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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Adele Wright, John Williams. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk and CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 12 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Moore had sent apologies.

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. **To elect a deputy chairman**

Cllr Williams was proposed for the post by Cllr Chapman, seconded by Cllr Wright and therefore duly elected as deputy chairman.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

Guy Foster (CCC) reported on the recent meeting of the Herne Bay area members’ panel which is now the relevant CCC members’ panel for Hoath, following the ward boundary changes. These members’ panels have grant money available and this year the Herne Bay panel appears to have more money than usual.

Mr Foster also referred to the proposed Chislet wind farm, saying that there was much local opposition and there was a “stop the Chislet wind farm” web-site. Mr Foster referred to recent changes to government planning guidelines which stated that on-shore wind farms were not to go ahead if there was local opposition. This would appear to be very unhelpful to those behind the plans.

Alan Marsh (KCC) reported:

* He understood that there may be some doubt as to whether the HB Members’ Panel would actually get all of the proceeds referred to by Mr Foster.

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* The white lines on Hoath Road will soon be repainted. He is also hopeful that the Ford Hill ditch will receive attention, likewise the surface of School Lane.
* Pantomime: this year, Mr Marsh has tickets available for Aladdin for matinées on 16/17/19/20 December.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. The following matters were raised:

* One member of the public expressed his disappointment that the PC had decided not to proceed with the purchase of a defibrillator, nor to adopt the phone box or improve the play area. The chairman explained the reasons for the first two decisions. As to the play area, she said that this was still being considered and that there was a case for providing some equipment for adults.
* The question of the village green was raised. It was explained that after searching for several years, it seemed very unlikely that suitable land would ever be available at an affordable price. The PC had received grants towards this project but there seemed to be no reason was to why these could not be applied to other projects.
* There was discussion of the need for replacement finger post on the Marley Road traffic island. Cllr Williams said he thought he could get one made and Mr Marsh offered a KCC grant to pay for it.
* It was requested that minutes appear more promptly on the web-site. The clerk apologised and undertook to update this.

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1. **Planning**

There were no objections to application CA//15/01172/FUL (Keybridge Cottage).

1. **To consider the removal of fencing at front of allotments site**

This request had come from the Allotments Association; the existence of the fence was limiting the use of the area for car parking. It was unanimously resolved to allow the AA to remove the railings part of the fencing, on the understanding that they would be responsible for any adverse consequences, notably fly-tipping. The clerk to write to the AA.

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

The clerk reported that the end-June cashbook and bank balance was £17,833.49.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: June £345.32 (salary £315.19, expenses £30.13)
2. Clerk July £341.42 (post-dated – no meeting in August) salary as above, expenses £26.23.
3. **Councillors’ reports**

There were no further reports from members.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday September 14th  at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

July 19th 2015.

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