

Minutes of the Hoath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 5.45pm in Hoath Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Imogen Morizet (Chair), Karen Johncock, Mark Wilkinson, Adele Wright and William Hawkins. Caroline Read (Parish Clerk & RFO) and KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill plus 4 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies.** All Parish Councillors present. CCC Cllr Rachel Carnac sent her apologies.
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 previous meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026, were a true record and were signed by Cllr Morizet (Chair).
4. **The meeting was adjourned to allow representations from members of the public:**
 - There were no comments/representations from the public.
5. **KCC & CCC Report:** KCC Cllr Mulvihill provided an update on the local government reorganisation, confirming that KCC had chosen Option 1A. He confirmed that the ICB Board was to be phased out, leading to re-establishing the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.

Cllr Mulvihill also acknowledged the high number of road works that continue across the County and urged the public to keep reporting them to the online portal.
6. **The meeting was reconvened to complete business items on the agenda.**
7. **Planning:**
 - There were no new Planning Applications to consider:
 - Other Planning Matters: Councillors requested the Clerk contact Finn's Planning Consultant (Church Farm development CA/25/01783), to ensure they were aware of the planning application at Three Acres CA/26/00161.
8. **Local Government Reorganisation**
 - Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to make COMMENT on the Local Government's Reorganisation consultation.

9. Finance:

- Councillors NOTED the following payments for February 2026:

○ Clerk Salary/Expenses	-
○ Nest Pensions (backdated)	£820.81
○ Bank Charges	£6.00

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- Nest Pension (Feb) £38.26
- Councillors NOTED the following receipts for February 2026:
 - The Paddock - Rent £200.00
- Councillors received the bank statements and accompanying invoices/receipts, and Cllr Hawkins completed the Unity Bank Reconciliations to 28th February 2026.
- Councillors NOTED the current cashbook and Unity Trust plc bank balances as of 28th February 2026 to be: Current Acc: £2,863.16 Reserve Acc: £23,709.00 Total: £26,572.16
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the payment for the KALC Chairman's Conference (£84.00)
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE invoices for payment next month including Clerks Salary/Expenses and noted the forthcoming increase to Unity bank charges (to £7.00 per month).

10. Governance and Policies:

- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to comply with Assertion 10: Digital and Data Compliance in the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel - Practitioners' Guide, including:
 - Clerk and all Member to undertake NALC's nimble e-learning training course 'Data Essentials' to ensure all are trained on data protection principles and practices.
 - Clerk and all Members to conduct regular data audits to identify what personal data is held, how it is used and make sure it is processed lawfully.
 - Secure data using appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data from breaches.
- Councillors CONSIDERED and ADOPTED the Information and Data Protection Policy 2026.

11. Open Spaces:

- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to obtain three quotes for the design and installation of an information board at the Village Green.
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to present a practical solution to protect the bulbs planted at the Village Green boundaries at the next meeting.

12. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

- Councillors NOTED the Clerks Report and correspondence received.

13. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting: Councillors CONSIDERED and AGREED that the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 13th April 2026. Councillors NOTED the guest speaker would be from Wildwood, to talk about the Blean Bison Project.

14. Date of the next meeting: Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED the date of the next Parish Council meeting would take place at 6.45pm on Monday 13th April 2026. Councillors NOTED the Annual Council Meeting would need to take place in May 2026.

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15. End

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

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