

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023
at The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

Present: Cllrs Mrs Prince, Sherwood and Smith, Cllr Major
Miss E Goodwin (Parish Clerk), William Read, PCSO Leathers and PCSO Hayden

- 1 Public Participation
Nothing to report.
- 2 Apologies
There were no apologies.
- 3 William Read, Best Kept Village representative
William explained about the Community Spirit element of the Competition, and the judging procedure; the judges will give a day's notice of their visit, and they will meet a representative from the village; judging takes place in May and June. He explained that Wintertons will provide advertising materials, and gave some tips about presenting the village in the best light
- 4 Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 5 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022
The Minutes were agreed as a true representation of the Meeting, and Cllr Mrs Smith signed them.
- 6 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda
There were no matters arising.
- 7 HS2 update
The Parish Clerk had forwarded a number of emails to the Parish Councillors; she has not heard from County Cllr Jessel regarding grants available for communities impacted by HS2.
- 8 Planning Cllr Major
 - a) Applications received P/2023/00170 - erection of a single storey garden room on the rear elevation of The Tarns, Roost Hill; there were no objections.
P/2023/00194 - cutting of trees at Hoar Cross Hall, Maker Lane. Cllr Major agreed to visit Hoar Cross Hall regarding the trees being cut down and the replacement of those trees as the Hall is in a conservation area.
 - b) Applications approved P/2022/01214 - change of use of land to facilitate erection of stable block, hard standing etc on land off Newborough Road.
P/2022/01212 - erection of a part single, part two storey extension, Juliet balcony and window at Netherwood Farm, Abbots Bromley Road.
 - c) Applications refused
 - d) Other planning matters P/2022/00380 construction of a mobile home for occasional use as grooms accommodation, storage barn and viewing gazebo at Birchwood House, Abbots Bromley Road (no decision recorded 2nd March 2023).
P/2022/00470 erection of a detached car port with studio above at The Old Barn, Abbots Bromley Road (no decision recorded 2nd March 2023).

P/2022/01150 - change of use and reinstatement of existing outbuilding together with a glazed link extension to form annexe to maid dwelling at 1 Park Cottage, St Michaels Drive.

EIA Development Planning Application ES/19/02/504 M - Extraction of gypsum and anhydrite beneath land to the east of Newchurch. No-one had attended the meeting at British Gypsum on 1st March.

Update on the stables on Lower Hoar Cross Road/off Becks Lane; Borough Councillor Beech has been in contact with David Ward, ESBC Planning Enforcement Officer, and was following the matter up on 16th March.

9 Parish Councillors Reports

Highways - it was agreed to appoint a Councillor responsible for roads at the next Meeting.

Environment - Cllr Mrs Prince had nothing to report.

Footpaths - Cllr Mrs Sherwood had nothing to report.

10 County Councillor Jessel's Report

No report received.

11 Borough Councillor Beech's Report

No report received.

12 PCSO Leathers Report

The report had already been circulated.

PCSO Leathers and his colleague PCSO Dibbs introduced themselves as this was the first time they had been to a Meeting. PCSO Leathers is keen to do a drop in session in Hoar Cross, especially for the farmers. He encouraged people to sign up for Smart Alert.

13 Parish Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk reported she had attended a number of Zoom meetings regarding the election procedure. She is due to meet Kim Squires in May to discuss the Audit. She has met Cllrs Mrs Smith, Prince and Sherwood to discuss the Coronation Celebration, and has met Cllr Mrs Smith to complete the Lottery Funding application forms and to discuss the Agenda of this Meeting.

14 Finance

The bank reconciliation had been circulated to the Councillors.

The Parish Clerk had contacted Wendy at The Deer Park regarding the dates of the Meetings for 2023 and had requested invoices; she had spoken to Wendy on 10th March, but had not yet received any invoices.

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Chq	Payee	Details	Amount
20 th March	897	SPCA	Clerks Training	£36.00 incl £6.00 VAT
			Annual Sub	£100.65
20 th March	898	Miss E Goodwin	expenses/salary	£156.40
20 th March	899	HMRC	PAYE	£132.80
20 th March	900	Cllr Mrs Sherwood	plants	£137.88 incl £22.97 VAT
20 th March	901	Best Kept Village	entry fee	£27.50
31 st March	SO	Miss E Goodwin	salary	£447.85

15 Church Clock - Cllr Major

Cllr Major presented two quotes for the repair work to be done plus the annual service for the next two years: Time Assured and Smith of Derby. The Clerk had requested that three quotes be obtained; following a discussion, it was agreed the Clerk would forward the Financial Regulations to Cllr Major, and that she would contact Kim Squires of Toplis Associates regarding the number of quotes; it was later confirmed by Kim that two quotes would be sufficient in this case. All Councillors preferred the quote from Time Assured, and it was agreed that the work be done by them.

16 Local Elections - Thursday 4th May

The Clerk gave out the nomination papers to the Councillors who took them to complete.

17 Coronation of King Charles III celebrations - Monday 8th May

Cllr Mrs Smith announced the Parish Council had been awarded a grant of £2140 from the Lottery.

Arrangements: the Church marquee will be erected on Friday 5th May; borrow the chairs and tables from Newchurch Hall; bouncy castle (free to village children and visiting children would be asked to pay); the afternoon tea is £16.00, but Cllr Mrs Prince explained that one tea would be enough for two people; Cllrs Mrs Smith suggested a singer; mugs for the children, costing about £5.00 each - the Parish Clerk still has the list of the mugs given out for the Platinum Jubilee; the event will be from 1.00pm-5.00pm, with the tea being served at 2.00pm.

The Parish Clerk explained that as there will be less than 2,000 attendees, there is no need to contact Zurich Insurance, but we would need to carry out a risk assessment/comply with HSE guidance for inflatables/train event organisers and staff/ensure 3rd party suppliers have their own Public Liability Insurance.

18 Planning Annual Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 15th May

It was agreed to hold the Meetings at The Deer Park; the Parish Clerk will contact Wendy.

19 Correspondence

Email re Coronation planters; it was agreed not to purchase these.

20 Members Points of Information

There were no Members Points of Information.

21 Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 15th May Annual Parish Council Meeting (6.30pm) and Annual Parish Meeting (7.30pm),
Monday 19th June, Monday 18th September, Monday 4th December at The Deer Park.

U.A. Smith

15/5/2023