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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman, Carol Foster, John Williams, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk) and five members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Wright had sent apologies. Ann Taylor of CCC and Alan Marsh of KCC had also sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

Cllr Williams declared an interest in respect of planning application CA/17/02281/MIN (agenda item 6).

1. **Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising**

The minutes were agreed as tabled and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

No CCC or KCC members were present.

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

* A tree is blocking the footpath off Hick’s Forstal Rd. It is believed the Wildlife Trust is responsible for the woods there. Cllr Williams will go and have a look.
* The road repairs in School Lane don’t look complete. The clerk will take this up with Alan Marsh.
* There are overgrown brambles down School Lane. It is believed that this is the responsibility of St Nicholas Court Farms and that they are due to attend to this soon.

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1. **To consider traffic calming measures including the “gateway” quotation from KCC**

After discussion it was resolved to accept the KCC quote for the “gates” but subject to agreeing suitable locations. The clerk will contact KCC.

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1. **Planning**

Having declared an interest, Cllr Williams left the meeting for the consideration of application CA/17/02281/MIN. There were no objections to this or to application CA/17/02368/MIN.

The withdrawal of application CA/17/01769/FUL was noted:

1. **Report of the RFO**

The clerk reported that the end-October cash book balance was £20,081.18. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £20,201.18.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: October (net) £283.537

Precept for 2018/19 The clerk had tabled some figures. After discussion it was unanimously agreed not to change the total funding from the current £6,500. Given that there will be a reduction in the council tax support grant to £69.39 this implies a precept of £6,430.61 for 2018/19.

Voluntary warden scheme: we are still looking for a volunteer. All were encouraged to publicise this.

Pensions: the clerk noted that the “staging date” for Hoath PC was November 1st. The clerk tabled a letter to himself clarifying that he would not be automatically entitled to entry into a pension scheme. This was unanimously approved and was signed by the chairman.

Play area report: the clerk reported that the bark top-up was in hand. He drew attention to one other item in the report which was the distance of part of the border of the parallel bars. It was unanimously agreed to ask the contractor to attend to this too.

Local governance review: the clerk noted that as things stand, there will be no changes affecting Hoath.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman reported that the new youth club arrangements were working well.

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1. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday December 11th at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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