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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019.**

Present: Councillors Carol Foster, John Williams, Adele Wright, Jilly Baler. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC) and four members of the public.

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In the absence of Cllr Chapman, Cllr Williams took the chair.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Chapman had sent apologies as had Rachel Carnac of CCC.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

It was noted that members had completed their disclosable pecuniary interest forms post the elections. No other matters were declared.

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 KCC, Alan Marsh reported as follows:

* He had met with KCC Highways staff in respect of the Hillborough development and told them that the current road/traffic plan was not acceptable.
* A cheaper way of disposing of waste is needed so as to reduce fly-tipping.
* The new Hersden PC is up and running.
* The new local CCC councillors were due to meet with Ruth Goudie (senior transportation officer) of CCC.

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

* Rogation Sunday is May 26th. There will be the usual walk and lunch. The church will be open that weekend with window displays by various local organisations.

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1. **Accounts and Annual Return 2018/19**

After discussion the annual governance statement was confirmed and the accounts accepted. The relevant pages were signed by the clerk and the deputy chairman.

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1. **Insurance**

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the renewal quotation from Came & Co.

1. **Planning**

There were no specific items to consider. The clerk confirmed that he had registered an objection once again in respect of the large Hillborough development.

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

The clerk reported that the end-April cash book balance was £23,216.47. This has been reconciled to the bank statement figure of £23,445.77. It was noted that these figures are high due to receipt of the precept and concurrent function grant sums for 2019/20.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: April (net) £338.51
2. Came & Co (insurance) £483.98
3. Nigel Ogilvie (internal audit) £140.00

Correspondence, etc:

* The clerk reported he will be meeting with Paul Leary’s successor at Kent Highways for a further review of local road issues.
* The clerk at Herne and Broomfield PC has written about the overgrown footpath off Ford Hill. Action is being taken.
* Detailed road works plans have been received from KCC.
* Email from a local resident re grass cutting of “the triangle”.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Foster had inspected the play area. There are no significant issues but the grass needs cutting and the fence issue behind the goal has worsened a little.

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.

Cllr Baker thought the new planter looked very good and we should have more. It was agreed to put this on the next meeting’s agenda.

There was discussion about the possible uses for the new village green. Adult fitness equipment was mentioned and Cllr Foster noted that Littlebourne has quite a lot of this sort of thing; it’s worth members’ while to take a look.

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1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date was confirmed as June 10th at 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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