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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Jonathan Moore, Adele Wright; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC), Georgina Glover (CCC) and 2 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Baker and Williams had sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported as follows:

* Mr Marsh gave more details about defibrillators. He remained hopeful of obtaining one at a good price.
* Mr Marsh circulated copies of a letter from KCC to National Grid objecting to the current Richborough Connection plans.

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported:

* This would be her last meeting as CCC member for the area. The Chairman offered her thanks for Mrs Glover’s help and support over the last 4 years.
* Mrs Glover said that the review of Concurrent Function Funding was progressing and she expected this to result in additional grant to parishes.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. No matters were raised:

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1. **Planning**

There were no objections to CA//15/00645/FUL (Chapter Seven) and CA//15/00473/FUL (Cossington)

1. **To consider the purchase of a defibrillator**

There is a local individual who has some expertise on this subject and it was suggested we consult with this person. Amongst a number of issues to be resolved is the precise choice of model.

1. **Report of the clerk/RFO**

The clerk reported that the end-March cashbook and bank balance was £11,741.01.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: March £360.27 (salary £315.19, expenses £45.08.)
2. KALC subscription £170.50 plus VAT.
3. Grassmow Services £112.00.

It was resolved to renew the contract with Grassmow Services for the 2015/16 year and to allow the clerk to negotiate a small increase to the contract amount, if necessary.

**Meeting dates**

It was agreed to have the annual parish meeting on May 11th *[Note: following the meeting this was changed to May 18th at 8 p.m.]* It was agreed to have a less formal meeting than usual; to provide refreshments and to see if the local individual with defibrillator knowledge could address the meeting.

The date of the May PC meeting and the annual PC meeting would have to be confirmed later when Cllr Moore’s availability was known.

The June meeting was set for June 8th and the July meeting for July 6th.

**Correspondence:**

* A letter from BT about the “adopt a kiosk” scheme. This was considered by the PC some years ago at which point it was decided not to proceed. The Chairman took the latest correspondence away to review and report back.

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1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Moore suggested we enter the “village in bloom” competition next year. It was agreed to follow this up with the Allotments Association and the Gardening Society.

Cllr Wright said she would be happy to help with the maintenance of the Marley Lane road island. Cllr Chapman said she would too.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

Per the above notes, the date of this was left open*. [The date of the annual parish meeting was subsequently set as May 18th at 8 p.m.]*

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

April 22nd 2015.

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_