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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), John Williams, Adele Wright. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk and CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 7 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Moore had sent apologies. It was noted that PCSO Jo White had moved to a new job and there was no word yet as to her replacement.

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**

Guy Foster (CCC) reported on the recent Concurrent Function Grant allocation process. All applications had been scaled down but thankfully some smaller parishes, including Hoath, had suffered less badly than others. Mr Foster also reported on the Canterbury plan process which was continuing with an item on the agenda for the forthcoming Policy and Resources Committee recommending the addition of land at Thanington as a major development site but not the old colliery land at Hersden/Westbere.

Alan Marsh (KCC) reported that new reflector posts had been installed on the bridge at Ford. He also reported that KCC would need to make large cuts in its budget 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:

* New sign post: this was ready but Cllr Williams apologised that he had not had time to erect it. He would get to this just as soon as possible.

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1. **Planning**

The application for the Hoath School expansion had been published. There were no objections.

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

The clerk reported that the end-October cashbook and bank balance was £15,787.39.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: September £343.41 (salary £315.19, expenses £28.22)

Correspondence:

* Flyer from Taylor Wimpey about their proposed development at Hillborough.
* Letter from CCC confirming adoption of an Article 4 Direction in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation in the greater Canterbury area from February 2016.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Williams was concerned about the effects on traffic in Hoath of the various proposed developments in neighbouring areas. This concern was shared by the rest of the meeting.

Cllr Chapman congratulated those responsible for the success of the recent “frugal lunch” which raised a significant amount of money. She also thought it would be a good idea to include details of forthcoming local events in the PC minutes and encouraged people to let the PC know about any such events.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday December 14th  at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

November 12th 2015.

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