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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020.**

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

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1. **Apologies**

None.

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 reported that CCC was intending to introduce a charge for collecting green waste. She spoke about the current review of the Canterbury Local Plan and urged the PC to engage with CCC in this process.

Mrs Chapman reported the continued presence of fly tipping in Hicks Forstal Road.

KCC - Alan Marsh reported that the KCC budget to be approved on 17th February included an increase of 4% in council tax. Mr Marsh felt that the forthcoming national budget might include some good news for Kent.

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

Dog waste: this remains a serious problem. Mrs Chapman volunteered to make a special sign to place by dog waste to shame culprits.

It was reported that the Christmas hamper raffle raised £323.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA/19/10271: no objections.

The grant of CA/19/01653/VAR (Sandy Bank Farm) was noted.

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

The clerk reported that the end-December cash book and bank balance was £18,378.99.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: December (net) £338.51

Correspondence, etc:

We received an email about Highways Improvement Plans but there’s still been no word on the specific plan that was supposed to exist for Hoath.

This prompted discussion on fixing road signs; there’s confusion as to whether this is a KCC or CCC responsibility. The clerk will try and investigate. A number of signs need fixing, notably the one at the Heart in Hand junction.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Nothing further of substance was reported.

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

The next meeting date was confirmed as February 10th 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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