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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2019.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), John Williams, Carol Foster, Jilly Baker. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Rachel Carnac (CCC) and two 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 as tabled as a true record and signed by the chairman.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

For KCC, Alan Marsh reported that Paul Carter, the long-standing leader of KCC, was standing down. The new leader would be announced on October 4th.

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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 church fete will be on September 21st at 11.00 a.m.
* One or two footpaths are overgrown. The clerk reminded the meeting that this sort of thing can be reported on-line at the KCC web-site. But in the meantime, the PC owns a strimmer and will try and find the time to investigate and remedy the overgrowth.

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1. **Planning**

Application CA//19/01653/VAR (Sandy Bank Farm). After discussion it was unanimously resolved to object to this on the grounds that the proposed change of use for caravans is inappropriate in this setting.

The approval of CA//18/02131/FUL (the housing development, village green, etc.) was noted as was the refusal of CA//19/01158/FUL (1 Millbank Cottages).

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1. **To consider the purchase of adult exercise equipment and associated matters.**

After discussion it was unanimously resolved to pursue the purchase of three items, as set out in Cllr Chapman’s email. This would depend on the availability of finance and to this end, the clerk was asked to complete the application for a CCC capital grant.

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

The clerk reported that the end-August cash book and bank balance was £20,844.39.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk: September (net) £338.51
2. Cllr Williams (subject to approval under item 8) £208.51
3. CCC (election expenses) £76.90

Correspondence, etc:

* There was no further news from KCC Highways as to additional road signs, etc.

1. **To consider the purchase of new planters**

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Williams should proceed with the planter construction at a cost of £208.51 for the materials.

1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman reported that work on the village hall extension was due to start on October 1st.

Cllr Foster noted that the play area grass has been cut. She has not noted any other issues at the play area other than the usual fence problem. She reported that the external inspection would take place during the current month.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date was confirmed as October 14th at 5.30 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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