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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2016.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Adele Wright, 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 but Cllr Chapman informed the meeting that Cllr Moore had resigned. Expressions of interest from potential new members would be very welcome.

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) reported that he is to chair a committee looking into bus services in the county and would welcome input from the PC and the public on this topic.

For CCC, Mrs Taylor introduced herself to the meeting and reported that CCC’s new Mayor is George Metcalfe. Rosemary Doyle is to be Sheriff for 2016/17.

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

* Complementary remarks were made about the “triangle” and the new finger post.

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1. **To consider the accounts and annual return for 2015/16**

The clerk had circulated the annual return prior to the meeting. This was duly reviewed and the figures, which showed a cash surplus of £1,887 for the year and governance statement were unanimously accepted. This being the case, the chairman and clerk signed the relevant sections of the annual return.

1. **To consider the renewal of the PC’s insurance policy**

The clerk had circulated the renewal details from Came and Company and it was unanimously resolved to accept their terms

1. **Planning**

Applications CA//16/00912/FUL (Milbank House) and CA//16/00958/VAR (Melbury) were considered. There were no objections.

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

The clerk reported that the end-April cashbook balance was £13,054.25. The bank statement had a balance of £21,209.27 as it included the 2016/17 precept and concurrent function grant.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk April (net of tax) £298.36.
2. Eric Fewkes – internal audit £120.00
3. Came & Co - insurance renewal : £474.09

The first two of these are retrospective approvals.

Correspondence:

The clerk drew the meeting’s attention to the inspector’s report on the Kent Minerals and Waste Plan and to the report received on Council Tax Support Grant.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Williams commented on the lack of bridleways. This is a long-standing problem and the clerk undertook to bring this to the attention of KCC.

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Cllr Chapman announced that there would be a further public meeting, at 7 p.m. on June 13th, to consider updated plans for the village green/car park/housing development.

Cllr Chapman also reported that our footpath warden had been working hard and had met with the relevant KCC person. The path opposite the church was apparently in the “wrong” place and therefore KCC will not spend money on a kissing gate. The land owner is to review the situation with KCC.

1. **To consider the co-option of a new member**

Cllr Chapman announced that Mrs Carol Foster had put herself forward for co-option. This was unanimously approved and Mrs Foster was welcomed to Hoath PC.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday June 13th at 8 p.m. to be preceded, as set out above, by the public meeting at 7 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

May 28th 2016.

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