

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023
at The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

Present: Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Patterson
Miss E Goodwin (Parish Clerk)

- 1 Public Participation
Nothing to report.
- 2 Apologies
Cllrs Mrs Prince and Mrs Sherwood, County Cllr Jessel, Borough Cllrs Ashcroft, Gould and Jones
- 3 Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023
The Minutes were agreed as a true representation of the Meeting, and Cllr Mrs Smith signed them.
- 5 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda
There were no matters arising.
- 6 HS2 update
The Parish Clerk had forwarded a number of emails to the Parish Councillors.
- 7 Planning - Cllr Mrs Baxter
 - a) Applications received P/2023/00434 - change of use of land to a mixed use of agricultural land and equestrian for the use by horses and erection of a detached stable block and tack room and construction of a vehicular access for private land off Becks Lane; there were no objections, but the Clerk is to confirm with ESBC that the temporary stables will be removed.
P/2023/00509 - Felling of one ash tree at Manor House, Maker Lane; there were no objections.
P/2023/00704 - cutting back and felling of trees at Manor House, Maker Lane; there were no objections.
 - b) Applications approved P/2022/01150 - conversion of outbuildings with a glazed link between to form residential accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling at 1 Park Cottage, St Michael's Drive.
P/2023/00325 - change equestrian riding surface from grass to waxed sand at Birchwood House, Abbots Bromley Road.
P/2023/00461 - erection of a single storey rear extension and single storey side extension including balcony above at Birchwood House, Abbots Bromley Road.
 - c) Applications refused P/2022/00470 - erection of a detached car port with storage above at The Old Barn, Abbots Bromley Road. The owner, Mr Carter, has appealed this decision. Cllr Mrs Baxter had met Mr Carter, and it was agreed to support his application; the Clerk will email the relevant department.
 - 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 (planning submitted 7th April 2022; no decision recorded 3rd June 2023). The Clerk has emailed ESBC to say that the Cllrs had no objection to a mobile home being constructed for a maximum of two years so long as it did not lead to a permanent development being built; she has not had a reply.

P/2023/00367 - erection of a part two storey part first floor side and front extension and single storey rear extension at Fortyshades, Newborough End (no decision recorded 3rd June 2023).

The Clerk had forwarded the Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Cllrs.

Cllr Mrs Baxter raised the issue of the Friel Homes Development in Abbots Bromley; this development will happen, and it will have an effect on the surrounding areas. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Cllrs to ask that Hoar Cross Parish Council be kept up to date with the developments.

8 Parish Councillors Reports

Highways - Cllr Mrs Patterson has been asked to look at the potholes on Blunts Hollow.

Environment - Cllr Prince had nothing to report.

Footpaths - Cllr Mrs Baxter reported that the gate leading onto the footpath by the Old Nursery has been fastened; the Clerk is to email Cllr Mrs Sherwood.

9 County Councillor Jessel's Report

No report received.

10 Borough Councillors Report

Borough Cllrs Ashcroft, Gould and Jones have a training course this evening.

The Clerk has emailed Cllr Ashcroft to thank her for putting the A38 Bulletin on the Hoar Cross Facebook page.

11 PCSO Leathers Report

No report received.

12 Parish Clerk's Report

There was nothing to report.

13 Finance

The bank reconciliation for the end of May had been circulated to the Cllrs.

Kim Squires had suggested increasing the Precept by £1,000 for the next two or three years to cover further election expenses; this will be discussed at the finance planning meeting later in the year.

The Clerk was unable to move forward regarding the change of signatories on the bank account as she is not a signatory; she was asked to contact the Clerk at Newborough Parish Council as they have had similar issues with their bank.

Zurich have not received the cheque for the insurance; the Clerk is to follow this up.

The Clerk will contact Cllr Mrs Sherwood and James Major to ask them to sign the cheques.

It was agreed to give a donation of £60.00 to the Church for the loan of the marquee for the Coronation celebration, and Cllr Smith will request an invoice for the hire of the chairs.

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Amount
19 th June	909	Cllr Mrs Sherwood	Plants/Coronation expenses £84.97+£16.99VAT

19 th June	910	Cllr Mrs Prince	Coronation expenses	£9.50+£8.00VAT
19 th June	911	Deer Park Dairy Ltd	Room hire	£30.00
19 th June	912	Abis Entertainment	Bouncy Castle hire	£195.00
19 th June	913	Kim Squires	Audit	£162.50
	SO	Miss E Goodwin	Salary	£447.85
19 th June	914	Miss E Goodwin	Salary	£83.20
			Expenses	£158.27
19 th June	915	HMRC	PAYE	£132.60
19 th June	916	Cllrs Mrs Smith	Paint/strimmer line	£19.16+£3.83 VAT

14 2022-2023 Audit

The Clerk had met Kim Squires on 18th May regarding the Audit; we have failed part of it because various papers cannot be accessed on the website.

The Audit was approved and signed; it will be displayed on the website and on the noticeboard by the bus shelter from Monday 26th June until Friday 4th August.

15 Auditors

It was agreed that Kim Squires would continue as the Auditor.

16 Best Kept Village update

Cllrs Mrs Smith reported that the village is looking good; it was agreed to have another litter pick towards the end of June, and another in July if Hoar Cross is in the final.

17 Church clock

Time Assured have sent a quote for the further repair of the clock which is £880 plus VAT.

The Clerk has contacted various groups regarding funding eg National Churches Trust, the Lottery with no success; she is waiting to hear back from Lichfield Diocese.

18 Land opposite The Meynell

Some cars continue to park on the land opposite The Meynell; it was agreed to put a chain across to block the entrance.

19 Correspondence

Email from GoCompare re floods; it was agreed to forward this to Lynne to be put on the website. Climate Change Contribution; the Cllrs will look into.

20 Members Points of Information

Cllr Mrs Baxter had attended a Councillors Course and had found it interesting; Cllr Patterson will look at attending one.

21 Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 18th September, Monday 4th December at The Deer Park at 7.30pm.

