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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Jonathan Moore, Tim Baker; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC), Georgina Glover (CCC) and 7 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Wright and Williams had sent apologies. Mrs Glover (CCC) had said she would be late arriving.

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 reported as follows:

* There had been a public meeting about the Richborough Connection project. He would leave it to Cllr Chapman to update the meeting about this.
* Mr Marsh gave more details about defibrillators. He remained hopeful of obtaining one at a good price.
* Mr Marsh asked the meeting to try and take photographs of any vehicles causing damage to roads, buildings, verges, etc; people should send them to Alan (07802 939880 or alan.marsh@kent.gov.uk) and he would ensure the culprits were chased.

Mrs Glover arrived later.

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

* Defibrillators: there was discussion on this topic. The need for them to be readily available and not hidden away was stressed.
* Internet: did we know if all the recent BT work had resulted in faster internet access being available in the area? No one was 100% certain

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but the feeling was that the answer was “yes”. A quick visit to the BT web-site would reveal all.

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1. **Planning**

The grant of CA//13/02197/FUL and CA//13/02198/LB (both Ford Manor Farm Oast) and CA//14/02157/FUL (Longshot, Maypole Lane) was noted.

1. **To consider the purchase of a defibrillator**

This topic had already been discussed. Further news from Mr Marsh was awaited.

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

The clerk reported that the end-February cashbook and bank balance was £12,157.33.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: February £345.32 (salary £315.19, expenses £30.13.)
2. Action with Communities in Rural Kent subscription £35.00
3. CPRE subscription £36.00.

Bank mandate: it was resolved to add Cllrs Wright and Baker as signatories and to ensure that Cllr Nugent had been removed.

**Correspondence:**

* An email had been received from a resident complaining of a great deal of dog fouling in the Old Tree area. It was agreed to contact SERCO to see if we could get a new dog poo bin installed in the area. It was generally felt undesirable to post more notices on the subject.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman noted the broken sign post on the road island at the Marley Lane junction. The clerk will try and lobby KCC for a like for like replacement. The matter of gardening on this road island remains outstanding with a volunteer or two possibly required.

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Cllr Chapman reported on the Richborough Connection meeting held at Hersden on March 6th. The main issue is that the pylons to be used will be much taller than the existing ones and this has only recently become apparent. The effect on Hoath won’t be too severe but other areas, notably Broad Oak, would suffer considerably. Sir Roger Gale MP is to seek support to urge National Grid to consider completely different options, e.g. bringing the power line ashore at the Isle of Grain. Those seeking to object to the current plans needs to lobby OFGEM.

Georgina Glover (CCC) arrived during this item and contributed to the discussion summarised above. She reported that she has seen the draft minutes of the meeting and they would be published and distributed very soon.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday April 13th at **8.00 pm**.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

March 13th 2015.

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