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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2017.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Carol Foster, John Williams, Adele Wright, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 3 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Ann Taylor of CCC had sent apologies. She had a regular diary clash on the second Monday of the month but hoped to be able to attend the March meeting.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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**

In relation to the traffic issues along Ford Hill/Maypole Road/Hoath Road, Mr Marsh (KCC) said that a response to the clerk’s letter may be slightly delayed due to annual leave. Mr Marsh would try and secure another speed warning sign, like the existing one. He said that School Lane was scheduled for repair.

Mr Marsh said the KCC council tax increase would be 3.99% including the 2% ring-fenced for social care.

Cllr Williams asked about the “waste voucher” scheme that Mr Marsh had spoken about some time ago. Mr Marsh said this scheme would not be implemented at the moment.

1. **To review the traffic problems on the Ford Hill/Maypole Road/Hoath Road route.**

Cllr Wright has started a petition.

The clerk has written to the relevant senior people at KCC with copies to local MPs. This letter has been acknowledged and a full response promised in due course.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. No matters were raised:

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1. **Planning**

It was noted that the application at Smock Acre has been approved.

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

The clerk reported that the end-January cashbook and bank balance was £16,745.50.

It was unanimously agreed to renew the subscriptions to the CPRE and Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: January (net) £344.14
2. Sue Chapman £96.29 to replace lost and expired cheque
3. CPRE sub £36.00
4. Action with communities in rural Kent £50.00

**Correspondence**

The clerk drew the meeting’s attention to the following items:

* The KCC voluntary warden scheme was to go ahead. Recruitment to start soon.
* The Canterbury local plan is out for consultation once again
* We had received notification of Hoath airfield event days. This is now on the Hoath web-site.
1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman reported that the land owner had moved the footpath opposite the church and erected kissing gates. This was much appreciated.

Cllr Chapman also reported anti-social behaviour by some residents of Heath House. This would be followed up with the CCC housing department.

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1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday March 13th at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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