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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2014.**

Present: Councillors John Williams (chair), Jonathan Moore, Sue Chapman; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Georgina Glover (CCC) and 6 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Wright was unwell. Alan Marsh of KCC and PCSO Jo White had also 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**

Georgina Glover of CCC commented on the final Concurrent Function Grant settlement and noted that following the boundary changes, Guy Foster would be standing as her effective replacement in the forthcoming local council elections. Mrs Glover would be standing in Sturry ward.

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

* It was suggested that a defibrillator be purchased. This was generally thought to be a good idea.
* It was noted that the “school run” bus was often only a single-decker and therefore full. It would be useful if Stagecoach could use a double-decker for this service.
* The blocked drainage ditches in Church Rd by the Old Rectory were now much improved.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA//14/02403/FUL (Sandy Meadows Farm). With some regret it was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that a new build on a green field site would set a dangerous precedent.

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Application CA//14/02157/FUL (Longshot, Maypole Lane): additional details had been supplied. No objections.

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

This was felt to be a good idea, albeit the cost was large in the context of the PC’s income and reserves. It was noted that a variety of models was available and there were various other issues to consider, such as training. It was resolved in principle to buy a defibrillator, with consideration of the details at the next meeting.

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

The clerk reported that the end-November cashbook and bank balance was £13,196.50.

The following was approved for payment:

1. Clerk: November £438.53 (salary £308.40, bonus per recent pay award £100.00; expenses £30.13.)
2. Village Hall - youth club hall hire cots: £110.00

**Budget and precept 2015/16:** the clerk had circulated a report looking at the expected outturn for 2014/15 and the budget for 2015/16. After discussion, it was resolved to set the precept for 2015/16 at £6,500.00. This represented an increase of £400, which would help towards the cost of a defibrillator.

**Correspondence:**

* CCC had advised a CFG settlement of £1,412.74 (after clawback of unspent CFG in 2013/14). This was less than requested but should be adequate.
* Road salt: CCC had indicated that existing bins would be topped up. It was agreed not to request any additional salt.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Williams indicated that he was going to have to stand down as chairman, at least for the time being, due to other commitments. Cllr Chapman had indicated that she would be happy to stand in as chairman.

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1. **To consider co-option of a new member**

There were two potential candidates but the PC was not yet in a position to make a decision. It was agreed that PC members should meet the candidates as soon as possible. In the meantime, the clerk would explore the matter of an increase in the size of the PC from 5 to 6 with CCC.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday January 12th at **8.00 pm**.

Given that the youth club was once again operational, it was agreed that from February onwards, meetings would be held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

December 16th 2014.

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