

Minutes of the Hoath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 5.45pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, Mark Wilkinson and Adele Wright. Caroline Read (Parish Clerk & RFO) and 13 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Williams Hawkins. Apologies were also received from KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill.
2. **Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests.** There were no 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 14th July 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:** CCC Cllr Carnac provided an update on the focused consultation on policies within the new Local Plan and encouraged residents to give their feedback which is vital to planning for the districts future. Cllr Carnac also provided an overview of the Local Government Reorganisation which will see the County split into three or four unitary Councils.
6. **The meeting was adjourned to allow representations from members of the public which included:** Residents voiced their concerns regarding activity at Three Acres, Maypole Road. Residents were advised to report their concerns to Canterbury City Council, as they are the Planning Authority. Residents were also encouraged to review the new draft Local Plan during the consultation period that runs from 9th September to 21st October 2025.

Residents were disappointed that they had yet to have the opportunity to meet the new KCC Councillor Mark Mulvihill and expressed concern that the rural villages had been forgotten. The Parish Council assured residents that they would continue to invite and encourage him to attend the public meetings.

7. **The meeting was reconvened to complete business items on the agenda.**

8. Planning:

- There were no new planning applications to consider.
- Councillors NOTED the new Local Plan Consultation and AGREED to make comment.
- Councillors NOTED the concerns at Three Acres, Maypole Road, Hoath and AGREED to investigate if removal of the hedging was potentially in breach of planning.
- Cllr Wilkinson provided an update on his findings related to the Solar Farm planning application.

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- Councillors NOTED that Planning Application CA/25/01287 - Site Of 17 Hollow Street, Chislet, CT3 4DS - Application for lawful development certificate for existing use of building and land as residential, had been decided by CCC on 10th September 2025, and deemed: 'was not lawful'.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire: Councillors NOTED that the data collected has been put into a presentation that would be delivered by Cllr Hawkins at the next meeting.

10. Open Spaces: Two benches had been installed at the village green, with a further two benches expected to be installed in October. The tree in celebration of Alan Marsh's contributions to the village would also be planted in October. The Chair highlighted the work the National Landscape Initiative was undertaking, and the Parish Council would invite them to deliver a presentation to the residents, likely at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2026.

11. Allotments: Councillors NOTED that £200 has been received from the Association, but communication with the new Chair of the allotment association had not resolved the £50 in arrears. Councillors AGREED to contact the Association again, requesting a meeting. **Action:** Clerk

12. The Paddock: Councillors CONSIDERED and AGREED the £40 increase to the annual rent of The Paddock, to take effect in April 2026.

Councillors CONSIDERED shared use of the Paddock During Holiday Periods and RESOLVED to continue the sole use as per the Chislet & District Play Group's current lease agreement.

Councillors CONSIDERED the possibility of installing additional/replacement play equipment in The Paddock and RESOLVED not to at this time.

13. Policy and Governance: Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to ADOPT the Grants Policy.

14. Finance:

- Councillors CONSIDERED the Grant Application from the PCC and RESOLVED to DEFER this item to the next agenda.
- Councillors NOTED the transfer from Lloyds Bank plc to Unity Trust Bank Limited was complete including an internal transfer of £5,000 to the current account.
- Councillors NOTED the additional payments for July and August 2025:

1. Banking service Charge (Direct Debit)	£6.00
2. BWP Creative Ltd	£314.64

And approved the following payments for September:

3. Clerk Salary & Expenses (September)	-
4. Microsoft renewal	£84.99
5. Grass Cutting x 3 (Village Green)	£240.00
6. National Allotment Society Subscription	£84.00

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- Councillors AGREED that in the absence of Cllr Hawkins, the bank reconciliations to 31st August 2025 would be completed at the next meeting.
- Councillors NOTED the Unity Trust plc bank balances as of 31st August 2025 were:
Current Account: £,4,174.41 & Reserve Account: £26,404.24 Total: £30,578.65.

15. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

- Councillors NOTED the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025 (backdated to 1st April 2025), had been applied to the Clerks salary.
- Councillor Morizet and Cllr Mark Wilkinson AGREED to attend CCC's Parish Engagement meeting at the Guildhall on 23rd September 2025.
- Councillor Morizet and Cllr Mark Wilkson AGREED to attend the KALC Canterbury Area Committee Meeting on 30th September 2025.

16. Date of the next meetings: The next Parish Council meeting would take place at 5.45pm on Monday 13th October 2025.

17. The meeting ended at 7.02pm

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

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