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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2019.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Carol Foster, Adele Wright, Jilly Baler. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and four members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Williams had sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

The minutes were agreed as tabled as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For CCC, Rachel Carnac reported as follows:

* The sign off of the housing/village green planning application was still pending the agreement of various legal documents.
* The Prince of Wales has applied for the renewal of its music licence.
* She has been involved in meetings about the major Hillborough development. She is lobbying for improved traffic infrastructure.

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported as follows:

* He also continues to lobby for improvements to the Hillborough proposal.
* Referring to the new KCC charges for waste disposal, he asked that any instances of fly-tipping be reported to him.

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

* Road works signs are sometimes left for ages after the work has been completed. Also, some other signs, e.g. horse warnings, are clearly in the wrongs place. Mr Marsh said he would see what he could do about this.
* The Hoath Welcome Pack needs updating. A member of the public offered to go through it.
* The grass in the play area badly needs cutting. The clerk said he was aware of this and had spoken to the contractor who had a mower maintenance problem. As soon as this was fixed, he will cut the grass.

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1. **Planning**

There were no specific items to consider.

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

The clerk reported that the end-May cash book and bank balance was £22,253.98. It was noted that this figure is high due to the receipt of the precept and concurrent function grant sums for 2019/20.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: May (net) £450.37

This figure included reimbursement of annual fees for web-site hosting and data protection.

Correspondence, etc:

* The clerk reported he had met with the new Kent Highways people for a further review of local road issues. They are going to send a list of improvements and ask for them to be prioritised. The many faded road markings need dealing with separately.
* Thanet Community Transport had been in touch. It was agreed that we would be happy to have them come to talk to a PC meeting. The clerk will get back to them on this.
1. **To consider the purchase of new planters**

In the absence of Cllr Williams it was agreed to defer detailed consideration of this issue. In principal, all were in favour of having additional planters. The key issue was identifying people to care for the plants once they were installed.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster has not inspected the play area other than noting the grass cutting issue noted earlier.

Cllr Wright wanted to plant wild flowers on her road island but it tends to be mown regularly so there’s little point unless we can talk to whoever does the mowing. In the meantime, she will try and keep the weeds down. She also noted that verges need cutting.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date was confirmed as July 8th at 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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