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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2014.**

Present: Councillors John Williams (chair), Sue Chapman, Adele Wright; Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC), Georgina Glover (CCC) and 5 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Moore was away on business.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

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

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported:

* He was aware of the concerns of residents about speeding traffic along Hoath Road but there was no straightforward solution to this.
* A reminder that Mr Marsh has secured Ramsgate pantomime tickets for 16th, 17th, 20th and 21st December

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported that no issues in Hoath had been reported to her recently. She hoped everyone had enjoyed the summer events in Herne Bay and Whitstable.

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

The hedgerow at Woodpecker Cottage is still to be trimmed. The clerk said that the owners had been written to and had undertaken to address this when time allowed.

Also in School Lane, there are some overgrown brambles causing an obstruction. The footpath warden is to be asked if he can cut these back.

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1. **Planning**

There were no fundamental objections to CA//14/01753/FUL but there was concern about the effects on traffic in the area, especially during construction and the clerk was asked to notify these concerns to CCC.

The approval of applications CA//14/01372/LB and CA//14/01373/LB (both Black Barn Court) was noted.

The dismissal of the appeal in respect of CA/13/01267/FUL (Sandybank Farm) was noted.

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

The clerk reported that the end-August cashbook and bank balance was £14,716.92.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: August £340.48 (salary £308.40, expenses £32.08.)
2. Grassmow Services: £112.00
3. Hoath PCC: £250.00 (allotments site rent 2014/15)

The clerk noted that Cllr Keyes had not attended a meeting since before Christmas and this being the case, she automatically ceased to be a member of the PC. The clerk had tried many times and via several channels to contact Mrs Keyes but without success. It was therefore agreed to write to Mrs Keyes explaining the position and to notify CCC of the vacancy.

The following correspondence was noted:

* Letter from Boundary Commission about final CCC ward proposals. No change since previous advice, i.e. for CCC purposes, Hoath to be part of a new, single member, “Reculver” ward, along with Chislet and Reculver.
* Letter from KCC about final minerals and waste plan consultation; the PC had no further comments.
* Letter from CCC about the Parish Charter; the PC had no further comments.
* Letter to the chairman from a resident re speeding traffic (see above)

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman suggested that as the youth club was currently not functioning, perhaps we should bring the start of PC meetings forward to 7.30 pm. This was unanimously agreed.

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Cllr Chapman also offered her congratulations to all those who helped make the recent Holy Cross fête such a success.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday October 13th at **7.30 pm**.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

September 15th 2014.

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