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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2017.**

Present: Councillors Carol Foster, John Williams, Jilly Baker , Adele Wright. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 4 members of the public.

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In the absence of Cllr Chapman, Cllr Williams took the chair.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Chapman. Ann Taylor of CCC has also sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

The minutes were agreed as tabled and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

Mr Marsh distributed “30 mph” stickers. He reported that KCC’s transport strategy would be published imminently.

Cllr Williams enquired about the lack of horse warning signs. This led to discussion re the recent visit of a KCC officer to look at traffic calming and the fact that we still await news from KCC on this. The clerk undertook to chase this and to copy in Mr Marsh.

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

* Did the PC have a view on the Manston Airport issue? In response, it was noted that this has never been on a PC agenda and therefore the PC has no formal view on this.
* One of the finger posts is misaligned. It is probably an easy job to realign it. Cllr Williams offered to take a look.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA/17/01273/FUL: (Cherub Cottage - revised). There were no objections or other comments on this.

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

The clerk reported that the end-June cash book balance was £22,245.06. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £22,495.06. The figures are high because of course they include the precept and CFG.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: June (net) £283.37
2. HMRC £191.00
3. Hoath village hall £150.00
4. Roger Young £300.00

Voluntary warden scheme: we are still looking for a volunteer. The clerk has placed some text on this in the parish magazine and on the web-site. All were encouraged to publicise this.

The clerk reported that he and two members of the PC had attended the meeting about CCC’s local governance review. It was felt this review was unlikely to affect Hoath although it was observed that CCC has the right to change, merge or abolish PCs.

The clerk suggested the PC might wish to reinstate a formal safety review of the play area and it was unanimously agreed to do this.

The clerk reported that he had had a phone call about a large structure at Woodpecker Cottage which appears to have been erected without planning permission. Cllr Williams said he would take a look.

The clerk referred to an email from a resident about litter. Cllr Williams had obtained litter grabbers and sacks and these were distributed to members.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

There was nothing further to report.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting is confirmed for **Monday September 4th at 8 p.m.** As per last month’s minutes, it should be noted that this is a change of date from the original schedule.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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