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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2018.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman, Adele Wright, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Ann Taylor (CCC) and fourteen members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Foster and 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.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For CCC, Ann Taylor announced that she would not be standing for re-election next year. Ms Rachel Carnac was introduced as the prospective Conservative Party candidate. Cllr Chapman raised the issue of the fence between the play area and the school and said she would email Mrs Taylor about this.

For KCC, Alan Marsh displayed maps and spoke about the proposed Hillborough development. It was agreed to email the leaders of CCC and KCC and other relevant parties with the PC’s views on this (although it was noted that these views have been made clear several times over a long period).

Mr Marsh noted the impending temporary speed limit on Hoath Road and suggested we ask for this period to be extended to a year as a trial.

The consultation on waste arrangements was noted and Mr Marsh suggested we write and ask for his proposed voucher scheme to be introduced.

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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 recent excessive farm traffic was noted. The PC to write to St Nicholas Court Farms about this.
* Overgrown hedges: the PC will ask for a notice to be placed in the parish magazine reminding property owners of their responsibilities.

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* Cars parked on pavements: the PC will write to our PCSO about this.

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1. **Planning**

The following applications were considered; there were no objections to any: CA//18/01610/FUL (Rushbourne Manor); CA//18/01607/FUL (Ivy House); CA//18/01478/FUL (The Bungalow)

The approval of CA//18/01286/VAR (the Old Oast) was noted.

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

The clerk reported that the end-August bank and cash book balance was £19,081.19

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: July (net - retrospective) £291.17
2. Clerk August (net) £291.17
3. PKF Littlejohn £240.00
4. The Play Inspection Company £78.00

It was noted that the payment for the external audit was unexpected and was due to an obscure change in arrangements. It was agreed to exempt the PC from this obligation before the next year-end.

**Correspondence**

An email had been from a local resident with proposals about the phone box. This resident had been encouraged to attend the PC meeting but no further word had been received from him which, being the case, did not persuade the PC that adoption of the phone box was worth pursuing at this juncture.

An email had been received from another resident in connection with what they believed to be unauthorised removal of trees. It was agreed to write to CCC in support of this complaint.

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

The report had been circulated by the clerk. The main issues raised were the damaged fence, some rot to the hanging tyre equipment and the low level of bark in one place. It was agreed to get these matters dealt with. The clerk to

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write to the school saying that we would repair the fence but could not take responsibility for children “escaping” from the school.

1. **Councillors reports**

The matter of the theft of produce from the allotments was raised. Apparently the police have taken no action but the matter has been resolved.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday October 8th at 5.30 p.m.**

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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