

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Nothing to report.

2. Election of Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Mrs Prince proposed Cllr Mrs Smith; seconded by Cllr Mrs Baxter; carried.

3. Election of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Mrs Patterson proposed Cllr Mrs Baxter; seconded by Cllr Smith; carried.

4. Election of Representatives

- Planning: Cllr Mrs Baxter confirmed she was happy to continue in the role.
- Roads: Cllr Mrs Patterson confirmed she was happy to continue in the role.
- Environment: Cllr Mrs Prince confirmed she was happy to continue in the role.
- Footpaths: To be decided.

5. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr Jessel, Borough Cllrs Ashcroft and Jones.

6. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024

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

8. Matters arising not covered on the Agenda

Cllr Mrs Sherwood confirmed her resignation from the Parish Council; Cllr Mrs Smith
thanked

Cllr Mrs Sherwood for all her hard work. The Parish Clerk will contact ESBC about
the procedure for replacing a Councillor.

9. Planning – Cllr Mrs Baxter

Planning No:	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
Applications Received:					
P/2024/00077		2 New Villas, Abbots Bromley Road	Erection of detached double garage (amended scheme)	No objections	
P/2024/00426		Hoar Cross Hall, Maker Lane	Reduction of one limb over the lawn to be reduced by 4.5m to one oak tree and felling of one sycamore tree	No objections	
P/2024/00448		Blacksmiths Cottage, Newborough Road	Removal of 6 fruit trees	No objections	
Applications Approved:					
P/2024/00056		Birchwood House, Abbots Bromley Road	Retention of a wooden viewing gazebo		Approved
P/2024/00158		Church Cottage, Maker Lane	Fell to ground level one silver birch tree in a pond – replacement trees to be planted	No objections	Approved
P/2024/00242		Old Hall, St Michael's Drive	Removal of three trees which are causing damage – new trees to be planted		Approved
Other Planning Matters:					
P/2023/00416		Abbots Bromley School Buildings	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.	For information	

P/2023/00417		Abbots Bromley School Buildings	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.	For information	
P/2023/00749		Abbots Bromley School Buildings	Partial demolition of St Mary's teaching block, sports hall and swimming pool at Abbots Bromley School	For information	
P/2023/01403		Oak House, Maker Lane	Change of use of part agricultural land to form domestic curtilage to facilitate a single storey link extension to from garages	No objections	Registered
P/2024/00116		Frogey's Farm, Ashbrook Lane	Coppicing of approximately 450m of hedgerow		Application replaces P/2024/00011

10. Parish Councillors Reports

- Highways – Cllr Mrs Patterson reported that the potholes on Maker Lane (near to School Hill) had been repaired. There are a number of issues outstanding: the kerbstones at the entrance to The Deer Park, a tree on Maker Lane, the potholes on the Abbots Bromley Road (between Maker Lane and Thorney Lanes) and on Maker Lane (close to Maker Lane Farm/Fleetapple Lodge). The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Jessell and Michael Fabricant MP.
- Environment – Cllr Mrs Prince reported that the rubbish which had been dumped in the car park at Jacksons Bank had been removed by the Duchy.
- Footpaths – Cllr Mrs Sherwood had nothing to report regarding the footpaths, but one of the 'Keep your dogs on a lead' signs had been removed.

11. County Councillor Jessel's Report

The report was circulated prior to the Meeting

12. Borough Councillors Report

No report received.

13. PCSO Edwards/PCSO Siwek's Report

There has been no contact from PCSO Edwards or Siwek.

14. Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk thanked the Cllrs for delivering the invitations for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk has met Kim Squires and prepared the paperwork for the Annual Audit.

15. Finance

Cllr Mrs Smith is in contact with NatWest bank regarding the change of signatories.

The Clerk had received the bank statements for the end of April;

Current account £2548.64;

Deposit account £6660.59.

It was resolved to pay the following cheques:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Detail	Amount
8 th May 2024	939	Deer Park Dairy Ltd	Room hire	£28.57 + £1.43 VAT
8 th May 2024	941	Kim Squires	Audit	£162.10
8 th May 2024	942	SPCA	Subscription	£83.00
8 th May 2024	943	Cllr Mrs Sherwood	Plants	£56.82 + £11.36 VAT
8 th May 2024	944	Cllr Mrs Prince	Paint	£37.50 + £7.50 VAT

There are a number of cheques to The Deer Park which have been cancelled; the Clerk will go through the invoices and payments for the next Meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact the PCC regarding the grass cutting expenses for 2023, and the quote for 2024.

16. Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Mrs Smith

Cllr Mrs Smith read out her report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

17. Best Kept Village update – Cllr Mrs Smith

Cllr Mrs Smith reported that the BKV signs have been put up and the speed gates have been painted; there will be another tidy up on Saturday 18th May at 10.30am.

18. Thursday 6th June 2024 – 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

Nothing to report.

19. Land opposite The Meynell

It was agreed to include this area in the BKV judging. James Major was thanked for cutting the grass, and he has agreed to do it regularly. The litter bin has been moved to stop cars from driving onto the grass. It was discussed putting a bench there in the future.

20. HS2 Update

The Clerk forwards any updates she receives.

21. Correspondence

- Email regarding funding for Supportive Communities and Better Health; closing date 31st May.
- Email from SPCA regarding a course on planning; Cllr Mrs Baxter is unable to attend and the meeting is not being recorded.
- Email from the Society of Local Council Clerks regarding membership; the Parish Clerk is to follow this up to find out the costs.
- Email regarding the new Financial Regulations; the Parish Clerk will look at this and report to the Cllrs.

22. Members Points of Information

- Cllr Mrs Prince reported that Mike Chappell has a tree trunk which could be used to replace the memorial bench which was stolen.
- Cllr Mrs Sherwood said she would be happy to continue to look after the tubs and hanging baskets; she pointed out that the hedge behind the bench in the Memorial Garden needs cutting.

23. Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 17th June, Monday 16th September, Monday 2nd December at The Deer Park

Signed by Chairperson:

Name: Veronica Smith

Signature: 

Date: 17/6/24