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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), John Williams, Jonathan Moore. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk and CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 8 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Wright had sent apologies.

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**

Alan Marsh (KCC) reported there would be a memorial service at Herne church on September 25th in memory of a local winner of the Victoria Cross. Mr Marsh also referred to the delay in the Canterbury District Plan caused by the requests by the inspector for additional work.

Guy Foster (CCC) reported that little of significance had occurred during the summer. He also referred to the delay in the district plan process which he felt was not a major issue. Although not in Hoath, Mr Foster referred the meeting to two potential major developments which may be of interest, one at the former Herne Bay golf course and one at the former colliery site at Hersden.

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

* School Lane had recently been closed due to the apparent fly-tipping of rubbish. Although now mostly removed, some had simply been moved to the side of the road. Mr Foster had been involved in getting this rubbish removed but agreed it should have happened more quickly and that the remaining rubbish should not be there. In Mr Foster’s absence Cllr Chapman would take this up with SERCO.
* The ditch opposite Rushbourne Manor needed clearing. The clerk to raise this with KCC although it may not be a KCC responsibility.

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* Similarly, the clerk to raise the matter of the broken width restriction sign at the end of Hicks Forstall Rd.
* The new finger post on the Marley Road traffic island would be erected very soon.

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1. **Planning**

There were no objections to application CA//15/01689/FUL (Millbank House).

The grants of CA//15/01261/FUL, CA//15/01172/FUL and CA//15/01128/FUL were noted.

1. **To consider the matter of speeding traffic on local roads**

Cllr Chapman was determined to stop regular offenders and urged people to report them to the police or the parish council.

For the police, residents should either use the general 101 number or our PCSO, Jo White is on 07772 226102.

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

The clerk reported that the end-August cashbook and bank balance was £17,646.75.

The following were approved for payment:

1. Clerk: August £341.42 (salary £315.19, expenses £26.23)
2. Grassmow Services: £120.00
3. Hoath PCC: £250.00 (allotments site rent)
4. CCC: £52.69 (election expenses)
5. John Williams: £545.00 (signpost)
6. Hoath Village Hall: £!90.00 (rent)

**Concurrent Function Grant for 2016/17**

The clerk had tabled some figures, which were discussed. It was agreed to apply for CFG as follows:

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**£**

Grass cutting 550

Fencing repair 1,500

Play equipment repair 1,000

Insurance 250

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3,300

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**Year-end 2014/15**

The annual report had completed its external audit and had been posted on-line, in keeping with the requirements of the new “transparency code”. The external auditors had raised a technical point relating to the income from CCC, which the clerk explained to the meeting and which had been included in the on-line post.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Moore asked if there was any further news about the wind farm proposal. The clerk said there was not.

Cllr Chapman passed on a request from the footpath warden for walkers to stick to the footpaths. It was noted that horses were using footpaths and the idea of putting up “no horses” signs was discussed.

Cllr Chapman congratulated the organisers of the church fete who had done an excellent job.

Cllr Chapman asked for any ideas on local matters to be brought forward but for people to be sure to have thought the ideas through first.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday October 12th  at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

September 25th 2015.

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