

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd September 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)

Cllr Mrs Smith welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Public Participation

Nothing to report.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Ashcroft (auto reply to the email with the Agenda to say she is on sick leave), Cllr Jones (attending an ESBC Meeting).

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th June 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

Cllr Mrs Baxter has been in contact with Lynne Bott regarding the website; Lynne is agreeable to handing over the website, and Cllr Mrs Baxter will arrange a meeting. Having looked at local Parish Council websites, it was agreed to keep the website simple and then build it up. Cllr Mrs Patterson had queried the Clerk's travel expenses; as the Clerk's contract states that her place of work is her home, she is entitled to claim travel expenses. Cllr Mrs Baxter had queried a number of receipts and 'Other Expenditure' on the Expenses for 2022-23 and 2023-2024; the Clerk was able to explain these. It was agreed to show these as individual expenses in future.

6 Planning - Cllr Mrs Baxter

Planning Number	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
Applications Received					
P/2024/00884	30/08/2024	Marebrook Cottage, Dolesfoot Lane	Erection of a single storey rear extension	No objections	
P/2024/00910	06/09/2024	2 Park Cottage, St Michael's	Felling of one Horse Chestnut tree	No objections	

		Drive			
P/2024/00939	23/09/2024	Blacksmiths Cottage, Newborough Road	Conversion and alterations to existing detached garage to form annexe, including replacement of garage door with casement window, new window on west elevation and 4 roof lights	This was discussed, and Cllr Baxter will write to ESBC expressing concern about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) disturbance to neighbours b) parking 	
Applications Approved					
P/2024/00077	27/03/2024	2 New Villas, Abbots Bromley Road	Erection of a detached double garage (amended scheme)		Approved
P/2024/00552	04/06/2024	Church View, Brakenhurst Farm House	Remove to ground level one Hawthorn tree		Approved
P/2024/00586	13/06/2024	Lavender Cottage, St Michael's Drive	Erection of an oak framed extension to existing garage		Approved
P/2024/00636	01/07/2024	Woodland strip adjacent to Maker Lane	Felling, reducing, coppicing a number of trees		Approved
P/2024/00814	12/08/2024	Hoar Cross Hall, Maker Lane	Reduce in height a number of trees		Approved
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 60 dwellings, erection of 58 dwellings 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 buildings to form 60 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/2024/00116 (replaces P/2024/00011)	07/02/24	Frogey's Farm, Ashbrook Lane	Coppicing of approximately 450m of hedgerow	No objections	Withdrawn

7 Parish Councillors Reports

- Highways - Cllr Mrs Patterson reported that the potholes have been filled. Cllr Mrs Prince reported that County Cllr Jessell has confirmed that the Council will repair the kerbstones at The Deer Park.
- Environment - Cllr Mrs Prince has reported the flooding near to the Church and has sent photographs to County Cllr Jessell; she has also reported that the wrong tree has been cut back on Maker Lane.
Litter is an ongoing problem.
- Footpaths - Cllr Mrs Smith asked everyone to look out for any problems.

8 County Councillor Jessel's Report

No report received (auto reply that she is not accessing her emails on receipt of the email with the Agenda).

9 Borough Councillors Report

No report received (auto reply from Cllr Gould that she was on annual leave on receipt of the email with the Agenda).

10 PCSO Edwards/PCSO Siwek's Report

Auto reply from PCSO Edwards that he was on a rest day or annual leave on receipt of the email with the Agenda.

11 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk had met with Cllr Mrs Baxter and is proceeding with the spreadsheets.

She had attended a Zoom meeting for Micro Councils (Councils with a Precept of less than £10,000); this is a sounding board to discuss issues important to our Councils and the meeting had focussed on Age Friendly Communities; she had forwarded the report she had received.

The dates for the PC Meetings in 2025 were discussed: Monday 17th March, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting Monday 19th May; Monday 16th June, Monday 15th September, Monday 8th December.

The Clerk is meeting Kim Squires on Monday 28th October, and Cllr Mrs Baxter will attend the meeting too.

The Clerk suggested an event to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and it was agreed to have a bring and share picnic on the land opposite The Meynell.

12 Finances

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Detail	Amount
23 rd September 2024	949	Deer Park Dairy Limited	Hire of Meeting Room	£28.57+£1.43VAT
23 rd September 2024	950	Deer Park Dairy Limited	Hire of Meeting Room x 4 (to replace cancelled cheques)	£120.00
23 rd September 2024	951	Miss E Goodwin	Salary Expenses	£187.00 £76.60
23 rd September 2024	952	HMRC	PAYE	£158.60
23 rd September 2024	953	Cllr Mrs Smith	Paint	£27.98
30 th September 2024	Standing Order	Miss E Goodwin	Salary	£447.85

Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr Mrs Patterson are now authorised to sign cheques.

There has been some correspondence from Nat West.

Lynne Bott has a number of outstanding invoices, but the Clerk has not received these.

13 Best Kept Village update - Cllr Mrs Smith

The presentation evening is on 14th October at The Moat House, Acton Trussell; Cllr Mrs Smith will attend, together with Rachel Major.

14 Land opposite The Meynell

It was agreed that the land is looking good; it was suggested placing a bench there.

Cllr Mrs Smith has a quote for £250 to shotblast the signpost, and it was agreed to book this for the spring. Neil Smith will repaint the signpost.

15 HS2 Update

The Clerk forwards any updates she receives.

16 Correspondence

Already dealt with.

17 Members Points of Information

Cllr Mrs Prince will forward the photographs of the floods and the tree to County Cllr Jessell.

18 Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 2nd December 2024, Monday 17th March 2025, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting Monday 19th May, Monday 16th June, Monday 15th September and Monday 8th December at The Deer Park, Maker Lane.C

Signed by Chairperson

Name: Cllr Mrs Smith

Signature:

Date: