

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023
at The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

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

1 Public Participation

No members of the public had attended.

2 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June 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

Councillors Mrs Smith and Mrs Baxter had met Phil Murphy (Director) and Mark Hatterly (Manager) of Hoar Cross Hall to discuss the recent fireworks. Letters had been sent to the near neighbours at the Hall, and they were apologetic about the upset that had been caused to others. It was agreed that in future, the Hall will inform Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs Baxter when fireworks are being set off and a message will be put on Facebook and the Hoar Cross Parish Council website.

Cllr Baxter will look into setting up a Facebook page on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Patterson had attended a meeting with other local Cllrs: concerns raised - that the Borough Cllrs nor the police are visible; potholes in the local area; there is money available for Community projects eg footpaths, stiles; Mercer Farming are building huts at Fradley for sick children.

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/2023/00416 - 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 garaging and a detached Community Store.

P/2023/00417 - 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 60 dwellings.

P/2023/00713 - formation of outdoor spa garden on roof terrace of existing spa with associated stairs/lift extension, pergola, log burner and flue, enclosed cabana loungers, 3 x pools and sauna/wc room at Hoar Cross Hall, Maker Lane; there were no objections.

P/2023/00716 - Listed Building Consent for the formation of outdoor spa garden on roof terrace of existing spa with associated stairs/lift extension, pergola, log burner and flue, enclosed cabana loungers, 3 x pools and sauna/wc room at Hoar Cross Hall, Maker Lane.

P/2023/00749 - partial demolition of St Mary's teaching block, sports hall and swimming pool at Abbots Bromley School for Girls.

P/2023/00907 - siting of mobile home as grooms accommodation and associated hardstanding including demolition of existing stables at Birchwood House, Abbots Bromley Road; there were no objections.

b) Applications approved P/2023/00367 - erection of a part two storey part first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at Forty Shades, Newborough End.

P/2023/00509 - felling of one ash tree at Manor House, Maker Lane.

P/2023/00627 - conversion of existing buildings to form a single dwelling house and erection of single storey front and rear extensions at The Old Bothy, Maker Lane.

P/2023/00641 - erection of a cattle shed at Dolesfoot Farm, Dolesfoot Lane.

P/2023/00704 - various tree works at Manor House, Maker Lane.

P/2023/00742 - felling of one hawthorn tree at Woodmans Cottage, 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; the appeal was dismissed.

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 - replaced by P/2023/00907.

P/2023/00434 - change of use of land to a mixed use of agricultural and equestrian for horses and erection of a detached stable block and tack room and construction of vehicular access for private use at land off Becks Lane, Hoar Cross.

8 Parish Councillors Reports

Highways - Cllr Mrs Patterson reported there is no money for road repairs. Cllr Mrs Prince suggested that Cllr Mrs Patterson contact County Cllr Jessel, and this was agreed.

Environment - Cllr Prince reported there had been a sewage leak at The Meynell; she had been assured that all was in hand. Cllr Baxter reported that the car park lights are left on all night; Cllr Mrs Smith said she would talk to the manager.

Footpaths - Cllr Mrs Sherwood will contact Stafford about the stile by Woodmans

Cottage. Jacksons Bank and some of the footpaths will be closed due to tree felling work.

It was agreed to put signs on the stiles reminding walkers to keep their dogs on a lead when walking on the footpaths.

9 County Councillor Jessel's Report

No report received.

10 Borough Councillors Report

No report received

11 PCSO Leathers Report

PCSO Leathers Report had been circulated prior to the Meeting.

PCSO Leathers is moving to a different area; he will be replaced by PCSO Chris Edwards.

12 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk is meeting Kim Squires in October for the half yearly audit; the clerk, Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs Prince will meet to discuss the expenses for 2023-2024 and the budget for 2024-2025; the proposed dates for the Parish Council Meetings in 2024 were agreed.

13 Finance

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

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Amount
18 th Sept	920	Cllr Mrs Sherwood Plants	£22.92+£4.58VAT
18 th Sept	921	Deer Park Dairy Ltd Room hire	£30.00
18 th Sept	922	SPCA Training sessions	£72.00
18 th Sept	923	Mrs L Bott Website update	£45.00
	SO	Miss E Goodwin Salary	£447.85
18 th Sept	924	Miss E Goodwin Salary	£291.00
		Expenses	£74.29
18 th Sept	925	HMRC PAYE	£184.80
18 th Sept	926	Cllr Mrs Sherwood Plants	£80.00+£16.00VAT
18 th Sept	927	Cllrs Mrs Smith Refund BKV entry	£27.50

As Cllr Major was not re-elected in May, he will no longer be a cheque signatory; it was agreed that Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs Patterson be added as signatories to move to online banking that the Parish Clerk be given access to the bank account.

14 Best Kept Village update

Cllr Mrs Baxter had attended the presentation evening; Hoar Cross had been 'Highly Commended'. Cllr Mrs Smith will ask for the mark sheet to look at the scoring; she will invite the Chair of the BKV to a Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed to have a thank you supper for those who had helped with the village clean-up

15 6th June 2024 - 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

The Parish Clerk will talk to Lesley Prince about an event at The Deer Park.

16 Church clock

Rachel Major is liaising with Time Assured to have the work done.

17 Land opposite The Meynell

It was noted that a number of people had been using this land as a car park; the hedge has died and there are weeds growing through. The Cllrs will think about applying for a grant from the Community Council.

18 Correspondence

A letter and posters from Staffordshire County Council to encourage people to apply for bus passes and to use the buses.

19 Members Points of Information

There were no members Points of Information

20 Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 4th December 2023 at The Deer Park at 7.30pm, Monday 18th March 2024, Monday 20th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting), Monday 17th June, Monday 16th September, Monday 2nd December at The Deer Park

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