



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th April 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, Executive Clerk

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

No apologies, all present.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2021/1 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th February 2021 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Sergeant noted this was the last meeting of the current Council, thanked Members for their service and wished all those taking part in the election good luck.

REPORTS

Councillor Kirby updated Members on the Northern Parishes Flooding meetings and it was agreed to hold a separate meeting on the 22nd April to consider a proposal for further action. Ian Cropper reported on progress of the Henry Alty Way.

CLERK'S REPORT

Executive Clerk

Diane Earles thanked the Council for confirming her position as Executive Clerk.

Trees

Tree surveys have been carried out at Shore Road and Pardoe Close following concerns from residents. As a result, one dead tree has been removed at Shore Road, with a return visit booked in May to ascertain any further requirements, and pruning is to be carried out at Pardoe Close. A suggestion received to turn the tree stump into a fairy house will be investigated further.

Shore Road Playground

There has been an incident at Shore Road playground with a child needing hospital attention. This has been raised with the installer/manufacturer and is now awaiting advice from the insurer.

RESOLUTION No. 2021/2 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2021/3 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. Councillors Goodier and Plant abstained.

RECEIPTS

Hesketh AFC	Additional Rent	£308.75
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FUNDS

The Council's liquid assets on the 19th April were reported as:

Current Account	£3,015.41
CCLA Deposit Account	£169,000.00

2021/2022 BUDGET

RESOLUTION No. 2021/4 Carried that the Year-End Budget Out-turn report is received and noted.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION No. 2021/5 Carried that the Annual Accounts & Bank Reconciliation of the Council are Received, Accepted and Noted as presented.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2021/6 Carried that the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 is ratified as presented and that the Chairman and Clerk are authorised sign denoting the Authority's Approval.

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2021/7 Carried that the Accounting Statement 2020/21 is ratified as presented and that the Chairman is authorised to sign denoting the Authority's Approval.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLUTION No. 2021/8 Carried to appoint Trevor Rimmer as the Internal Auditor for the Year ending April 2021.

CLERK'S REMUNERATION

RESOLUTION No. 2021/8 Carried that the Contractual NCJ Salary Award 2021 applicable to the Clerk's Remuneration Package from 1st April 2021 is confirmed.

ACCESS FROM POPPYFIELDS TO CHANDLERS CROFT

RESOLUTION No. 2021/10 Carried that the Council make formal representation to LCC regarding improving the access from Poppyfields to Chandlers Croft.

INSPECTION REPORTS

No reports were received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 17:45.