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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019.**

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

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1. **Apologies**

Ann Taylor of CCC had sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

Cllr Williams declared an interest as a neighbour re planning application CA//18/02566/LB.

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

The minutes were agreed as tabled as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported:

* He has met with the developers of the proposed development on the north side of Hersden.
* Preparations for the new Hersden parish council are underway.
* His individual KCC member grant will be cut by £5k in 2019/20.

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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 perennial subject of roadside litter was raised. The PC has tried to tackle this in the past. We can contact SERCO again and our CCC member.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA//18/02566/LB (Rushbourne Manor). Having declared an interest, Cllr Williams withdrew from discussions. There were no objections.

Application CA//18/02546/FUL (Little Rushbourne Cottage): no objections.

Application CA//18/02552/FUL (1 Millbank Cottages): correspondence had been received from certain residents about this application. This was discussed and although the PC was sympathetic to the views expressed by the residents, it did not think there were sufficient grounds for the PC to object.

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The approval of CA//18/02070/FUL (Smock Acre) and CA//18/02215/FUL (Keybridge House) was noted as was the withdrawal of CA//16/02698/VAR.

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

The clerk reported that the end-December bank and cash book balance was £17,730.89.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk December (net) £291.17

To consider **declaring as an exempt authority** within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015: this was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to adopt this exemption which would avoid the £200 cost of an external audit.

The **KCC voluntary warden** has been appointed. His name is Roger Lithgow. The clerk and the chair have met with him and he seems very sound. He has been fully briefed on local issues.

1. **To consider applying for parish public houses to be listed as Assets of Community Value.**

After discussion it was unanimously resolved to seek this listing for both the Prince of Wales and the Gate Inn.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster had inspected the play area. There are no significant issues. The fence repair has been improved but could be better. Members were asked to look out for suitable metal staples which would hold the fence down more securely.

Cllr Wright reported a burnt out car in Old Tree Road.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11th February at 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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