

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2022
at The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

Present: Cllrs Bott and Major, Cllrs Mrs Prince, Sherwood and Smith
Miss E Goodwin (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Jessell

Two members of the public were in attendance

1 Public Participation
Nothing to report.

2 Apologies
PCSO Leathers

3 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Bott - the request from the PCC for money towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2022
The Minutes were agreed as a true representation of the Meeting, and Cllr Bott signed them.

5 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda
The Clerk asked if Cllr Mrs Smith had been able to deliver the Platinum Jubilee mugs; she has three to deliver.
The Clerk mentioned the overgrown grass by the Hoar Cross sign on the Newborough Road; Cllr Mrs Smith will ask her husband to trim the grass.
The visit by Smith of Derby to carry out the annual service of the Church clock on Thursday 20th October is to be postponed; the Clerk is to request if Smith of Derby have a maintenance contract. Another company, Time Assured, do offer an annual maintenance contract.

6 HS2
The Parish Clerk had forwarded a number of emails to the Parish Councillors.
County Cllr Jessel explained that there are grants available for communities impacted by HS2; she will find out more information.

7 Planning Cllr Major

a) Applications received P/2022/00762 Conversion and alteration of existing building to accommodate boilers at Hoar Cross Hall; AMENDED DESCRIPTION AND PLANS.
The Clerk is to email ESBC re concerns about the noise level and disturbance to nearby residents.

P/2022/00814 Enclosing of East porch, Hoar Cross Hall; no objections

P/2022/00816 Listed building application for enclosing of East porch, Hoar Cross Hall and alterations to the external steps; no objections

b) Applications approved P/2020/00941 Erection of an agricultural building on School Hill, Hoar Cross

P/2022/00395 Erection of a detached double garage at 2 New Villas, Abbots Bromley Road

P/2022/748 Conversion of existing buildings to form

single dwelling house - The Old Bothy, Maker Lane	P/2022/00764	Application for a Certificate of
Lawfulness for the retention of a detached outbuilding/garden room at The Tarns, Roost Hill, Thorney Lanes		
House, St Michaels Drive	P/2022/00776	Felling of trees at The Spinney
garage at Hunters Barn, Thorney Lanes	P/2022/00893	Erection of a single storey detached
c) Applications refused	P/2022/00469	Erection of a single storey side
extension at The Old Barn, Abbots Bromley Road		
d) Other planning matters	P/2021/01676	erection of a replacement dwelling,
alterations to existing garage and formation of new vehicular access - Chantry Farm, Thorney Lanes; application withdrawn.		
occasional use as grooms accommodation, storage barn and viewing gazebo at Birchwood House, Abbots Bromley Road.	P/2022/00380	construction of a mobile home for
studio above at The Old Barn, Abbots Bromley Road.	P/2022/00470	erection of a detached car port with

8 Parish Councillors Reports

Highways Cllr Bott - some potholes have been repaired.

County Cllr Jessell - since April 2022, the inspection of repairs has not been carried out by Amey and County Councillors now have more influence over the work done. £15m had been given to Highways for maintenance, but the increase in the price of oil has led to an increase in the price of tarmac, so an additional £3m has been given. Additional money has been given for gully clearing. The Council are trialling equipment that can make repairs throughout the year, and are looking at making more passing places on narrow lanes.

Environment Cllr Mrs Prince - nothing to report.

Footpaths Cllr Mrs Sherwood - there are no problems with the footpaths. The pond at Jacksons Bank is flooding; Cllr Mrs Sherwood will find out who the contact at the Duchy is.

9 County Councillor Jessel's Report

Ben Adams, the Staffordshire Police and Fire Commissioner, had attended the Needwood Divisional Forum.

Cllr Jessel is planning to arrange a meeting before the end of the year, when she will brief everyone about the new boundaries; the Council are beginning to formulate the new boundaries in November, and they will come into effect in 2024.

The Council are extending food vouchers for those having free school meals in half term and the Christmas holidays.

Warmer Homes Scheme - 500 householders have been helped.

The number of people with Covid is on the increase; there has been an increase in the number of people in hospital with Covid, but they are not in hospital with Covid.

10 Borough Councillor Beech's Report

No Report

11 PCSO Leathers Report

This had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the Meeting; the Clerk will forward a copy to Lynne Bott.

12 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk has opted out of the Pension Scheme for three years
 She is meeting Kim Squires from Alan Toplis Associates next week for the half yearly meeting.
 She asked if everyone had returned their Register of Interests to Stafford, and asked Councillors to send their forms to Lynne for inclusion on the website.
 The Clerk will meet with Cllrs Bott and Major on Tuesday 15th November to discuss the Budget for 2023-2024 and the Precept.
 The Meeting dates for 2023 were discussed: Monday 20th March, Monday 15th May for the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 16th June, Monday 18th September and Monday 4th December.

13 Finance

The Bank Reconciliation as at 29th July was approved.
 The balances at the end of September were £8369.60 in the Current Account and £3539.82 in the Business Reserve Account.
 Cllr Mrs Prince suggested transferring a sum of money (£3000) to the Business Reserve Account; Cllr Mrs Sherwood will find out how to transfer the funds.
 The request from the PCC for £500 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard was discussed; it was agreed to ask the PCC Treasurer for a comparison of costs for 2021 and 2022.

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Chq	Payee	Details	Amount
19 th Sept	884	HMRC	PAYE	£132.80
19 th Sept	885	Mrs H Sherwood	plants	£32.50 incl £5.41 VAT
19 th Sept	886	Deer Park Dairy	room hire	£30.00
19 th Sept	887	Gregson G'works	bench work	£366.00 incl £61.00 VAT
19 th Sept	888	Miss E Goodwin	expenses/salary	£277.20
30 th Sept	SO	Miss E Goodwin	Salary	£447.85

14 Hedgecutting

It was agreed to keep the information from Jonelle Handford on file.
 Cllr Bott will speak to the new manager at The Meynell about tidying up the land opposite the pub.

15 Correspondence

'20s plenty for Staffordshire' Zoom meeting on 25th October; Cllr Jessel explained that this was not a County Council initiative.
 Dog bag dispenser project; the Clerk will make contact to see how many dispensers will be provided and where.
 Ann Robson Helpline; the Clerk will forward the information to Lynne for inclusion on the website and in the newsletter; the Clerk will put the advert in the bus shelter.
 Opting out of the audit; it was agreed to stay as we are.
 Quote from Gregson's Groundworks re repairing the speed gate near to Jackson Bank; Cllr Mrs Sherwood will contact Sam re the price.

16 Members points of information

Two members of the public have expressed an interest in the Parish Council; it was agreed the Parish Councillors would invite them to the next meeting.

17 Dates of next meetings: Monday 5th December, Monday 20th March to be held at The Deer Park,

Monday 15th May Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting in the Church, Monday 19th June,
Monday 18th September, Monday 4th December at The Deer Park.