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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2019.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman, Carol Foster, John Williams, Adele Wright. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Ann Taylor (CCC) and four members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Baker had sent apologies as had Alan Marsh of KCC.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

The minutes were agreed as tabled as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For CCC, Ann Taylor offered her thanks and farewells as she is standing down from CCC. She referred to the recent planning meeting at which the development of houses/village green/car park was approved and said those who spoke at the meeting had helped significantly. The chairman thanked Mrs Taylor for her work over the last few years.

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

* The speed limit sign in School Lane has come down. This, and other similar issues, was noted when the clerk recently toured the parish with the KCC highways officer so one hoped it would be addressed soon.
* The footpath off Ford Hill is overgrown. This has been reported to the clerk of Herne and Broomfield in whose parish the majority of the path lies.
* What activities will take place in the new village green? This will require some thought.

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1. **Planning**

The approval of CA//18/02044/FUL (Rosary Farm House), CA//18/01607/FUL (Ivy House); CA//18/02546/FUL (Little Rushbourne Cottage), CA//19/00122/LUE (White Horse Cottage) and the withdrawal of CA//18/02552/FUL (1 Millbank Cottages) was noted.

There were no objections to application CA//19/00471 (Church Farm, School Lane)

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

The clerk reported that the end-March cash book balance was £16,645.75. Bank statement awaited.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: February (net) £291.17
2. Clerk March (net) £291.17

£582.34

1. HMRC (Jan/Feb/Mar) £196.80
2. Grassmow services £448.00
3. KALC subscription £229.30
4. Action with Communities in Rural Kent subscription £52.00

The chairman signed the external audit exemption form.

Correspondence, etc:

* The clerk noted that the applications to list the Gate Inn and the Prince of Wales as Assets of Community Value had been successful.
* The clerk reported he had met with Paul Leary, the KCC roads officer and had a good drive around. We should end up with a few “beware horse” signs and maybe some other warning signs, especially on Ford Hill. We should also get various road markings re-painted. Various repair items were noted.
* Email from Chislet PC about the bridge in Old Tree Rd. The meeting confirmed they were very happy for Chislet PC to undertake repairs.
* Email from the church about Rogation Day.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster had inspected the play area. There are no significant issues, other than those previously noted.

1. **Date of the next meetings**

The **May meeting** date was confirmed as May 13th. This will be preceded by the annual PC meeting and followed by the annual parish meeting. (It should be noted that this is the originally scheduled date; it had been planned to move it but this is not possible due to the rules around the elections.)

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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