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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2014.**

Present: Councillors John Williams (chair), Jonathan Moore, Adele Wright; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC), Georgina Glover (CCC), PCSO Jo White and 5 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Chapman was away.

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**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported:

* The Canterbury transport strategy is a key component of the Canterbury Plan. It has yet to be approved. This may delay the Plan.
* Mr Marsh continues his efforts to prevent the closure of outpatient facilities at the Queen Victoria hospital in Herne Bay.
* Mr Marsh is hopeful that Manston may be saved as an airport. An American organisation is apparently interested.
* A reminder that Mr Marsh has secured Ramsgate pantomime tickets for 16th, 17th, 20th and 21st December

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported that no issues in Hoath had been reported to her recently. Any change to the CCC governance system (from executive to committee) would not happen until after next year’s elections.

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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 road markings in Hoath Rd/Maypole Rd still need re-doing. Mr Marsh blamed the delay on a lack of resources.

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PCSO Jo White re-introduced herself to the parish. She had no up to date crime figures but locally, was aware only of two thefts from vehicles.

The hedgerow at Woodpecker Cottage is apparently obstructing the road, creating a potentially dangerous situation for children on their way to school. The clerk was asked to write to the occupiers.

Representatives from the Allotments Association asked whether the PC had seen a water bill relating to the allotments. The answer was no and in any case any such charges would be a matter for the Allotments Association.

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1. **Planning**

Approval of CA//14/00672/FUL (Meadowbrook Barn) was noted.

There were no objections to CA//14/01372/LB and CA//14/01373/LB (both retrospective at Black Barn Court.)

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

The clerk reported that the end-June cashbook balance was £15,894.38. The bank statement, just received, showed a balance of £16,094.38. This included receipt of the Allotments Association rent.

There was unanimous retrospective approval of the emergency play area repairs put in hand since the last meeting.

A request for a donation had been received from the Air Ambulance and it was resolved to donate £50.00.

The following were therefore approved for payment:

1. Clerk: June £343.73 (salary £308.40, expenses £35.33).
2. Roger Young £640.00.
3. Kent Air Ambulance £50.00.

**Concurrent Function Grant 2015/16**

After discussion it was agreed to submit a request as follows, all items being in respect of the play area:

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Insurance 250

Grass cutting 550

Fence repairs 1,600

Equipment repairs 1,500

Safety inspection 100

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1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Moore thought that some extra equipment in the play area would be a good idea. After discussion it was agreed to investigate the cost and feasibility of installing some swings and a slide, with a view to submitting a capital grant application to CCC in due course.

Cllr Wright said she had started planting some flowers in the road island opposite her house. She also noted that the dog waste bin by the school is not being emptied, possibly because it’s obstructed by undergrowth. Cllr Wright offered to cut back the vegetation and the clerk said he would contact SERCO.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday September 8th at 8 pm.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

July 15th 2014.

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