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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017.**

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

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Baker had sent apologies. Ann Taylor of CCC had also sent apologies. She had a regular diary clash on the second Monday of the month but would try to attend at least some Hoath PC meetings during the year.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising**

It was agreed to remove the word “positive” from the record of Mr Marsh’s (KCC) report. With this change, the minutes were agreed 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 the clerk should contact KCC via the Kent Highways “portal” with a list of requests. Mr Marsh noted that the extra money KCC had been allocated for road repairs had been largely accounted for by the Thanet Way works.

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

There was much discussion of the problems on this route. It was agreed to write to KCC and to contact our PCSO to set up a “speed watch”.

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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 oil drum was now by the farm entrance opposite the school. It was full of something and therefore very heavy. Mr Marsh said he would see if he could get it removed.

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* Various instances of overgrown hedges have now been tackled, the exception being at the corner of Maypole Lane and Maypole Road opposite the Prince of Wales.

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1. **Planning**

Application considered:

CA/16/02958/PAM: this is a prior notification of an agricultural change of use. There were concerns about increases in traffic movements onto and off Hoath Road but it was not felt necessary to lodge any formal objection.

It was noted that the applications at the Prince of Wales, Hawthorn Cottage and Dunmaran had been approved while the one at Old Tree Farmhouse had been withdrawn.

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

The clerk reported that the end-December cashbook balance was £16,923.58. This bank statement had yet to be received.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: December (net) £283.37
2. HMRC: PAYE for Oct/Nov/Dec £191.00

**Correspondence**

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

1. Email from St Nicholas Court Farms about taking action to deter fly-tipping and to construct a reservoir for agricultural use.
2. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman referred to the suggestion we contact our PCSO to see what needed to be done to set up a “speed watch” operation.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

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

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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