

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 5.45pm in Hoath Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies.** All Parish Councillors present. Apologies were 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 unanimously RESOLVED the minutes of the previous meetings held on Monday 11th May 2026 and 8th June 2026, were a true record and were signed by Cllr Imogen Morizet (Chair).
4. **The meeting was adjourned to allow representations from members of the public:**
Representations included:
 - Concerns were raised about the lack of a Stagecoach bus service for the village.
 - The speed watch representative advised that the team would shortly be receiving a replacement handheld device and would be active in the community.
 - Concerns were raised about inconsiderate parking in and around the Parish.
 - The owner of Sandybank Farm, Old Tree Road, Hoath highlighted to the Parish Council that he intends to apply to CCC to change his current approved planning application for additional mobile homes and caravans, and replace with a planning application for four houses.
5. **CCC Report:** CCC Rachel Carnac provided her monthly update:
 - From 31st October 2026, significant reforms to planning committees in England will come into force as part of the Government's wider programme to modernise the planning system and accelerate decision-making. The most significant change is that many planning applications will no longer be considered by elected planning committees. Instead, applications that comply with adopted local plans and fall within nationally prescribed criteria must be determined by planning officers under delegated powers. Planning committees will therefore focus on the most significant, complex or locally contentious proposals, rather than routine applications. This is intended to reduce delays, improve consistency and allow committees to concentrate on matters where democratic oversight adds the greatest value.
 - CCC's Community Governance Review is currently in its first stage of consultation. Draft recommendations are expected to be published for consultation in late July 2026.

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- Herne Bay will be hosting a Land Train from 26th to 31st July 2026, residents were encouraged to enjoy the short circular route around the town, with five stops at various locations in the town.

KCC Report: Cllr Mark Mulvihill provided his monthly update: Highways remain a key concern for residents, and works are currently under way on the A299 Thanet Way, which is an important route for local communities, businesses and visitors. I am continuing to monitor progress and any associated disruption and will keep parish councils informed of significant developments affecting journeys and connectivity.

No 7-bus route – Stagecoach have confirmed the route through Broadoak will be re-established; however, we do not know if it will match the old route as yet. I have spoken to the Highways team to get a meeting arranged with Stagecoach to push to ensure Hoath is included.

The Sturry link road works have run two public engagement sessions, these were both well attended by residents, and the build is currently running to schedule.

In relation to public health and community safety, I visited Change Grow Live, a drug and alcohol treatment service, where I met with staff and service users and received positive feedback from clients about the quality of support they are receiving. I also visited a similar non-residential service in Margate delivered by The Forward Trust, which provides valuable community-based support to residents affected by substance misuse. These services form an important part of the wider Kent adult drug and alcohol offer.

I recently represented Kent County Council in France in support of the UNESCO application for the Kent GeoParks. During the visit, I met with the assessors and set out the potential benefits that GeoPark status could bring to Kent, including increased tourism, stronger cross-Channel links with our neighbours, and health and wellbeing gains through greater engagement with our natural environment.

Supporting safe and positive local activities for families and young people remains a priority. I have agreed £1,200 from my Members' Grant to help fund the outdoor picnic and cinema event in Sturry Park and have arranged for an event medical team to attend free of charge. This will help ensure the event is delivered safely and in line with recognised good practice following The Purple Guide for events. I have also provided grant funding to support football coaching sessions in Herne, giving children and young people additional opportunities for healthy activity and community engagement.

On local infrastructure, I was pleased that the sewage leak on Sturry Hill was attended to within 45 minutes of my involvement and was upgraded to a priority 1 case. Southern Water subsequently provided a report outlining the cause of the leak and the steps taken to resolve the issue, which helps ensure accountability and learning for future incidents.

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Kent County Council has also maintained a strong presence at the County Show in Detling, with a number of stalls giving residents the opportunity to engage directly with services such as Trading Standards and other council teams. This has provided a useful forum for residents to ask questions, understand more about the support available, and share their views on local concerns and priorities.

He added that if there is anything he can assist with either from the Parish Council or residents, please do get in touch: Mark.Mulvihill@kent.gov.uk

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

7. Planning: The following planning application was CONSIDERED and Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to make comment regarding seeking further clarification of the exact specification of the materials used:

CA/26/00920 | Details submitted pursuant to condition 3 (materials) of planning permission CA/21/01352/FUL. | Old Tree View Old Tree Road Hoath Kent CT3 4LE – Comments by 24 Jul 26

Other Planning Matters:

- Councillors NOTED that the planning application at Millview, Maypole Lane, Hoath (CA/25/01687) for a two-storey rear extension, single-storey side extension, infill of existing porch and two-storey detached garage had been refused by CCC.
- Councillors NOTED there had been additional documents uploaded to CCC's planning portal for planning application for the Land at Church Farm, Hoath (CA/25/01783), but no decision had been made.

8. Open Spaces:

- Councillors DEFERRED the agenda item to obtain three quotes for the low-level post and rail fencing to protect the bulbs/plants at the Village Green boundaries and AGREE to install.
- Councillors NOTED the Clerk has completed a material check of all assets in preparation for the insurance renewal and updated the asset register.

9. Allotments:

- Councillors NOTED the forthcoming meeting with Hoath Allotment Association.

10. Finance:

- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE CCC's Concurrent Funding Agreement for FY 2026/27 (£773.00), and this was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

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- Councillors NOTED the following payments for May and June 2026.
 - Clerk Salary/Pension/Expenses (May and June 2026)
 - Internal Audit £160.00
 - Website Hosting £350.64
 - Easy PC Accounting £84.00
 - Rent of Parish Acre £275.00
 - Return of CIL to CCC £2,765.73
 - Bank Charges £7.00 (May and June 2026)
 - Wildwood Trust £100.00
 - Grass Cutting £180.00
 - ICO £47.00
- Councillors NOTED the following receipts for May and June 2026.
 - The Paddock Rent £240.00
 - Bank Interest £115.88
- Councillors CONSIDERED and APPROVED the Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2026, signed by Cllr William Hawkins.
- Councillors NOTED current cashbook and Unity Trust plc bank balances as of 30th June 2026, to be: Current Acc: £7,760.85, Reserve Acc: £23,952.17 Total: £31,713.02
- Councillors CONSIDERED the quarterly receipts and payments for FY 2026/27 and NOTED that the PC was operating to budget.
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE upcoming invoices for payment, including:
 - Clerks Salary/Pension/Expenses for August 2026.
 - Ian Sargent (Grass Cutting).

11. Report of the Clerk and RFO:

- Councillors NOTED the Clerk's report.
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Clerks training budget line for her attendance at the SLCC National Conference 13th to 14th October 2026 (£300.00).

12. Date of the next Meeting: Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting would be at 5.45pm on Monday 14th September 2026. Members NOTED that the October meeting would need to be moved, due to CCC's Planning Enforcement Meeting on 12th October 2026.

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13. End. The meeting ended at 6.40pm

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

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