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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017.**

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

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1. **Apologies**

Alan Marsh of KCC had sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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:

* Thank you for adjusting the finger post.
* The junction of Ford Hill and Ford Rd is very dangerous – could Ford Rd be made one way? It was thought this would be very difficult to achieve but the clerk agreed to contact Herne and Broomfield PC (in whose parish the junction is located) to see if they had pursued this.
* The hedge at the Old Oast (Maypole Rd). The owners have applied for planning permission to replace with a wall. It was generally felt this was a good idea and the PC will support it.
* An extra dog poo bin somewhere near the junction of School Lane and Maypole Lane would be very useful. Clerk to contact SERCO.

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1. **To consider the play area safety report**

There were no major issues. It was resolved to top up the bark and to examine the various minor maintenance issues with a contractor to see if work was needed.

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

It was felt that the quotation from KCC of nearly £2k for two gateways was very expensive and other options needed to be explored. The clerk referred to the likelihood of s.106 funds being available if the large development at Hillborough goes ahead and he undertook to contact CCC member Ann Taylor to ask her to lobby on Hoath’s behalf.

1. **Planning**

The approval of the following applications was noted:

CA/17/01806/FUL

CA/17/01598/FUL

CA/17/01744/FUL

1. **Report of the RFO**

The clerk reported that the end-September cash book and bank balance was £20,753.55.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: September (net) £283.37
2. Parish hall (rent) £120.00
3. HMRC (PAYE July/Aug/Sept) £191.00
4. The Play Inspection Co Ltd £78.00

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 would not be requesting a pension scheme and the PC would need to write to the clerk accordingly soon after November 1st.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Williams noted that there were a number of places in Alan Marsh’s KCC ward where the 30 mph bin stickers were not much in evidence.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting is confirmed for Monday November 13th at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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