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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Jonathan Moore , Adele Wright, John Williams, Tim Baker; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC) and 4 members of the public.

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1. **To elect a deputy chairman**

Cllr Williams having indicated his willingness to stand, he was proposed by Cllr Chapman, seconded by Cllr Wright and unanimously elected to the post of deputy chairman.

1. **Apologies**

PCSO Jo White and Mrs Glover (CCC) had 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**

Alan Marsh reported as follows:

* He had signed off a grant of funds to the village hall.
* He had been speaking to the Fire and Rescue Service and believed it might be possible to acquire a defibrillator and related training from them at a good price.
* Discussions were underway to impose 7.5 ton limits on vehicles using a variety of local roads, including the Ford Hill route.

No CCC representative was present, Mrs Glover being unwell.

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

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* Ford Hill: a lorry had recently come off the road and badly damaged the adjacent embankment. It was not known if this is a matter for KCC or the landowner.
* There is a bad pot-hole outside the Old Rectory on Church Road. The clerk said he would report this but members of the public were reminded that they should report these things themselves, either to KCC or to web-sites such as fixmystreet.com. Full details are on the Hoath web-site.

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1. **Planning**

It was noted that application CA//14/02403/FUL (Sandy Meadows Farm) had been refused by CCC.

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

Cllr Chapman had obtained some prices from the Red Cross but in light of Mr Marsh’s comments, it was agreed to await further news from him before proceeding.

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

The clerk reported that the end-January cashbook balance was £12,502.65. The bank balance was higher by £110.00.

The following was approved for payment:

1. Clerk: January £345.32 (salary £315.19, expenses £30.13.)
2. Hoath Village Hall: £110.00. This is to replace the previous cheque which has gone missing.

**Correspondence:**

* Road Island, Marley Lane: the lady who has been maintaining this recently is moving away. Volunteers were needed to carry on the good work.
* More consultation notices have been received from the National Grid re the Richborough Connection project.
* A letter has been received from CCC about a “best value review” of CFG.

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1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Wright reported that she is planting more bulbs on the road island by her house.

Cllr Baker noted the kerbing at the side of part of Ford Hill which represents a potentially dangerous obstruction.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday March 9th at **8.00 pm**.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

February 16th 2015.

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