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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2016.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Adele Wright, Carol Foster, John Williams. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Ann Taylor (CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 10 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

There were no 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. **CCC and KCC reports**

Alan Marsh (KCC) spoke on the subject of Bridleways. He said there were three options for creating new ones: (1) get landowners’ permission; (2) compulsory purchase of land by KCC; (3) clear overgrown existing ones. All these options were clearly problematic.

Mr Marsh also spoke of a proposal to issue “fly-tipping” vouchers to allow unrestricted disposal of illegally tipped waste at dumps.

Mr Marsh announced this year’s pantomime dates as December 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd. The venue is the Sarah Thorne theatre in Broadstairs.

Mr Marsh reported that he is chair of the Joint Transportation Board for 2016/17 and that the previously reported KCC select transport committee started work today.

Cllr Chapman raised the problem of parking opposite the village hall which created a very dangerous blind bend with one lane. She suggested a lay-by. Mr Marsh is to check ownership of the verge at this location. Cllr Chapman also suggested there was a need for more “dangerous bend” signs.

There followed much discussion of dangerous roads, overgrown verges, speeding traffic, etc. As usual, there seemed to be no easy answers to these problems. But Mr Marsh did say that “potholes are not a problem” as KCC has made more money available for a “pothole blitz”.

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The clerk is to email Mr Marsh about the items identified above.

For CCC, Mrs Taylor spoke of the changes to the No. 7 bus timetable. She said things were fairly quiet at CCC at the moment.

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

* There are once again problems with buses at the Prince of Wales. Cllr Chapman said she would speak to the new landlord.
* Verges: some are dangerously overgrown. It was unclear as to why this was and the clerk would seek clarification from a local farmer.

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1. **Planning**

It was noted that Hoath School’s application has been granted. There were no other planning matters to consider.

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

The clerk noted that the formal PC vacancy notice has been posted. He also noted that the 2015/16 annual return has been sent to the external auditors.

The clerk reported that the end-May cashbook balance was £20,314.97. The bank statement had a balance of £20,789.06. These figures included the 2016/17 precept and concurrent function grant.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk May (net of tax) £364.48 (includes web-site hosting fee)
2. Village Hall - rent £80.00

Correspondence:

The clerk drew the meeting’s attention to the emails with CCC re the new Concurrent Function Grant arrangements and the situation in respect of CFG for a new village green.

He also mentioned the email re the new bus timetable, as noted earlier in the meeting.

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1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Williams and Cllr Foster both referred again to the traffic problems discussed earlier in the meeting.

Cllr Chapman reported that the dinner in celebration of the Queen’s 90th birthday was a great success and many thanks were due to the volunteers who made this happen.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday July 11th at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

June 16th 2016.

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