# Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 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 seven members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies.** All Parish Councillors present. Apologies were received from CCC Rachel Carnac.

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 meeting held on Monday 13th July 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:
    - Questions about the removal of the Church Farm planning application (CA/25/01783) from CCC's Planning Committee.

5. **CCC Report:** CCC Rachel Carnac provided her monthly update via email:
    - The Community Governance Review goes to round two consultation which will start this week for 12 weeks. Everyone in Hoath will receive a notification during October with information on how to respond about the proposed changes in Hoath.
    - Next parish council elections will be in May 2028.
    - LGR - has been paused. We hope we will hear more after the recess. It means CCC will hold elections in May 2027 on new boundaries. Hoath will be in Wantsum ward together with Chislet and Broomfield.
    - I've asked the planning officer for a meeting on the Church Farm development together with the PC. There are many things in the report that went to planning that are incorrect in my opinion.
    - New planning rules on delegation start on November 1. I will lose my right to call-ins.

    **KCC Report:** No report was received from Cllr Mark Mulvihill.

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

7. **Planning:** The following planning applications were CONSIDERED and Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to make comment:

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| **CA/25/01783**\|Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 21 dwellings with associated parking, access roads, open space and play area (with all matters reserved except access and layout).\|Location: **Land At Church Farm , Hoath, CT3 4LA**.\|Expiry Date: 16 Oct 26 |
| **CA/26/01568**\|T4-Willow tree, fell tree to ground level located by the side of the pond.\|**Oak Lodge Old Tree Road Hoath Kent CT3 4LE**\|Expiry Date: 13 Oct 26 |

The following planning applications were CONSIDERED and Councillors RESOVLED not to object:

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| **CA/26/01448**\|Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/21/01352/FUL for the single-storey detached stable block incorporating 3 no. stable and tack room.; to allow alterations to the cladding from red cedar to black featherboard and the roof from shingles to slat concrete tiles.\|**Old Tree View, Old Tree Road, Hoath,** CT3 4LE – Expiry date: 24 Sep 26 (Now RESOLVED by CCC). |
| **CA/26/01492**\|Blue Cedar tree located in the front garden - 30% reduction.\| **Barn Lee Church Road Hoath Kent CT3 4JT\|**Expiry Date: 16 Oct 26 |
| **CA/26/01545**\|Poplar tree located in the rear garden - pollard back to previous points.\|**Chapel House Maypole Road Hoath Kent CT3 4LN** Expiry Date: 29 Oct 26 |

Other Planning Matters:

- Councillors NOTED the Planning Appeal for CA/25/01687, Millview Maypole Lane Hoath Kent CT3 4LJ - Two-storey rear extension, single-storey side extension, infill of existing porch and two-storey detached garage.

- Councillors NOTED CCC's withdrawal of Planning Committee agenda item CA/25/01783, Land at Church Farm Hoath CT3 4LA, Outline application for the erection of 21 dwellings with associated parking, access roads, open space and play area (with all matters reserved except access and layout).

**8. Community Governance Review:**

- Councillors NOTED the update from CCC's General Purposes Committee Meeting on 16th September 2026 and RESOLVED to make comment on the recommendations.

**9. Assets of Community Value:**

- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to nominate the Village Hall as an asset of Community Value.

**10. Highways:**

- Councillors NOTED KCC Highways response regarding installation of a new fence at the village green and CONSIDER and RESOLVED to contest the advice provided.

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**11. Speed watch:**

- Councillors NOTED Speed watch's recent activity, with over 150 vehicles reported to Kent Police for speeding in the preceding 12 months.

**12. Open Spaces:**

- Councillors CONSIDERED three quotes for the low-level post and rail fencing to protect the bulbs/plants at the Village Green boundaries and RESOVLED to install 'Best at Printing' signage (£68.38).
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to respond to CCC's Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation and request the PSPO be amended to include No Dogs at any time, at The Paddock.

**13. Allotments:**

- Councillors NOTED the update from the meeting with Hoath Allotment Association.
- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to renew the National Allotment Society subscription.

**14. Finance:**

- Councillors NOTED the following payments for July and August 2026.
  - Clerk Salary/Pension/Expenses (July and August 2026)
  - Zurich Insurance £300.00
  - SMS Payroll £36.00
  - HMRC £386.05
  - Bank Charges £7.00 (July and August 2026)
  - National Allotment Society £84.00

- Councillors NOTED the following receipts for July and August 2026.
  - Concurrent Funding from CCC £773.00
  - Hoath Allotments £200.00

- Councillors CONSIDERED and APPROVED the Bank Reconciliation to 31st August 2026, signed by Cllr William Hawkins.
- Councillors NOTED current cashbook and Unity Trust plc bank balances as of 31st August 2026, to be: Current Acc: £6,954.70, Reserve Acc: £23,952.17 Total: £30,906.87
- Councillors CONSIDERED potential projects and priorities for FY2027/28 and RESOLVED to bring these to the next meeting.

- Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to APPROVE upcoming invoices for payment, including:
  - Clerks Salary/Pension/Expenses for September/October 2026.
  - Ian Sargant (Grass Cutting).
  - Payment to Barham Parish Council £300.00, for part contribution for Clerks attendance at NALC Conference.

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15. **Report of the Clerk and RFO:**
    - Councillors NOTED the Clerk's report.
    - Councillors NOTED the government's increase in mileage rate to the Clerk's salary would be backdated to 1st April 2026.
    - Councillors NOTED the 2026 Local Government Pay Settlement (3.3% increase) and that this had been applied backdated to 1st April 2026.

16. **Date of the next Meeting:** Councillors CONSIDERED and RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting would be at 5.45pm on Tuesday 20th October 2026, due to CCC's Planning Enforcement Meeting on 12th October 2026.

17. **End**. The meeting ended at 6.33pm

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

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Please note that these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until the Parish Council approves them at the next Parish Council Meeting.