HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

#### PRESENT

Councillors Paul Sergeant (Chairman) Tim Barnacle, Kate Maughan, Richard Plant, Ron Tyson, Steve Kirby, David Maughan, Joan Witter, John Hunter, Louise Taylor & Norma Goodier.

Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

Two members of the general public were present.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023/05/01 Carried** that Cllr Paul Sergeant is elected unopposed as Chairman of the Council.

**RESOLUTION No 2023/05/02 Carried** that the council receive and accept Cllr Sergeant’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office duly witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

 None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023/05/03 Carried** that appointments were made as per Appendix 1

**MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No 2023/05/04 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17 April 2023 are confirmed as a true record.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**PRIOR YEAR CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Council during the prior year – see Appendix 2

**FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Draft Report is now available and will be shared with members over the next week. Councillors are encouraged to read thoroughly and refer back to members of the Flooding Committee with any thoughts on proposed amendments. Believed to be a reasonable representation of the issues – important that the findings in the report are taken into account when considering new planning applications.

**MEMBERS REPORTS**

 No reports

**CLERK’S REPORT**

Some interest in the Community Garden project however insufficient at this time to progress.

Anti Social Behaviour since last meeting has reduced at the Naaz restaurant although a window in the building has been smashed – CCTV footage is being looked into.

The presentation of Coronation Mugs to the All Saints School was a great success – photos of the event will feature in the next Parish Council newsletter.

Damage to a car at the Centenary Sports Ground occurred in early May – CCTV footage has been offered to the police.

There was a car accident on Shore Road last week – residents are encouraged to report concerns of speeding and dangerous highways using the LCC website.

The Internal Audit has now been completed – recommendations and observations are awaited and will be reported back to the council at next meeting however the Internal Audit sign off has been confirmed. Clerk to submit papers to External Auditors.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023/05/05 Carried** that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

**RESOLUTION No. 2023/05/06 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.

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**The Council’s liquid assets on the 30 April 2023 were reported as:**

 **Receipts**

 **Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent £308.75**

 **Poor Marsh Allotments Rent £300.00**

 **Banks PC – Allotment Surcharge £48.00**

 **CCLA Account Interest £487.15**

 **NatWest Bank Interest £18.44**

 **WLBC Precept £36,164.50**

**Balances 30 April 2023**

 **Current Account £44,834.85**

 **CCLA Deposit Account £144,000.00**

 **Total Liquid Funds £188,834.85**

**Recreation and Play Area Reports**

Report received for:-

Shore Road May 2023

Station Rd May 2023

Glen Park May 2023

**Items Received Since Agenda Publication**

**None**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm**

**Appendix 1**

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|   | ***BARNACLE*** |  ***GOODIER*** | ***HUNTER*** | ***KIRBY*** | ***D MAUGHAN*** | ***K MAUGHAN*** | ***PLANT*** | ***SERGEANT*** | ***TAYLOR*** | ***TYSON*** | ***WITTER*** |
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| Chairman |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |
| Vice Chairman |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |
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| Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc Appointee (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |
| Environmental & PRoW Member (1) |  X |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |
| Newsletter Editor (2) |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |
| Recreation & POS Committee (4) |  | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  **EO** | **EO** |  |  |  |
| Planning Committee (5) |  | **X** |  | **X** | **X** | **X** | **EO** | **EO** |  | **X** |  |
| Recreation Areas Inspection Members 3) |  |  | **X** |  |  | **X** |  | **X** |  |  |  |
| LHB / BKV Working Group (3) |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  | **X** | **X** |  |
| Payment Authorisation Members (2) |  |  |  |  | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |
| Henry Alty Way Delivery Group (5) |  | **X** |  | **X** | **X** | **X** | **EO** | **EO** |  |  | **X** |
| Hesketh Bank Community Centre Representative (1) |   |   |   |   |   |   | **X** |   |   |   |   |
| Northern Parishes Flooding Representatives (3) |  |  |  | **X** |  | **X** | **EO** | **EO** |  | **X** | **X** |
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| **Notes:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **The Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc. Appointee** is a Nominee of the Council and can act as he/she thinks fit. Reports are expected to Council as appropriate but at least annually |
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| **The Environmental & PRoW Member** is specifically charged with bringing to the Council any matters |
| within the powers of the Council affecting the local environment and reporting requirements on Public |
| Rights of Way for consideration under the LCC delegated scheme. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee** is a Nominee of the Council and can act as they think fit. |
| The representative is expected to report back to the Council at least annually. |  |  |
| **The Newsletter Editor** is charged with gathering copy and producing print ready artwork. |
| **The Recreation & POS Committee is** appointed with full Executive and delegated authority to discharge |
| their responsibilities within budget and without reference to the full Council. |  |  |
| **The Planning Committee** is charged with determining Planning Matters that may arise between normal |
| Council Meetings. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **All Working Groups** should formulate costed propositions for presenting to Full Council for authority |
| to action. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Appendix 2**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2023**

The present Council has now completed its second year in situ. Apart from the resignation of David O’Neill last year who was consequently replaced by Louise Taylor we have remained as a good working group with everyone doing there bit for the community.

This time last year I announced the appointment of our new clerk Graham Crompton. He has settled into the job well after consultations and mentoring by Ian Cropper.

Our Village continues to grow with the new Persimmon developments either side of the centre and into Tarleton. They have continued to work well with the council and have extended the Henry Alty Way path through its development. Ian Cropper and his group have done a wonderful job delivering this unique facility for the residents of Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

That’s the positive side of working with developers in the village. The negative side is the long running state of affairs with the Poppyfields developers Morris Homes. Frustratingly they continue to suggest that they are providing regular maintenance however this is a basic monthly grass cut on a relatively large area which over the past 30 years has almost turned into a woodland area and is now impacting neighbouring gardens. The WLBC solicitor has now become involved and the draft transfer deed and plan for the area to be transferred from them was requested a couple of months ago but as always we continue to await their response.

The flooding committee still await the full report commissioned by H Fraser Consulting although we may here some news later on in tonight’s meeting.

The Centenary Sports Ground has seen all three clubs, Bowling, Cricket & Football clubs continuing to invest in improving their facilities. The Football Club celebrated its centenary season with the 1st team creating history by winning the coveted Lancashire Amateur Shield on coronation bank holiday Monday for the very first time. They beat Blackpool Wren Rovers 2-1 at the FA’s county ground in Leyland and became the kings of Lancashire in front of an impressive crowd of over 400 paying spectators the vast majority from our village.

Finally I had the pleasure along with Councillor John Hunter of presenting the Coronation Mugs to the school children at All Saints School. It really was a special event held in the school hall and an excellent opportunity for both the school and the Parish Council to come together for the beginning of the Coronation weekend. The whole school, children, teachers, staff and parents were present and all left after the event to celebrate the rest of the weekend in good spirits taking away their Coronation Mugs.

As Chairman I thank my Vice Chairman Richard Plant, the clerk Graham Crompton and all of the Council past and present for the hard work that they undertake for the whole community within the Parish of Hesketh-with-Becconsall.

