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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), John Williams, Adele Wright, Carol Foster. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and one member of the public.

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**This meeting was held on-line using Zoom.**

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Baker had sent apologies as had Alan Marsh (KCC).

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

The minutes of the June meeting were agreed as tabled as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

Rachel Carnac (CCC) spoke of the works in a field at Heart in Hand. A further planning control notice has been used to which the landowner has 21 days to respond. A site visit to the large Hillborough development site is planned by CCC.

1. **Planning**

Application CA/20/01211 (Yew Tree felling, White Horse Cottage): there was some doubt as to which yew tree was the one to be felled. Cllrs Chapman and Williams said they would check out the site tomorrow.

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

The clerk reported that the end-June cash book and bank balance was £25,223.59. This has been boosted by the receipt of the precept for 2020/21.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: June (net) £338.51
2. Clerk: July (net) post dated £338.51
3. HMRC (PAYE for April/May/June) £232.20
4. Holy Cross PCC – allotments rent £250.00

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**Correspondence, etc**

East Kent Housing have insisted that the planters placed in front of Heath House be removed. All agreed this was a ridiculous attitude, contrary to the interests of all concerned.

We have been contacted by a company called Apetito who provide a meals on wheels service. Anyone interested in accessing this service should contact Apetito on **07483 443736 or** [**zoe.spearink@apetito.co.uk**](mailto:zoe.spearink@apetito.co.uk)

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster reported the fly-tipping in Old Tree Road. Ms Carnac agreed to chase up the appropriate people at CCC.

Cllr Williams noted fast lorries driving north to south along Maypole Rd early in the morning. He didn’t know whose lorries these were. Parking in Hicks Forstal Road is a real problem with the car parks closed. The clerk will try and chase this up.

1. **To consider a donation to the village hall**

The village hall is facing serious financial problems due to the need for rewiring and a new damp proof course, to say nothing of the loss of income thanks to the lockdown. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to donate £2,000 to the village hall, it being of such central importance to the parish.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date was **rescheduled for Thursday 3rd September** at 5.30 p.m. It remains to be seen whether this will be a “real” or “remote” meeting.

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Following the meeting, public comments were raised in opposition to the felling of the yew tree at White Horse Cottage. It was also reported that the play area, although secured with a chain and padlock could be accessed by determined individuals. Finally, there was a report of youngsters racing motor bikes up and down Maypole Rd/Hoath Rd.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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