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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018.**

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

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Wright had sent apologies as had Ann Taylor of CCC.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

Cllr Foster declared an interest in so far as she is the clerk’s wife.

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 KCC, Alan Marsh reported:

* Some of the extra money KCC had been awarded has been delayed.
* The individual KCC member grants were under threat in 2019/20.
* The new Hersden Parish is going ahead.

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

* Cllr Chapman reminded everyone about the Hoath Players pantomime.
* There was praise for the plant troughs.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA//18/02044/FUL (Rosary Farm House): there were no objections.

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

The clerk reported that the end-November bank and cash book balance was £18,022.06. This has benefitted from a VAT reclaim of £545.53.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk November (net) £291.17

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**Budget and precept for 2019/20**

The clerk had circulated a draft budget. This included an increase for the clerk of an hour per week (amongst other changes) and while this was not approved at this meeting, the overall budget was accepted with the unanimous resolve to levy a precept of £7,400.00 for 2019/20.

**Correspondence**

* The clerk said he has asked Mr Young to have a look at the fence in the play area and see if it can be more securely pinned down.
* The clerk has responded to the CCC litter bin review which includes a request for a new dog waste bin.
* The KCC voluntary warden has been appointed. His name is Roger Lithgow.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman thanked Cllr Williams for making the flower troughs and thanked those who had made complimentary comments.

Cllr Foster had inspected the play area. There was nothing to report except for the comments about the fence repairs mentioned earlier in the meeting. She would check again soon to see if action had been taken.

1. **Dates of the meetings for 2019**

It was unanimously resolved to keep to the current schedule. This being the case, the date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday January 14th 2019 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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