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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2018.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman, Carol Foster, John Williams. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC) and three members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Baker and Wright had sent apologies as had Ann Taylor of 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.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported:

* He had met with the relevant KCC officer on the topic of extending the temporary Hoath Rd speed limit. There was no further news.
* He had pictures of lorries using Hicks Forstal Rd
* KCC are looking to see if there is a way that they (as opposed to CCC) could build council houses.
* CCC are in negotiations with developers over the costs of road improvements. The outcome might put serious pressure on the Hillborough development.

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

* Was there any news on the proposed development behind the village hall? There was not.
* A row of logs has been placed on the road border of the Old Oast and a car hit one recently. It was agreed to write to the PCSO for him to check if the logs were legally positioned.
* Could we ask for something to be put in the parish magazine to encourage careful driving?

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1. **Planning**

There were no new applications to consider. The refusal of CA/18/01478/FUL (The Bungalow, Hicks Forstal Rd) was noted.

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

The clerk reported that the end-September bank and cash book balance was £18,472.02

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk September (net) £291.17
2. HMRC (PAYE for July/Aug/Sept) £196.80

A quote of £150 had been received to repair the play area fence. The work could be done this week. It was unanimously resolved to accept this.

Cllr Chapman noted that the waste bin opposite Knave’s Ash House needs replacing. Apparently this bin is the property of the parish council rather than CCC/SERCO.

**Correspondence**

Residents of Shelvingford had been in touch about works on land at Sandy Meadows Farm. Many lorries of earth and rubble had been noted. The clerk had already made Ann Taylor aware of this and would also contact CCC planning but, although inconvenient, it was unclear whether there was anything illicit in these works.

1. **To consider the topic of a (shared) voluntary support warden**

KCC say that now have an applicant who might be prepared to cover both Hoath and Fordwich. Having resolved some time ago to have a warden it was unanimously resolved to accept a shared arrangement if this was the best that could be achieved.

1. **Councillors reports**

Cllr Chapman reported the sad event of a suicide at Ford. This was apparently a male from Broomfield. She also warned people to be careful of letting strangers into their homes, however apparently worthy the pretext.

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Cllr Foster had been unable to conduct play area inspections recently due to her hip replacement but in any case, the annual professional inspection had recently taken place of course.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday November 12th at 5.30 p.m.**

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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