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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman, Carol Foster, John Williams, Adele Wright, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk) and seven members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Ann Taylor of CCC.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

Cllr Wright declared an interest in respect of planning applications CA//18/00439/FUL and CA//18/00440/LB.

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**

For KCC Alan Marsh reported that:

* Kent would get 200 more police officers.
* KCC is working hard on clearing drains
* Despite funding cuts, no libraries in Kent have been closed.
* The Thanet Way would be cleared of litter by the end of June.

Cllr Williams enquired about the waste voucher scheme. Mr Marsh said the relevant new cabinet member would look at this in due course.

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

* Litter: this is a major problem. The clerk reported that he had written to CCC’s CEO with a copy to Ann Taylor but had yet to receive a proper reply. It was suggested the clerk email CCC Cllr Robert Jones who has some responsibility in this area.
* Cllr Chapman spoke about the desire to “spruce up” the village. This was well received. Cllr Williams said he could make some planters and costs would be investigated.

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1. **Planning**

Applications:

CA//18/00439 and 00440 (interest declared by Cllr Wright): not discussed as the deadline for comments has passed.

CA//18/00590/FUL (2 Millbank Cottages): no objections

CA//18/00571/FUL (Ivy House, Maypole Road): no objections

The withdrawal of CA//18/00031/FUL was noted.

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

The clerk reported that the end-March cash book balance was £14,915.79. The bank statement has yet to be received.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: March (net) £285.95
2. HMRC (PAYE for Jan-Mar) £193.00

The clerk has arranged to meet with a Kent Highways officer on April 27th to look further into road/traffic problems. Cllr Chapman said she would come along too.

1. **To consider arrangements for the annual parish meeting**

The clerk noted that attendance at this meeting (usually held in May) had waned in recent years. After discussing the various options, e.g. guest speaker, etc., it was decided not to have an annual parish meeting this year.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster reported that she had done a safety check of the play area. No problems were found. She intended to do these checks monthly in future.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday May 14th 2018 at 8 p.m. This would also be the time and date of the annual parish council meeting which would precede the monthly meeting.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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