

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2024
at The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

Present: Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Prince, Mrs Patterson, Cllr Marsden
Miss E Goodwin (Parish Clerk), Brian Averill

Cllr Mrs Smith welcomed everyone to the Meeting, and Ollie Marsden as the new Parish Councillor.

1 Public Participation

Nothing to report.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Borough Cllrs Ashcroft and Gould.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2024

The Minutes were agreed as a true representation of the Meeting, and were signed by Cllr Mrs Smith.

5 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda

Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs Baxter had visited Fauld Mine and found it very interesting; the mining will continue for another twenty five years.

6 Planning - Cllr Mrs Baxter

Planning Number	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
Applications Received					
P/2024/00586	13/06/2024	Lavender Cottage, St Michael's Drive	Erection of an oak framed extension to existing garage	No objections	
P/2024/00552	04/06/2024	Church View, Abbots Bromley Road	Remove to ground level one Hawthorn tree	No objections	
Applications Approved					
P/2023/01403	04/01/2024	Oak House, Maker Lane	Change of use of part of agricultural land to form domestic curtilage and erection of single storey attached garage and store		Approved
P/2024/00426	29/04/2024	Hoar Cross Hall, Maker	Reduction of one limb over the lawn to be reduced by		Approved 29/05/2024

		Lane	4.5m to one Oak tree and felling of one Sycamore tree		
P/2023/00448	29/04/2024	Blacksmiths Cottage, Newborough Road	Removal of six fruit trees		Approved 29/05/2024
Other Planning Matters					
P/2023/00416	21/08/2023	Abbots Bromley School for Girls	Partial demolition of the former Abbots Bromley School Buildings, conversion and extension of the remaining school buildings to form sixty dwellings, erection of fifty eight dwellings and garaging and a detached Community Store	For information	
P/2023/00417	21/08/2023	Abbots Bromley School for Girls	Listed building consent for the partial demolition of the former Abbots Bromley School Buildings, internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion and extension of the remaining school buildings to form sixty dwellings	For information	
P/2023/00749	21/08/2023	Abbots Bromley School for Girls	Partial demolition of St Mary's teaching block, sports hall and swimming pool	For information	
P/2024/00077	27/03/2024	2 New Villas, Abbots Bromley	Erection of a detached double garage (amended scheme)	No objections	
P/2024/00116 (replaces P/2024/00011)	07/02/24	Frogey's Farm, Ashbrook Lane	Coppicing of approximately 450m of hedgerow	No objections	

7 Parish Councillors Reports

- Highways - Cllr Mrs Patterson reported that there was no progress regarding the potholes at the top of Maker Lane towards Abbots Bromley; top of School Hill. Cllr Mrs Prince reported the ditch is full; Cllr Marsden will find out who owns the land. Cllr Mrs Prince reported the drains are blocked by the Church and at the bottom of Brakenhurst.
- Environment - Cllr Mrs Prince has reported the dangerous tree on Maker Lane to County Cllr Jessell and the Borough Cllrs; she will report it again.

- Footpaths - Cllr Mrs Baxter reported the stile had not deteriorated; Cllr Mrs Smith will replace the 'Please keep your dogs on a lead' sign.

8 County Councillor Jessel's Report

No report received.

9 Borough Councillors Report

No report received.

10 PCSO Edwards/PCSO Siwek's Report

There has been no contact from PCSO Edwards or Siwek.

11 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked the Cllrs to sign the Register of Interest forms.

It was agreed that the Clerk could attend the Micro Councils Network Zoom Meeting in July.

12 Finance

Cllr Mrs Smith is in contact with NatWest; the Clerk has forwarded copies of the Minutes showing the discussions regarding the change of signatories to NatWest.

The bank reconciliation was approved.

The Clerk is in contact with The Deer Park regarding a number of cancelled cheques.

Cllr Marsden asked about the money the Parish Council has and the annual Precept was explained; this will be increased slightly each year to build up a surplus.

Cllr Mrs Smith confirmed that the Parish Council will pay for the annual service of the Church clock. Going forward, the Parish Council will set aside 10% of the Precept to pay for the service of the Church clock and to make a contribution towards the cost of the grass cutting in the Churchyard. As the Parish Council overpaid for the grass cutting in 2022, there will be no back payment for 2023.

The PCC will be asked to provide invoices for any work done that the PC are contributing towards. It was agreed the PC accounts would be seen by a third party at the end of the financial year, prior to the Annual Audit.

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Detail	Amount
17 th June 2024	946	Deer Park Dairy Limited	Hire of Meeting Room	£28.57+£1.43VAT
17 th June 2024	947	Miss E Goodwin	Salary/Expenses	£285.00
17 th June 2024	948	HMRC	PAYE	£158.60

13 Approval of the Audit 2023-2024

The Audit was approved and signed. The Clerk will scan the documents to Mazars and to Lynne Bott to be put on the website, and will put them on the noticeboard by the bus shelter.

14 Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed that Kim Squire should continue as Auditor, and she will be asked to look at the Accounts spreadsheet at the end of the financial year. The Clerk is meeting Kim on Monday 28th October, and a Councillor will attend the meeting too.

15 Best Kept Village update - Cllr Mrs Smith

There has been one judging; Cllr Mrs Smith was not advised of the visit and has emailed

the BKV. It was agreed to organise another tidy up.

Cllr Mrs Baxter pointed out that there were no flowers in the baskets on the speed gates near to Church Cottage; Cllr Mrs Smith will speak to the Hall.

16 Land opposite The Meynell

James Major has agreed to continue to mow the grass.

17 HS2 Update

The Clerk forwards any updates she receives.

18 Correspondence

Cllr Mrs Smith had received an email from Andrew Aspland regarding the accounts published on the website. Cllr Mrs Smith had replied that there had been a change of website and the documents had been on the old website. The Clerk has forwarded the missing years to Lynne Bott to be added to the website.

It was suggested putting a note on Facebook that the Minutes are available to view on the website.

Cllr Marsden asked about social media, and it was agreed to put the next litterpick on the website as well as on Facebook.

19 Members Points of Information

There were no members points of information.

20 Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 16th September, Monday 2nd December at The Deer Park, Maker Lane.

Signed by Chairperson

Name: Cllr Mrs Smith

Signature:

Date: