



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL** **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors Tim Barnacle, Norma Goodier, John Hunter, Steve Kirby, David O'Neill, Richard Plant, Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Ron Tyson, Joan Witter  
Ian T Cropper, Proper Officer  
Diane Earles, Executive Clerk

No members of the general public were present.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/14 Carried** that Cllr. Paul Sergeant is elected unopposed as Chairman of the Council.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/15 Carried** that the Council receive and accept Cllr Sergeant's Declaration of Acceptance of Office duly witnessed by the Executive Clerk.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors David Maughan and Kate Maughan

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/16 Carried** that Appointments were made - Appendix A.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/17 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 are confirmed as a true record.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/18 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Council during the prior year - Appendix B.

### **REPORTS**

Councillor Tyson updated Members on the Northern Parishes Flooding meeting, which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, and Best Kept Village.

Ian Cropper reported on progress of the Henry Alty Way.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Thanks have been received from a resident for trimming the trees on Pardoe Close.

Iain Ashcroft has passed on his best wishes to the Council in response to the letter sent by the Members thanking him for his service.

The Internal Auditor has approved the year end papers, with no issues to report, and these have been submitted to the external auditor.

We are still waiting to hear back from the inspector regarding the incident at Station Road playground.

A seat at Cropper Gardens has been removed because it had partially collapsed with the second one looking like it is going the same way.

The post box on Shore Road was removed, but we have been assured that it will be re-sited.

West Lancs Borough Council have been conducting litter picks and road sweeping in the village, but unfortunately the roads at the Persimmon site continue to get dirty – we have been advised that cleaning is scheduled by the builder three times a week.

The Council website has been updated with new Members details and photographs will be organised when all restriction are lifted.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/19 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/20 Carried** that two new seats for Cropper Gardens will be purchased.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021/21 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 17<sup>th</sup> May were reported as:**

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>£ 18,139.90</b>
<b>CCLA Deposit Account</b>	<b>£209,000.00</b>

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

Reports were received from Councillor Hunter.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm**