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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2017.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman, Carol Foster, John Williams, Adele Wright. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 3 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Baker. Ann Taylor of CCC had also sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

The minutes were agreed as tabled and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

Mr Marsh was unable to contribute significantly because of the “purdah” rules relating to the forthcoming KCC elections.

1. **To review the traffic problems on the Ford Hill/Maypole Road/Hoath Road route.**

Following discussion, it was resolved to reply to the letter from Cllr Balfour (KCC) to the effect that the PC would be prepared to spend some money on these issues. It would be suggested that a Kent Highways representative visited and met with PC members to travel the route and see what might be the most effective solution in terms of improved signage, etc.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. The following matters were raised:

* Speeding vehicles: the chairman suggested members of the public should note the registration numbers of such vehicles and pass them to the PC, or direct to the police.
* The overgrown hedge in Maypole Lane by “the Brambles” was noted.

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1. **Planning**

There were no applications to consider. It was noted that CCC had lodged “no objections” to the retrospective application at the school.

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The chairman reported that she understood that three farm-workers’ cottages were being built in place of a storage facility at Church Farm, under permitted development rights.

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

The clerk reported that the end- March cashbook balance was £17,435.50. This had been reconciled to the bank balance of £17,534.79.

KALC subscription: this was considered and it was unanimously resolved to renew.

Grass cutting: it was agreed to renew the contract with the current contractor, assuming he was prepared to continue at the same price or close to it. Clerk to check with him.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: March (net) £307.11
2. KALC subscription £230.69
3. HMRC (PAYE for Jan/Feb/March) £191.00

Voluntary warden scheme: we are still looking for a volunteer. The clerk had placed some text on this in the parish magazine and on the web-site.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster noted and welcomed the recently reported government action to combat fly-tipping.

Cllr Chapman noted the contacts page in the parish magazine needed updating. The clerk agreed to see to this.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

The annual Parish Meeting was confirmed as Monday May 8th at 8 p.m. This will be immediately followed by the annual Parish Council meeting and the May PC meeting.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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