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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Adele Wright, Carol Foster, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk) and four members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Williams had sent apologies as had Alan Marsh (KCC) and Rachel Carnac (CCC).

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

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

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

No CCC or KCC representatives 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:

* Although it is padlocked and closed, children are apparently climbing into the play area.
* The “Z bend” road sign at Rushbourne has slipped
* The frugal lunch was very successful

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1. **Planning**

No issues for discussion.

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

The clerk reported that the end-October cash book and bank balance was £19,451.76.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: October (net) £344.26
2. Grassmow Services £390.00

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Correspondence, etc:

* We have a new PCSO. His name is Thomas Ralph.
* There was no further news from KCC Highways as to additional road signs, etc.
1. **To consider the precept for 2020/21**

The clerk had circulated some figures showing estimated expenditure for the current year against budget and a proposed budget for 2020/21. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to leave the precept for 2020/21 unchanged at £7,400.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Wright noted that the southern village “gate” sign was a little obscured by foliage.

Cllr Chapman referred to the continuing problem of dogs fouling footpaths. The clerk reported that some appropriate signs were due to be received soon.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date was confirmed as December 9th at 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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