



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 1pm online.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft (Chairman), Norma M. Goodier, Steve Kirby, Richard Plant.
Ian T Cropper, Proper Officer
Diane Earles, Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul A. Sergeant.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2020/16 Carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th November 2020 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

CLERK'S REPORT

CLERK ROLE

The Clerk thanked the Council for the appointment.

RESIGNATION

It was noted that Councillor Jeff Christie had advised of his resignation with immediate effect on 5th December, as he is moving out of the village, and his official resignation letter is anticipated by the Chairman.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Further to the email from Ian Cropper advising of issues with electricity feeds for the existing lights, solar powered Christmas trees were installed on 2nd December.
It was noted that Christmas decoration arrangements would need to be considered for next year at a future council meeting. Duncan Taylor will be thanked for installing the wreaths.

DOUGLAS CARDIAC TRUST CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Council has been invited to donate to this, however it was noted that the donations budget had already been spent for this year. Cllr Goodier proposed a donation of £50.

HUNDRED END LANE

Works carried out have made this now safe to use.

FLOODING

The letters regarding the Hesketh Marsh flooding issue are yet to go out. Cllr Ashcroft advised to direct these to Mr Farrington.

FUTURE MEETINGS

For the foreseeable future the meetings will be online and it is a requirement that these meetings are accessible to the public in the same way as a physical meeting. Therefore, a temporary change to the Standing Orders is proposed to adopt the following schedule of key meetings for the beginning of 2021 with the public asked to contact the Clerk for the online invitation: January, March and May. Cllr Ashcroft will seek to seek to confirm the election for May.

CULVERT ON STATION ROAD

As some Councillors may be aware, there have been flooding issues on Station Road from the culvert that runs between the Community Centre and South View Lodge nursing home. Work began last week by South View Nursing Home at the front of their building piping surface water from their car park directly into the culvert. Mike Ellis, representing the Community Centre, has raised this with WLBC and has had a response from David Owens, Building Control Lead and from Planning Enforcement who are unhappy that this work is being done without approval. Issues have been raised with them by others about the Silverdale end of the culvert where there has also been flooding so they are aware that this is an issue. They will both be visiting the site as soon as they are able to arrange it and will provide an update. The additional intake of water is likely to make this problem worse which will put the properties directly opposite the Community Centre at a greater risk of flooding. Cllr Ashcroft will follow up with David Owens.

PAVEMENT OUTSIDE TOP SHOP NEWSAGENTS

The proprietor has expressed concern that following recent works the block paving has not been replaced properly and as a result a number of people have fallen including one lady who fell into the road. Ian Cropper has advised that this is a Highways matter which needs to be raised with LCC which will be done this week.

RESOLUTION No. 2020/17 Carried that the Clerk's report and actions are noted and ratified.

DOUGLAS CARDIAC TRUST CHRISTMAS APPEAL

RESOLUTION No. 2020/18 Carried that £50 be donated.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2020/19 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 14th December were reported as:-

Current Account	£47,822.34
CCLA Deposit	£184,000.00

HENRY ALTY WAY WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 2020/20 Carried that the actions of the Working Group are ratified.

BUDGET

The following allocations were agreed:

Poppyfields POS accrual	£ 33,000
Henry Alty Way accrual	£100,000 (in addition to CIL allocation)
Christmas Festive Lighting	£ 10,000
CCTV	£ 8,000

It was noted that funding will be sought from WLBC to provide level access and car parking for the Henry Alty Way.

NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION No. 2020/21 Carried that the following meetings be held for spring 2021:

11th January – General Meeting to approve the budget

8th March – Annual Parish Meeting to review the previous year

10th May TBC – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to welcome the new Council

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.05pm