HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025
at The Deer Park, Maker Lane, Hoar Cross

Present: Cllr Mrs Smith, Cllr Mrs Baxter, Cllr Mrs Prince, Cllr Mrs Patterson, Cllr Marsden
Miss E Goodwin (Parish Clerk), Mrs C Brown

Cllr Mrs Smith welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1 Public Participation
The owners Blacksmiths Cottage attended to discuss various issues regarding the Cottage.

2 Apologies
Apologies were received from Borough Cllrs George, Gould and Jones, County Cllr Jessell

3 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Marsden has applied for planning permission on Primrose Cottage, Brakenhurst Hill

4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024
It was pointed out that under item 7, the dangerous tree on Maker Lane has not been removed.
This amendment was noted, and the Minutes were agreed to be a true representation of the Meeting, and were signed by Cllr Mrs Smith.

5 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda
There were no matters arising not covered on the Agenda.

6 Kelly Waring/PCSO Hadfield
Kelly was not able to attend this Meeting, but will try to come to the next Meeting. PCSO Chris Edwards came in her place; he confirmed that there Is a police presence in Hoar Cross, and left some information regarding Rural Crime.

7 Planning – Cllr Mrs Baxter

Planning Number	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
Applications Received					
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	The Parish Council has objected	
Applications Approved					
P/2023/00749	21/08/2023	Abbots Bromley School for Girls	Partial demolition of St Mary's teaching block, sports hall and swimming pool		Approved
P/2024/01279	08/01/2025	The Spinney House, St Michaels Drive	Pollard to approximately 50% of current height two Lime trees		Approved
P/2025/00099	26/02/2025	1 Park Cottage, St Michaels Drive	Felling of one Horse Chestnut tree		Approved
Other Planning Matters					
P/2023/00416	21/08/2023	Abbots	Partial demolition of the former	For	

		Bromley School for Girls	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	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	

Planning Permission P/2024/000673 was discussed at length, and it was agreed to contact the enforcement team at ESBC with regard to the Permitted Development given for a games room annexe (under class E) which is currently being built as bedrooms (which would not be allowed under class E).

8 Parish Councillors Reports

- Highways – Cllr Mrs Patterson has emailed Cllr Jessell about the potholes and blocked drains on School Hill; there are still potholes on the Abbots Bromley Road; the potholes which have been filled in on Maker Lane have opened up again.
  Cllr Marsden reported that there are potholes on Brakenhurst Hill, and that there is a lot of water running down the Hill.
  It was agreed not to go ahead with installing SID signs.
- Environment – Cllr Mrs Prince said the dangerous tree on Maker Lane has not been removed; the Clerk will contact Cllr Jessell about the dangerous tree and the damaged 'Maker Lane' road sign opposite the entrance to Hoar Cross Hall.
- Footpaths – Cllr Mrs Smith reported the stile on School Hill has a slant on it, but it is safe to use.

9 County Councillor Jessel's Report

No report received.

10 Borough Councillors Report

No report received.

11 PCSO Edwards/PCSO Siwek's Report

See Item 6.

11 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk has followed up the offer of a cherry tree; there has been a lot of interest, and not all of the applicants may get a tree, which are being grown for delivery in November 2026.
The Clerk is meeting Kim Squires on Monday 7th April; Cllr Mrs Smith agreed to attend the meeting.

13 Finances

The bank reconciliation and expenses spreadsheet had been circulated.
The VAT refund had been received.
The Clerk reported that the NatWest Bank in Uttoxeter is closing in June, so she will have to contact Cllr Mrs Smith or Cllr Mrs Patterson for interim statements.
It was agreed that Cllrs could go ahead and buy items prior to the Meetings; Cllr Mrs Prince will buy paint for the speed gates, and Neil Smith will go ahead with painting the signpost by The Meynell after it has been shotblasted.

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Detail	Amount

17th March 2025		Mrs L Bott	Updates to the website	£115.00
17th March 2025		Miss E Goodwin	Salary Expenses	£320.00 £199.08
17th March 2025		HMRC	PAYE	£192.20
17th March 2025		Cllr Mrs Smith	Strimmer part	£11.90+ £2.38 VAT
30th March 2025	Standing Order	Miss E Goodwin	Salary	£447.85

The Clerk will meet Cllr Mrs Smith to make the payments by BACS.

14 Ratification of New Financial Regulations

Cllr Marsden had made some suggestions regarding the New Financial Regulations; the Clerk will make the amendments.

15 Kim Squires Internal Audit Services

The appointment of Kim Squires Internal Audit Services as Internal Auditor for the current financial year was minuted.

16 Best Kept Village update – Cllr Mrs Smith

Hoar Cross will not be entering the competition this year, but Cllr Mrs Smith will organise a village clean up.

17 Defibrillator

It was suggested inviting Sean Cooper from AEDdonate to the PC Meeting on Monday 16th June. The Clerk will find out some more information regarding the running costs, and Cllr Mrs Smith will approach The Meynell about installing the defibrillator there.

18 Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 19th May 2025

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 and the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting 2025 were approved. Cllr Mrs Baxter will put the date on the Hoar Cross and Newchurch Goings On and the Hoar Cross Parish Council Facebook pages, with a link to the website where the Minutes from 2024 and the Agenda will be. The Parish Clerk will send the Minutes and Agenda to Lynne Bott for inclusion in the Newsletter, and will display them on the notice boards.
Cllr Mrs Prince will organise tea/coffee/biscuits.

19 Land opposite The Meynell

Cllr Mrs Prince will follow up the tree trunk bench; it was noted the grass has not been used as a car park recently.

20 HS2 Update

It was agreed that this no longer needs to be an Agenda item.

21 Correspondence

NatWest bank are reducing the interest rate.

22 Members Points of Information

There were no Members Points of Information.

23 Dates of the next Meetings

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.

Signed by Chairperson

Name: Cllr Mrs Smith

Signature:

Date: