

Minutes of the Hoath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2024 at 5.45pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Imogen Morizet (Chair), William Hawkins, Mark Wilkinson and Adele Wright. Caroline Read (Parish Clerk & RFO) and 12 members of the public were also present.

- 1. Apologies.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Karen Johncock.
- 2. Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests.** Cllr Hawkins Hawkins declared an interest in planning application CA/25/00570 (as a direct neighbour). There were no other declarations of interest to items in the agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.** Councillors RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025, were a true record and they were signed by Cllr Morizet (Chair).
- 4. Matters arising from previous minutes:** All matters arising were included as agenda items.
- 5. KCC & CCC Report:** Apologies received, no reports provided.
- 6.** The meeting will be adjourned for a Presentation from Finn's (1985) Ltd on the proposed housing plot at Church Farm, Hoath.
- 7. The meeting to remain adjourned to allow representations from members of the public which included:** Questions directed to Finn's regarding the proposed housing plot. Inconsiderate parking in the parish.
- 8. The meeting was reconvened to complete business items on the agenda.**
- 9. Planning:**
 - There were no new planning applications to consider.
 - Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to write to Enso Energy to explore Community benefits (in case planning application CA/25/00570 (Solar Farm) is approved by CCC), including:
 1. Support for infrastructure.
 2. Financial opportunities, including maintenance of amenities.
 3. Compensation for loss of environmental amenities.
 - Councillors NOTED the recent changes and enhancements at Three Acres, Maypole Road, Hoath.
- 10. Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire:** Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to extend the deadline for return of the questionnaire to 28th July 2025.

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11. Open Spaces: The Parish Council acknowledged that the Village Green was currently looking a mess with the many weeds but assured the residents that this is currently in hand. Cllr Wright also invited residents to look at the wildflowers that had started to appear. The new benches for the village green were expected mid-July, one would be located on the concrete plinth on Mill Road. Action: Clerk to purchase fixings. Cllr Wright to inform the Clerk when benches are delivered.

12. Allotments: Councillor NOTED that although communication with the new Chair of the allotment association had been positive, the association remained £50 in arrears. Councillors AGREED that Cllr William Hawkins would engage on behalf of the Parish Council.

13. External Organisations: Chislet & District Play Group - Councillors NOTED the update from Cllr Hawkins had been positive and that an increase to the rent would be resolved at the next meeting. Cllr Hawkins also highlighted that the play group were open to exploring shared use of The Paddock, subject to availability during school holiday and any insurance implications.

14. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

- Members NOTED that the Lloyds Bank account has been closed on 17th June 2025, with all monies transferred, except the £30.00 fee, to the Unity trust Bank Reserve account.
- Cllr Hawkins completed the Lloyds bank reconciliation to 17th June 2025, and the Unity Trust bank accounts to 30th June 2025.
- Members NOTED the Lloyds Bank Account closing balance was £0.00 The Unity Bank balances at 30th June 2025 were: Reserve Account £31,404.24 and current account £1,127.05 – Total: £32,531.29
- Members CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Clerk to transfer money from the Unity Reserves (savings) account into the Current account to cover ongoing budgeted expenditure.
- Members CONSIDERED and APPROVED the following payments from the Unity Trust Bank account:

a) Clerks July and August 2025 Salary/Expenses	
b) Information Commissioner's Office (Direct Debit)	£47.00
c) PCC (Rent of Parish Acre for allotments).	£275.00
d) HMRC (Direct Debit)	£362.93
e) Banking service Charge (Direct Debit)	£6.00
f) Barham Parish Council (CiLCA)	£225.00
- Members NOTED the following receipt:

a) Chislet and District Pre-School (Paddock Rent)	£200.00
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- Members NOTED that CCC had opened the Capital Grants window from 1st July to 28th October 2025.
- Members NOTED CCC's Notice under section 45 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

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15. Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting would take place at 5.45pm on Monday 15th September 2025.

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

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