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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2016.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), John Williams, Jonathan Moore. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk and CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 3 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Wright 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**

Guy Foster (CCC) reported as follows:

* He had attended recent meetings of CCC and the Herne Bay Area Members Panel but there was little of significance to report from either.
* He referred to the large development approved at Thanington and the proposed development at Hersden. No planning permission had yet been submitted for the latter and the land in question was not designated for development in the draft local plan.

Alan Marsh (KCC) reported that KCC council tax was likely to increase by 4%, including the allowed 2% for social care costs. KCC’s budget was facing very significant challenges. Mr Marsh also referred to another development, at Westbere, for some 40 houses.

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

* The bramble bush by the Church Road/Hoath Road junction has been pruned. Many thanks to whoever did this.
* Various highways repair issues were reported but Mr Marsh repeated previous comments re the lack of available funds.
* Thanks were given for the PC’s donation to the church.
* Cllr Chapman reported that erection of the new finger post had been relayed due to the weather.

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1. **Planning**

There were no matters to be considered.

Cllr Chapman referred to an open meeting due to take place at 7 p.m. on February 8th (i.e. immediately before the next Parish Council meeting) at which various proposals for new developments and amenities for Hoath would be presented for public consideration.

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

The clerk reported that the end-December cashbook and bank balance was £15,182.56.

The following was approved for payment:

1. Clerk: December £341.42 (salary £315.19, expenses £26.23)

Correspondence:

* An email had been received from CCC re consultation on budget, transport, and plan.
* An email had been received from KCC re the latest draft of the minerals and waste plan.
1. **Councillors’ reports**

There were no further comments at this juncture.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday February 8th at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

January 20th 2016.

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