



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:30pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors Tim Barnacle, John Hunter, Steve Kirby, David Maughan, Kate Maughan David O'Neill, Richard Plant, Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Ron Tyson, Joan Witter
Diane Earles, Executive Clerk

Several members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Ian T Cropper, Proper Officer

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2021/48 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th October 2021 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Plant and O'Neill declared interest in Agenda Item 11

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were raised by members of the public with regard to flooding.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

REPORTS

Cllr Barnacle reported on plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr Tyson reported on feedback received from the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

CLERK'S REPORT

There are several IT issues being dealt with, in particular with emails and SPIDs. However, reports are now available from the SPIDs which can be shared with Council and the police. As a result, the newsletter has been delayed, so will roll into a bigger issue for December. The Council has received a further £60 in compensation from Nat West bank due to issues with changing the mandate.

The lampposts have been safety checked and cleared to take the Christmas decorations.

A report received on dog poo phone line and corroborated by CCTV footage has resulted in a letter being issued to the offender by West Lancs.

Two sacks of waste, believed to have been left behind by those installing the mobile phone mast, has been removed.

Bushes have been planted to extend the hedging around the Station Road play area, filling in gaps and providing more privacy for residents.

The slide on Station Road play area has been damaged, which presents three options:

- 1) Do nothing, as it is unsightly but not dangerous or likely to cause injury
- 2) Remove from the concrete foundations, repair and reinstall £500-700, but it will never look like new again
- 3) Remove and install new £1250

Attending Clerks Conference on Saturday with fellow Clerks from North Meols and Tarleton.

The annual budgeting process will commence shortly, so any items to be budgeted for should be brought to the next meeting.

The Clerk has completed the Certificate in Local Council Administration, as was a requirement of employment.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/49 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/50 Carried that no action would be taken on the Station Road play area slide at this point in time.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2021/51 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 complete the appropriate transactions.

The Council's liquid assets on the 31st October were reported as:

Current Account	£ 44,116.83
CCLA Deposit Account	£104,000.00

REPORT received by Ian Cropper via the Executive Clerk on Henry Alty Way.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/52 Carried approve the closure of Beconsall Old Church Churchyard.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/53 Carried that the Council joins with Tarleton and North Meols to fund a report on Flooding and its impacts on the local economy, to the value of £8,000, and Cllrs Kirby and Tyson, as nominated representatives, will sit on the steering group.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/54 Carried that the Council will join the Lancashire Constabulary Community Portal.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/55 Carried that Cllr Plant will represent the Council on Remembrance Sunday.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received from Councillors Hunter and Maughan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24pm