact for NP

Next meeting: 6.30pm 17th July 2023