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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Carol Foster, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and three members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Williams and Wright 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 and signed by the chairman.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

CCC- Rachel Carnac said she had little to report. She spoke of the review of the Local Plan, (which was the subject of a meeting with CCC officers, immediately following this meeting.)

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public:

A set of keys with a black elephant key fob has gone missing. If found please report to the clerk or a member of the PC.

A stretch of hedgerow in Maypole Lane has been removed. This has been reported to CCC as a possible planning breach, given the conservation area.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA/20/00013 (Rushbourne Ma nor): no objections.

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

The clerk reported that the end-January cash book and bank balance was £18,490.48. This has been boosted by the receipt of the Allotments Association rent and a £250 grant from

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CCC. This latter had come from Ms Carnac’s member’s allowance and apparently should have been £750. Ms Carnac said she would investigate.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: January (net) £338.51
2. CPRE subscription £36.00
3. Action with communities in rural Kent subscription £55.00
4. HMRC (PAYE Oct/Nov/Dec) £232.20

**External Audit**

It was unanimously resolved to declare as an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (smaller authorities) Regulations 2015.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Baker reported that the northern junction of Maypole Lane and Maypole Road is currently dangerous due to builders’ vans being parked there. The clerk will drop a friendly line to the householder concerned.

Cllr Chapman reported that Cllr Williams has delivered the new planters. She also noted that the verge opposite the village hall was becoming churned up but it was felt there was little that could be done about this.

Cllr Chapman noted that the village hall will be closed for a couple of weeks from the 15th due to the building works.

1. **Date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting date was confirmed as March 2nd 5.30 p.m. It should be noted that this is a change from the usual schedule.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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