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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014.**

Present: Councillors John Williams (chair), Jonathan Moore, Sue Chapman, Adele Wright; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC) and 5 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Georgina Glover of CCC and PCSO Jo White had sent apologies.

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**

For KCC, Alan Marsh made the following comments:

* There had been a significant amount of local theft recently, including lead from the school roof. People should be vigilant.
* Kent Highways had fixed a large number of potholes recently and work continued, notably in Hawe Lane, Sturry, which would be closed for up to two weeks.
* A reminder about pantomime tickets: those interested can contact Alan direct at alan.marsh@kent.gov.uk

Georgina Glover of CCC was unable to attend the meeting.

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

* There was a missing manhole cover in Marley Lane.
* There was concern at blocked drainage ditches in Church Rd by the Old Rectory. Cllr Chapman said she would have a look at this, which is not a new problem.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA//14/02157/FUL (Longshot, Maypole Lane): no objections.

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

The clerk reported that the end-October cashbook and bank balance was £13,535.03.

The following was approved for payment:

1. Clerk: September £338.53 (salary £308.40, expenses £30.13.)

**Budget and precept 2015/16:** the clerk had circulated a report which suggested the precept for 2015/16 could be maintained at the current level. He said that the usual CCC deadline was 31st December and this being the case, it would be sensible for members to give the matter some thought and finalise things at the next PC meeting.

**Correspondence:** AGM papers had been received from KALC and an annual report from Healthwatch. These were tabled for review by members.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman thanked the footpath warden for his strimming work. After discussion, it was decided not to have the strimmer serviced at the current time.

Cllr Williams expressed continued concern at the speed of traffic on Hoath Rd. There was discussion but no clear path for action presented itself.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday December 8th at **7.30 pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

November 17th 2014.

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