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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Carol Foster, Adele Wright. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Ann Taylor (CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 4 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 and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

Ann Taylor (CCC) said it had been a quiet summer at CCC.

Alan Marsh (KCC) said he hoped that the road repairs at School Lane, Hoath Rd and Hicks Forstall Rd would take place soon. He reminded the meeting of the availability of free tickets for the pantomime in Thanet. Please contact Alan directly.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. No matters were raised:

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1. **Planning**

There were no new applications.

It was noted that the applications at Old Tree House and Millbank had been approved.

It was also noted that the Kent Minerals and Waste Plan has finally been adopted by KCC.

1. **Concurrent Function Grant:** to consider this year’s application.

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Since the last meeting there had been correspondence with CCC who had expressed the view that the Hoath application was too high. Members had agreed some reduction but CCC felt even these lower figures were too high. But given the problems of forecasting nearly 5 years ahead and the risk of high costs associated with the play area, the meeting felt the figures could not be reduced further. This being the case, the final submission was approved as set out below:

**2017/18 2018/19 2019/20 2020/21**

Litter picking 200 200 200 200

Grass cutting 520 540 570 600

Tree and shrub

 Maintenance 100 100 100 100

Fencing repair 750 750 750 750

Repair of play

 Equipment 500 500 500 500

ROSPA inspection 100 100 100 100

Insurance 250 265 280 300

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Total 2,420 2,455 2,500 2,550

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

The clerk reported that the end-August cashbook balance was £19,016.46. Bank statement not yet to hand.

The bank mandate amendment had been retuned by the bank for further identity checks. The clerk hoped this would soon be resolved.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk August (net of tax) £310.22

Correspondence:

There was nothing further to report which had not already been seen by members.

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1. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Chapman said that there had been reports of a dog attacking local cats. The PCSO had been informed. In this connection there appeared to be some confusion as to whether our PCSO was still Paul Harris. Clerk to check.

Cllr Chapman also reported that Dick Down has retired as footpath warden so volunteers were sought. Cllr Foster and the clerk offered to help with footpath clearance.

1. **To consider the co-option of a new member**

Mrs Jilly Baker had put herself forward. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved to co-opt her onto the council and she was duly welcomed.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday October 10th at 8 p.m.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

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