

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of Hoar Cross Parish Council
held on
Monday 19th May 2025
at
The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

Present: Cllr Mrs Smith, Cllr Mrs Baxter, Cllr Mrs Prince, Cllr Marsden
County Cllr Mrs C Brown, Borough Cllrs Ashcroft and Gould
Liz Goodwin, Parish Clerk

Cllr Mrs Smith welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Public Participation

Nothing to report.

2 Election of the Chairman of Hoar Cross Parish Council

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

3 Election of the Vice Chairman of Hoar Cross Parish Council

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

4 Election of Representatives

Planning: Cllr Mrs Smith proposed Cllr Mrs Baxter; seconded by Cllr Marsden; carried.

Environment: Cllr Mrs Baxter proposed Cllr Mrs Prince; seconded by Cllr Mrs Smith; carried

Footpaths: Cllr Mrs Smith proposed Cllr Marsden; seconded by Cllr Mrs Prince; carried.

5 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Patterson

6 Declarations of Interest

None.

7 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025

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

8 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda

Cllr Mrs Baxter raised the issue of .gov.uk email addresses and web hosting; the Clerk will contact Parish Clerks to get some information. Cllr Marsden agreed to get information regarding web hosting. Cllr Mrs Smith proposed the Clerk be bought a printer, and she will look into the cost.

9 Planning – Cllr Mrs Baxter

Planning Number	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
Applications Received					
P/2025/00224	10/04/2025	The Firs, Dolesfoot Lane	Demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of a single storey outbuilding, comprising of garage, storage and workshop with carport	No objections	
P/2025/00238	11/04/2025	Lavender Cottage, St	Erection of a New Porch	No objections	

		Michaels Drive			
Applications Approved					
P/2025/00306	29/04/2025	Church of the Holy Angels, Maker Lane	Felling of one Ash tree		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 AMENDED PLANS submitted 03/03/2025	
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 AMENDED PLANS submitted 03/03/2025	
P/2025/00040	14/02/2025	Blacksmiths Cottage, Newborough Road	Change of use and external alterations to existing detached garage to form a holiday let		

Cllr Mrs Baxter reported that there have been 20 objections to Planning Application P/2025/00040. The building of the Garden Room is still under discussion; the ESBC Enforcement Officer is involved.

10 Parish Councillors Reports

- Highways – Cllr Mrs Smith read out Cllr Mrs Patterson’s report. Potholes have been reported to the County Council and there has been some progress with repairs. There are issues with the drains, and the Parish Council will continue to follow up on these issues.
- Environment – Cllr Mrs Prince reported that litter is an ongoing problem.
- Footpaths – Cllr Mrs Baxter reported that the fence facing the Abbots Bromley Road by the Nursery is temporarily fixed with string and is overgrown, but walkers can still get through. She hopes this will be sorted more permanently when the building work is finished. At the moment, landowners are responsible for the condition of the stiles and keeping footpaths clear; County Cllr Mrs Brown feels that the Council should be more involved in the upkeep, together with groups such as the Ramblers.

11 County Councillor Mrs Brown’s Report

Cllr Mrs Brown thanked everyone who had voted for her; she has been very busy since the Election, attending courses, training sessions and social functions. She plans attend as many PC Meetings as she is able to, and would like to be invited to social events. She is planning to meet the Highways team regularly; the issue of cars speeding to/from Hoar Cross Hall was discussed; Cllr Mrs Ashcroft will introduce Cllr Mrs Brown to Phil Murphy, the Manager at the Hall; it was agreed the Parish Council would email him too. The Parish Clerk mentioned the ‘Maker Lane’ road sign opposite the Hall.

12 Borough Councillors Mrs Ashcroft and Mrs Gould’s Report

The new Mayor is Kim Smith, and the Deputy Mayor is Monica Hilton. The Cllrs are trying to get the Council to be accountable; it was reported that the last two planning meetings had been cancelled. They suggested contacting the Cllrs Community Fund for funding eg the signpost, a defibrillator. County Cllr Mrs Brown also mentioned the County Cllrs Fund.

13 PCSO Edwards/PCSO Siwek's Report

The Clerk had received an auto response from PCSO Siwek on receipt of the Agenda that she was on a rest day.

14 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Smith had met Kim Squires on Monday 7th April, and the Audit had gone well. The Clerk is meeting Kim on Wednesday 15th October at 9.30am

15 Finances

The bank reconciliation for the end of the year and the end of April had been circulated, together with the expenses for 2024-2025.

Cllr Mrs Smith reported the company who were going to shotblast the sign are no longer to do it; Belmont Shotblasting have submitted a quote for £350 plus VAT. It was agreed they could go ahead with the work.

The quotes for the insurance were discussed, and it was agreed to use Zurich Mutual for the coming year.

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Date		Payee	Detail	Amount
19 th May 2025	BACS	Cllr Mrs Smith	Paint/brushes	£47.00+£5.01VAT
19 th May 2025	BACS	Deer Park Dairy Ltd	Room Hire x 2	£57.00+£3.00VAT
19 th May 2025	BACS	Kim Squires	Audit	£166.10
19 th May 2025	BACS	SPCA	Annual Subscription	£87.10
19 th May 2025	BACS	Cllr Mrs Prince	Paint	£15.00+£.3.00VAT
19 th May 2025	BACS	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£310.12

16 Ratification of New Financial Regulations

The amended New Financial Regulations were ratified.

17 Kim Squires Internal Audit Services

The details of Kim Squires Internal Audit Services proposal had been circulated to the Cllrs, and it was agreed to appoint Kim as auditor.

18 Best Kept Village update – Cllr Mrs Smith

There had been a village clean up.

Cllr Mrs Prince has bought the paint for the speedgates, and asked if anyone would be able to paint them.

19 Defibrillator

The Clerk will confirm with Sean Cooper from AEDdonate that he will be attending the PC Meeting on Monday 16th June. Cllr Mrs Smith has approached The Meynell about installing the defibrillator there; the Manager has agreed to speak to the owners.

20 Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 19th May 2025

21 Land opposite The Meynell

Cllr Mrs Smith commented that the area is looking good.

22 Correspondence

The Clerk had received a letter from the NatWest bank detailing their services.

23 Members Points of Information

There were no Members Points of Information.

24 Dates of the next Meetings

Monday 16th June, Monday 15th September and Monday 8th December at The Deer Park, Maker Lane.

Signed by Chairperson

Name: Cllr Mrs Smith

Signature:

Date: