



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th February 2021 at 5pm online.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft, Norma M.Goodier, John Hunter, Steve Kirby, David Maughan, Richard Plant, Paul A. Sergeant (Chairman), Ron Tyson
Ian T Cropper, Proper Officer
Diane Earles, Clerk.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

None.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2021/08 that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th January 2021 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kirby declared his interest, as Chairman of Hesketh Bank Community Centre, in item 15.

PUBLIC FORUM

No representations were made by the public who were in attendance.

REPORTS

Ian Cropper reported on progress of the Henry Alty Way and asked Members to advise him if they find the gate on the route closed.

CLERK'S REPORT

Rents

Hesketh Bank Bowling Club has sent a letter thanking the Council for waiving this years' rent.

Street Naming

Comments received were forwarded and acknowledged for the development at the rear of 38 Newarth Lane.

Flooding

Meeting proposed for Thursday 18th February at 7pm

Clerks Meeting held online on 22nd January:

Policing - Covid breaches are dominating police time and there is now a Rural Task Force set up to tackle rural crime.

Chairman _____

Elections - Will be held on 6th May with the formal election period running from 26th March to 8th April.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/09 Carried that the Clerk's report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2021/10 Carried that payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to pay by cheque.

FUNDS

The Council's liquid assets on the 8th February were reported as:-

Current Account	£37,171.31
CCLA Deposit	£184,000.00

2021/2022 BUDGET

RESOLUTION No. 2021/11 Carried that the third quarter out-turn is received and noted.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/12 Carried that the calculated precept of £63,133.00 is set on West Lancashire Borough Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/13 Carried that expenditure within the non-Capital items are delegated to the Clerk.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/14 Carried Steve Kirby as the Editor of the newsletter with this following schedule:

March	Year end, LHB Awards and this year elections
June	New Council
September	BKV Awards
December	Overview and Christmas message

It was noted that the Council needs to appoint a new Internal Auditor as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/15 Carried to continue with solar Christmas lighting and increase the coverage.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.35pm

Chairman _____