

Minutes of Hoath Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 5.45pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock (from 6pm), William Hawkins, Adele Wright and Sandy Sinclair. Caroline Read (Parish Clerk & RFO), 4 Members of the Public (MoP).

1. **Apologies.** All Parish Councillors present.
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 of the meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024, were a true record and they were signed by Cllr Morizet (Chair).
4. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** Cllr Morizet to forward completed Community Asset application forms to the Parish Clerk. The first monthly report for the Parish Magazine to be completed by Cllr Johncock on Speedwatch/HIP developments. Expenditure of £250 to be completed in the summer. Allotment Association to be contacted by Parish Clerk. CCF application to be completed prior to 30 September 2024.
5. **CCC Report:** CCC Cllr Carnac highlighted that two consultations were now live regarding the market and gambling. She acknowledged the Planning Inspectorates decision regarding the digestate pit. The issue of the bus service returning to Hoath continues to gather pace and she hopes to arrange a meeting with both Sir Roger Gale MP and Stagecoach.
6. **Community Warden Report:** Roger Lithgow's July report was previously circulated to Cllrs. Members noted that he continues to support residents in the wider Canterbury and Thanet areas, including Hoath.
7. **Representations from the public:** A member of the public asked if the Joint Parish Group meeting had been a success. Councillors confirmed that the collaboration with other Parishes continues in a positive manner and will be an ongoing initiative.
8. **Speedwatch:** Cllr Johncock confirmed that training had been completed and she had taken delivery of equipment. Speedwatch will be carried out by residents on a regular basis, targeting various areas within the Parish where speeding has previously been identified. Cllr Johncock resolved to publish an article in the Parish Magazine.
9. **Planning:** Members NOTED the following decision from the Planning Inspectorate regarding Appeal Ref: APP/J2210/W/23/3323796 Land South of Marley Lane, Hoath, CT3 4DT: The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the installation of digestate storage Ecobag with construction of bund at Land South of Marley Lane, Hoath, CT3 4DT in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref CA/21/02265, dated 15 September 2021, and the plans submitted with it.

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10. Neighbourhood Plan: The Chair confirmed that she is meeting with CCC each quarter for a progress update. The Steering Group continues to meet to discuss and develop Hoath's Neighbourhood Plan, but the Chair confirmed these meetings were no longer open to public.

11. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

- Members NOTED current cashbook/bank balance: £31,173.01/£31,849.96.
- Members NOTED that the cheque for £100.00 to SeCAMB dated 11th March 2024, had not yet been cashed, but had been hastened twice by the Clerk.
- The bank statement and bank reconciliation for June 2024 was passed to Cllr Hawkins for scrutiny and signing.
- Members NOTED the requirement to spend the remaining £250 of the Winter Support Grant from KCC. **Action:** Cllr Morizet
- The Clerk confirmed that she had not yet received payment from the Allotment Association for the rent (invoice dated 21st May 2024). **Action:** Clerk to hasten the AA.

Members RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

1. Clerks July & August 2024 Salary/Expenses.
2. Grass Cutting £75.00
3. Bench for Village Green £484.99 (HGS)

Correspondence, to note and review:

- a) Fly tipping at Mill Lane had been reported.
- b) The correspondence relating to Sea link had been forwarded to Councillors.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that she received a request to purchase a third memorial bench and tree for the Village Green and this application was progressing.
- d) The telegraph pole, which was due to be removed in June 2024 remains, UKPN would be hastened again.

12. Purchase of plaque for Village Green bench: Members RESOLVED to purchase a brass plaque for the bench at the village green to read on line one "Hoath and District Garden Society" on line two "1969 to 2023". Size of plaque to be 200 x 50mm, font to be traditional. Cost covered by remaining earmarked funds from the Gardening Society **Action:** Clerk

13. Purchase of further benches for Village Green. Members RESOLVED to approve two requests for memorial benches and trees (Todd and Campbell-Walter). Members RESOLVED The bench for these purchases will be the 5ft Cyan Balmoral Teak Park Bench as previously ordered. The two other benches (and tree) purchases will progress over the summer, once the full amount of donation(s) have been received in full, along with details of what is to be engraved on the brass plaques. **Action:** Clerk

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14. Date of next meeting: 5.45pm on Monday 9th September 2024. Agenda to be published no later than Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

Caroline Read
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Hoath Parish Council
clerk@hoath.org

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

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