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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2019.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Adele Wright, Carol Foster, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and three members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Williams 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 as a true record and signed by the chairman.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported that the new leader of KCC was Roger Gough. He also reported that KCC had responded to the major Hillborough planning application to specify that the route from Hillborough through Hoath would have a 40 mph speed limit, right through to the A28 junction at Sturry (aside from the existing 30 mph limit).

For CCC, Rachel Carnac said that as well as Hillborough, she was lobbying to achieve successful outcomes for road implications of other local developments. She has also initiated an application for funding for Hoath from the “Opportunities Fund”.

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

* There has been some fly-tipping in Maypole Road.
* One or two footpaths are overgrown. The clerk and Cllr Foster will investigate.
* We may have a new PCSO. The PC was unaware of this.
* Pavement parking was an issue in various locations.
* There will be a “frugal lunch” in the village hall on November 9th.

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1. **Planning**

No issues for discussion.

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

The clerk reported that the end-September cash book and bank balance was £20,220.47.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: September (net) £338.51
2. HMRC (PAYE for July-Sept) £232.20
3. Hoath Parish Hall (rent) £120.00

Correspondence, etc:

* The clerk reported he had applied for a grant for adult exercise equipment from CCC.
* There was no further news from KCC Highways as to additional road signs, etc.

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

This report had been circulated to members. The two notable items were the collapse of the hanging tyre apparatus and the rot in one of the uprights of the parallel bars. It was clear that the cost of repairing these two items alone would be substantial and might not be money well spent given the expectation of a new play area on the new village green. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved to close the play area until further notice and the clerk was instructed to secure the gates and display an appropriate sign.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

There was nothing further to report.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date was confirmed as November 11th at 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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