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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Jonathan Moore, Adele Wright; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Guy Foster (CCC) and 12 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Alan March of KCC had sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

Members had to re-state interests following hr recent election. Forms to be returned to CCC via the clerk.

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 could not be present. Guy Foster (CCC) had nothing further to report.

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

* We could do with a new, prominent and user-friendly notice board in the village.
* The play area has little for very small children. The PC had noted this some time ago and reviewed the situation but had felt it hard to justify spending a large sum for a very small number of children. The PC would review the matter again.
* Could we review the question of white limes down the middle of roads? This would be raised again with Alan Marsh.
* The Holy Cross fete is on September 5th this year.

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1. **Accounts and annual return for 2014/15**

The clerk had circulated the figures which showed a satisfactory cash surplus for the year of £1,159. The internal audit had been completed with no issues

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 reported. The figures were unanimously approved. The clerk read the annual governance statement which includes review of internal controls; assurance that laws and other regulatory matters have been complied with; risk assessment; consideration of financial impact of litigation or other liabilities or commitments. This was considered and unanimously approved. The chairman signed the annual return.

1. **Insurance renewal**

The renewal quotation from Came & Co was £454.39, a very small increase on the previous year. It was unanimously resolved to accept this quotation.

1. **Planning**

There were no new applications to consider. The following were noted: refusal of CA//15/00436/FUL (1 Barn Close), grant of CA//15/00444/FUL (Woodside Nursery) and of CA//15/00473/FUL (Cossington).

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

The clerk reported that the end-April cashbook balance was £12,476.78. The bank balance was higher by the amount of the unpresented KALC cheque, at £12,681.48. These figures included the CFG for 2015/16 but not the precept.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: April £351.82 (salary £315.19, expenses £36.63.)
2. Eric Fewkes (internal audit) £120.00
3. Broker Network Ltd (insurance) £454.39.
4. **To consider co-opting new members**

Mr John Williams had indicated his willingness to serve as a member. He was proposed by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr Wright and unanimously co-opted to the parish council.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Moore was keen on adopting the telephone kiosk, in line with the offer received from BT. He was not keen on the idea of putting a defibrillator in it. He believed that schools had a right to receive grant money to fund

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 defibrillators. Cllr Chapman said she would speak to the school and it was agreed to consider the phone kiosk issue at the next meeting.

Cllr Wright noted the issue of speeding traffic on local roads. This would be raised once more with Alan Marsh of KCC.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as June 8th.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

May 24th 2015.

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