



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th April 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 1/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th March 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No Report

Poor Marsh Committee – It was noted that a verbal undertaking had been received, which the Clerk had confirmed in writing, confirming that HBALGA would work on behalf of the Council within the terms of the Trust Deed and Management Agreement.

Planning Committee – No meeting held. It was noted that work on the cabin site adjacent to Top Shop had now commenced.

OTHER REPORTS

Love Hesketh Bank – Cllr Earles confirmed that the project was continuing successfully with more badges having to be ordered for the youth groups and sports clubs. It was also agreed that quality pin badges should be acquired for use as prizes and awards.

PACT – PCSO Andy Curry had addressed the Members prior to commencement of the Meeting.

Best Kept Village – It was noted that an entry had been lodged. The mass litter pick was confirmed as being arranged for 31st of May and the Gardens Competition judging would take place between 30th June and 9th of July with prizes being presented at the Village horticultural show. Entry forms are being printed in the May Shoreline Newsletter. It was also confirmed that efforts were being pursued to have the dangerous tree stump removed from land outside the HSBC Bank.

CLERK'S REPORT

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting for a draft conveyance document despite several reminders to Redrow.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

It was reported that under-growth and self-seeded trees had now been cleared along with heavy pruning; the area has been levelled and seeded. Three dead trees have also been replaced (2xBirch, 1xAlder). Fencing repairs had also been commenced by LCC.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk confirmed that he had met with Alty who, along with Persimmon had confirmed that they will meet with him to outline their proposals for the delivery of the Linear Park. This would then enable the Clerk to take the proposals to the Linear Park Steering group for observations and comments.

SUGGESTION BOX

Now purchased

LCC 3 TIER FORUM

It was noted that the first 'Public' session of this group will be held AT WLBC on Tuesday 15th April.

DONATION

It was noted that the Clerk had received a letter of appreciation with regards to the donation the Council made to the Mayoress's Charities at the official opening of the new Pavilion.

ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reminded Members that all Committees, Appointees and Representatives cease to exist immediately prior to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AMPC) to be held on Monday 12th May 2014.

RESOLUTION No. 2/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 3/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	March	£1.78
Investment Interest	April	£5.77
Community Centre	Contribution	£300.00
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
All Saints School	CCTV Contribution	£500.00
WLBC	Precept 1 st tranche	£25,349.00
WLBC	Council Tax Support Grant	£5,160.00
HBALGA	Management Fee	£300.00

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Resolution No. 4/2014 Carried that the Financial Accounts for the year to 31st March 2014 are received and approved as presented.

ANNUAL RETURN (Part 1)

Resolution No. 5/2014 Carried that the “**Audit Commission Annual Return Section One (Accounting Statement)**” is approved as presented and that the Chairman is authorised to sign the document.

ANNUAL RETURN (Part 2)

Resolution No. 6/2014 Carried that the “**Audit Commission Annual Return Section Two (Governance Statement)**” is approved as presented and that the Chairman is authorised to sign the document.

CLERK’S REMUNERATION

Resolution No. 7/2014 Carried that the Clerk’s Remuneration is increased by one scale point in line with the Council’s Contractual employment obligation.

VILLAGE TRAILS

Having received a verbal report from the “Village Trails Working Group” **Resolution No. 8/2014 Carried that** the Group is authorised to expend £8,000 subject to an agreed £5,000 grant from the LSTF in line with Budget Proposals on graphics and signage. It was noted that a detailed specification would be requested before part payment was made.

SCHOOL FAYRE

Resolution No 9/2014 Carried that having received a letter indemnifying the Council against liabilities, authority is given to the Friends of the School to hold their Summer Fayre on the Council’s Shore Road Recreation Grounds.

PATHWAYS

It was agreed that the provision of additional metalled pathways on the Recreation Ground could create unacceptable rights of way and liability issues. It was therefore agreed to approach LCC as to the provision of a marked crossing on School Fold to provide improved safety for children entering and leaving the school grounds by the School Fold gate. The Clerk was also instructed to seek assistance from the Police in stopping pavement parking on School Fold.

WAYSIDE SEATING

Resolution No. 10/2014 Carried that all existing Wayside Seating should be preserved as existing. It was noted that provision had been made in the budget for cleaning of all seating in May.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Centenary Sports Ground and Shore Road Recreation Grounds

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:37pm



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PRESENT

Councillors; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson; Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 11/2014 Carried that Cllr. Paul Sergeant is elected unopposed. Cllr Sergeant stated, and signed, a declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Steve Kirby.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 12/2014 Carried that Cllr. Iain Ashcroft is elected (*in absentia*) unopposed.

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 13/2014 Carried that Appointments (as per the appendixes) are confirmed.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 14/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th March 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

Chairman's Annual Report - (See Appendix)

PACT – PCSO Andy Curry had, prior to the meeting, updated Members.

Parish Plan Review Group – It was agreed that this group would reconsider action following the outcome of the Brickworks development application.

Village Centre Feature Working Group – It was agreed that this group would reconsider action following the outcome of the Brickworks development application.

Village Trail Working Party – The meeting was advised that design of the mapping was now progressing satisfactorily.

Best Kept Village Working Group – Members were updated.

Linear Park Working Group – No Report

CLERK'S REPORT

INTERNAL AUDIT

It was noted that this would take place on the 16th of May.

EMAILS

Members were again recommended to use Council specific email addresses for all outgoing correspondence to avoid issues in respect of Data Protection.

COMPUTER.

It was noted that the Council Laptop Computer had failed. It was agreed not to replace this as the Clerk was content to use his own equipment and copies of all documents were now stored in "The Cloud".

LIABILITY CLAIM

It was noted that the Council's insurers, Aviva, were quite content with the management of sites and assets and have refuted any liability in respect of the claim made by Ms Julie Burke with regards to the Station Road Play Area.

CRICKET GROUND

The Clerk noted that he had received complaints regarding the field being used for flying model aircraft which were being allowed to fly over private property. The clerk noted that this was not acceptable under the terms of the lease and would advise the Cricket Club accordingly.

COLD CALLING

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding aggressive Cold Calling during the day which he had communicated with the Lancashire Trading Standards.

LANCASHIRE LOST WAYS PROJECT

Members were advised of this new LCC Initiative.

RESOLUTION No. 15/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 16/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	April	£2.94
Investment Interest	May	£5.40
WLBC	Precept 1 st Tranche	£25,349.00
WLBC	Council Tax Grant	£5,160.00
WLBC	Concurrent Grant 1 st Tranche	£2,032.00
HBAFC	Pavilion Contribution	£300.00
HWBVCC	Contribution	£300.00
WLBC	Grass cutting Fee	£212.00

COMPRENSIVE INSURANCE

Resolution No. 17/2014 Carried that Authority is delegated to the Clerk in respect of renewal of the Aviva Policy or transfer to other Insurers should quotes (to be received) be more competitive.

POPPY FIELDS EMERGENCY ACCESS

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek a solution with LCC maintaining the pedestrian only access to Chandler's Croft.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Centenary Sports Ground and Shore Road Recreation Grounds

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm

Appendix - APPOINTMENTS

	ASHCROFT	BALDWIN	EARLES	FORSHAW	GOODIER	KIRBY	LANCASTER	MAUGHAN	McKEAN	SERGEANT	TYSON	CLERK	
Chairman										X			1
Vice Chairman	X												1

Community Centre Representative Trustee			X										1
Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc Appointee										X			1
Environmental Matters Member											X		1
Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee					X								1
Pact Panel Representatives		X	X										2
Shoreline Editor		X											1

Planning Committee		X			X						X		3
Recreation Committee				X	X			X					3
Poor Marsh Committee		X			X		X						3
Risk Assessment Working Group	X										X		2
Village Trail Working Group				X		X	X						3
River Douglas Park Task Group Member				X		X							2
Parish Plan Review Working Group		X				X		X					3
Recreation Areas Inspection Members		X			X			X		X			4
Best Kept Village Working Group						X	X		X		X		4
Village Centre Feature Working Group		X				X		X			X		4
Payment Authorisation Members	X					X		X		X			4
Tarleton Academy Community Committee	X												1
Security Matters incl CCTV												X	1

Appendix

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

The present Council is now half way through its four year spell and it's pleasing to note that all eleven of us have stuck together and worked really well.

Once again our Village is continuing to evolve with the new Beconsall Gardens residential development taking shape. Late last year Alty's proposed a huge development to the old brickworks site and fields behind. In response to Public concern we held a Public meeting earlier this year to hear and document our resident's concerns or issues regarding the proposed new development.

We had already responded to the Consultation exercise carried out last year and several of the issues had been included. We did also at that time express our concern regarding the lack of detail in the delivery of the Linear Park, and this has been specifically raised in our current response. We have specifically requested an additional submission by the applicant in respect of the Linear Park after

full consultation with the 'Linear Park Delivery Group' which of course includes the Parish Council as its founding member. We have to be aware that it is likely that some form of development will take place in the future and I think we are right to try and be actively involved rather than objecting outright.

The “Love Hesketh Bank” campaign was launched on Friday 14th February which was of course Valentine's Day. The year-long campaign got off to a flying start with local shops giving away bags, car stickers and key rings whilst sporting Love Hesketh Bank badges. I particularly would like to thank Councillor Diane Earles for driving this project forward and also involving the council with a “Love Hesketh Bank” Facebook page and Twitter account. Last month we continued with the ‘Loved up’ theme by funding three new kissing gates to replace old styles on the river Douglas path through the village. The brand new kissing gates, which are part of a wider project to set up a village trail and ultimately a Linear Park, were installed in response to feedback from residents that the styles were old and difficult to use.

During the last 12 months we have also seen The Council's Permaculture site at the Poor Marsh on Shore Road being awarded the prestigious "**BEST PRACTICE**" award by the Lancashire Environment Fund. The site is as you are aware is managed on behalf of the Council by the “New Shoots Permaculture Association” (NSPA).

Across the way at the Recreation Ground in March The Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor and Mrs Iain Ashcroft with Parish Councillor Norma Goodier officially opened the new £75,000 Community Sports Pavilion. The building was financed by the Parish Council in partnership with the Borough Council, Hesketh Bank Association Football Club and local business. This is a fine example of local groups working together to finance and deliver a project. One of those businesses was Cuadrilla who has recently announced that they will not be carrying out any more work other than to record data for 12 months and then return the site on which they had carried out preliminary investigations to its former condition.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate my Vice-Chairman Iain Ashcroft following his stint during the past 12 months as the Mayor of West Lancashire Borough Council. I thank all the Council past and present for the hard work that they voluntarily undertake for the whole community within the Parish of Hesketh-with-Becconsall and look forward to at least the next two years and hopefully beyond.

Finally I also thank our Clerk Ian Cropper for his continued support and guidance to myself and all the other councillors he has dutifully served under over the years and long may this continue.

Ellr Paul Sergeant



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th June 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby;
Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

Three members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 18/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th May 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

PUBLIC FORUM

Representations were made regarding possible works at the Sewage Plant on Marsh Rd. It was noted that the Council were unaware of any proposals at the present time.

Representations were also made regarding the intentions of the West Lancs Light Railway in respect of the Linear Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No Meeting Held.

Poor Marsh Committee – It was noted that a meeting was to be arranged with the New HBALGA Chairman

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted with pleasure the efforts of the organisers and volunteers who took part in the organised litter pick.

Love Hesketh Bank – Cllr Earles updated members along with her proposals in respect of the ‘Pin Badges’ and their possible use as awards.

PACT – It was noted that the PACT representatives were still awaiting a police response in respect of the proposed Facebook initiative.

Village Trails – Members were apprised in respect of the last meeting with CityScape.

Best Kept Village – It was reported that the response of volunteers for the litter pick had been much improved with some 15 taking part. Regrettably, no entries for the gardens competition had been received.

Linear Park Steering Group – Cllr Kirby reported on the meeting of the group earlier in the day which had been specifically called to apprise members of the West Lancs Railway’s funding bid and proposals.

CLERK’S REPORT

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk advised Members of the negotiations in progress regarding the transfer of ownership from Redrow.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

It was noted that spoil from the adjacent building works had been deposited, without permission, on the embankment.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk gave a report of progress of discussions with Alty regarding the Linear Park.

INSURANCE

The Clerk confirmed he had now taken out a Comprehensive Policy with Hiscox through the existing brokers giving a saving of £218 pa with increased cover.

POPPYFIELDS

The Clerk confirmed that he had had extensive discussions with LCC and subsequently proposed that the gate is replaced by a new, treated obscure timber fence and that the existing footway chicane remains. The Parish Council would then take on the ongoing maintenance which should not involve any costs for the foreseeable future.

GAS VALVE STATION

It was noted that National Grid had now painted the Valve Station on the bridge embankment.

CSG

It was noted that Electricity NW needed to replace a short length of cable at the site entrance which would involve minimum disruption.

PLAY AREAS

Station Road – It was noted that fencing and turfing of the additional area was now partially complete.

Shore Road – It was noted that the life expired climbing frame had now been removed and the new roundabout installed with WLBC S106 monies.

SLCC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

It was noted that the Clerk would attend the conference at York on the 19th June. Costs would be within Budget.

RESOLUTION No. 19/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 20/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	May	£1.88
Investment Interest	June	£12.29
Community Centre	Contribution	£300.00
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
Telefonica	Phone Mast Rental	£4,000.00

INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolution No. 21/2014 Carried that the Internal Auditor's Report is received and noted.

PACT PANEL

Concerns were again reported regarding obstructive parking at the easterly end of Moss Lane

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Glen Park Drive, Shore Road and Station Road (Mar-May) Grounds

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th July 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster;
Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

PCSO Andy Curry and five members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Norma Goodier.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 22/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th June 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

PUBLIC FORUM

Representations were made regarding the proposed Alty development and Agenda item 10 regarding the West Lancs Light Railway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No Meeting Held.

Poor Marsh Committee – No Meeting Held.

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Love Hesketh Bank – Cllr Earles updated members.

PACT – PCSO Andy Curry had reported prior to the meeting.

Village Trails – Members were apprised in respect of the progress with CityScape and a forthcoming Sponsored walk in co-operation with Booths.

U3A – It was reported that some 75 persons had attended the inaugural meeting and that courses were now being worked up.

CLERK'S REPORT

PLAY AREAS

It was noted that work had started on re-painting equipment at the 3 Play Areas. The Clerk was also waiting quotes for installing the recovered Station Rd fencing at the rear of the Shore Road car park and repairs to the Shore Rd Safety Surfacing.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that the revised outline planning application would not now be considered by the WLBC July Planning Meeting as several matters were still outstanding. Consideration would not now be possible before the proposed introduction of CIL.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that work on the development was now substantially complete with roads and footways topped off. Members were advised that none of the 6 housing association flats were sold. The Play area has been extended although not formally adopted at that stage; 8 trees remain to be planted in late autumn.

WLBC CIVIC SERVICE

Members were advised regarding an invitation to attend on Sunday 7th September at 3pm Ormskirk.

S106 MONIES

It was noted that £8,744 was available to spend on new or improved Play Facilities; the Clerk would be calling a meeting of the Planning Committee in due course.

MRS NORMA ROBERTS

It was noted with sadness that the wife of former Council Member Trevor Roberts had died; the Clerk had forwarded a card of condolence on behalf of the Council.

CSG – CRICKET CLUB

The Clerk had received a letter from the Cricket Club regarding an increase in dog fouling on their CSG site. It was concluded that there was little the Council could do to assist. It was noted that the Club would be within their rights to gate off the access.

RESOLUTION No. 23/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 24/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	June	£1.06
Investment Interest	July	£15.91
Community Centre	Contribution	£300.00
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

Resolution No. 25/2014 Carried that the June Budget out-turn and Financial reconciliation are noted.

WEST LANCS LIGHT RAILWAY

Resolution No. 26/2014 Carried that in so far as it is able, the Council supports the “*West Lancashire Light Railway*” in its proposal to develop and extend its railway and facilities as per the prepared outline plans (*previously distributed*) and will, subject to the appropriate instruments and transfers being in place, seek to offer at the earliest opportunity a secured long term tenancy on notional financial terms. **It is further resolved** that, subject to the Clerk being satisfied that sufficient progress is made with regards to the Brickworks Development, a contribution of £1,000 towards the planning and grant submission costs is agreed.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm



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PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr David Maughan;
Mrs Jillian Mckean; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 27/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th of July 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

PUBLIC FORUM

A strong representation was made regarding severe on-going problems regarding overflow sewage being pumped into land drainage ditches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No Meeting Held.

Poor Marsh Committee – No Meeting Held.

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Village Trails – The Clerk updated Members with a report from Cllr Kirby.

CLERK'S REPORT

PLAY AREAS

It was noted that work was virtually complete on re-painting equipment at the 3 Play Areas. The fencing to improve safety at the rear of the Shore Road car-park has also been completed.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that WLBC had deferred their decision last week awaiting further information; the matter will be addressed again at the October Meeting.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

The Clerk advised that the Council were still awaiting some minor turfing and a formal agreement to receive the freehold of the additional public open space along with monies in respect of on-going maintenance.

BECCONSALL LANE DEVELOPMENT - S106 Monies

It was noted that as a result of the development in Becconsall Lane, £8,744 was available to spend on new or improved Play Facilities. The Clerk advised that he would arrange to discuss the use of this with the Recreation Committee in due course.

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES Regs 2014

The Clerk apprised Members regarding the new legislation requiring the Council to permit audio and video recording. A formal proposition to amend Standing Orders would be presented at the October meeting.

NHS WEST LANCS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

It was noted that the AGM would be held on Tuesday 23rd September At Digmaor.

TRANSPORT THEMATIC GROUP

The Clerk advised that as a Member of "One West Lancs", he would attend the inaugural meeting of the group the following week.

GUIDE ROAD JUNCTION COMPLAINT

Members received a verbal update.

RESOLUTION No. 28/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 29/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	July/August	£1.94
Investment Interest	August/September	£33.90
Community Centre	Contribution	£600.00
Football Club	Contribution	£600.00
WLBC	S106 grant	£3,690.00

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm



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PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier;
Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 29/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th of September 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ashcroft declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th of September had been distributed.

Poor Marsh Committee – A brief overview of the HBALGA AGM was given. The Clerk noted that he had not received due notice of the meeting or accounts and budget.

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Chairman's Report – The Chairman referred to on-going nuisance problems on the CSG car-park and a letter on the matter received from the Bowling Club. It was agreed the Clerk would look into increased litter collection, CCTV provision and bollards to preclude large commercial vehicles.

Pact – No progress had been made.

Village Trails – Members were updated with a report from Cllr Kirby.

U3A – It was noted that the hundredth member had now enrolled and the scheme was working well. It was confirmed that the Council had provided high speed broadband access for use by the U3A. It was further agreed that the initiative should be actively promoted as a joint venture between the Parish Council and the Community Centre.

Shore Road Drainage – A report was given following a meeting with the Environment Agency and United Utilities. It was noted that there was a lack of evidence of emergency release from the Shore Road pumping station and this would be addressed.

CLERK'S REPORT

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that the application was again considered by the WLBC Planning Committee on 9th October and Outline Permission granted.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that the Council still awaits a formal agreement to receive the freehold of the additional public open space along with commuted maintenance payments.

CUADRILLA

It was noted that the Planning Application for on-going testing/monitoring etc. at Banks had been withdrawn. Cuadrilla had not stated any further intentions.

TRANSPORT THEMATIC GROUP

As a Member of "One West Lancs" the Clerk had attended the inaugural meeting of the group in September. It was noted that at this stage, the actual remit was unclear as various Members of the group had widely varying expectations.

TELECOMMS BASE STATION

The Clerk advised that he had now completed the Rent Review on the O2's Licence on the CSG increasing the rent from £4,000 to £5,548.93 pa.

LEN WATSON

The Clerk referred to the recent death of Len Watson, the former "County Trainer" who for many years gave the Council, and the present Clerk, immense support through the difficult times of 2002/2003.

CODE of CONDUCT TRAINING

This was confirmed for 25th of November at 7pm at the Council offices, Ormskirk.

PAVILION CLEANER

It was noted that this position was now vacant.

STANDING ORDERS & COUNCIL PROTOCOL

The Clerk referred to the need for the Council (as a Statutory Public Body) to work within the statutory requirements for Town and Parish Councils as laid down in various Acts of Legislation. It was noted that failure to comply would be illegal and compromise the Council's "Quality" status and ability to act under the "Power of General Competence". It was requested that the Clerk circulate all Members with Compliance guidance as to procedure and protocol.

RESOLUTION No. 30/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 31/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Sept	£1.09
Investment Interest	Oct	£17.37
Community Centre	Contribution	£300.00
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
WLBC	Precept 2 nd tranche	£25,349.00
WLBC	Concurrent 2 nd tranche	£2,032.00
O2	Rent Review arrears	£2,167.47

FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION No. 32/2014 Carried that the Quarterly Finance Report and Budget Out-turn is received and noted.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION No. 33/2014 Carried that the External Auditors report is received and noted. It was further agreed that the Clerk should pursue the issue of accurately reporting the true open market value of Council land rather than the acquisition costs so that residents may appreciate the true total worth of the assets held by the Council. The Clerk would investigate a possible sale and buy back arrangement. The Clerk advised that the Auditors had stated that they are unable to offer advice, unlike the standard industry protocol, as their remit specifically prevents this.

STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION No. 34/2014 Carried that Standing Order 71 is amended in line with the Clerk's recommendation.

POLICY DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 35/2014 Carried that the following documents, having been reviewed by Members, are ratified for use by the Council until September 2016 subject to any amendments required by Statutory Regulations.

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Effectiveness of Internal Control, Internal Audit Testing Schedule, Policy of Intent regarding Training, The Code of Conduct, Register of Interests, FOI Publication Scheme, Public Forum Policy Document, Public Statement in respect of Community Engagement, General Risk Assessment Policy, Policy Statement regarding Play & Recreation inspection.

BRICKWORKS RE-DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION No. 35/2014 Carried that noting that Outline Planning permission had been granted, a Working Group is established with a view to working with WLBC

Regeneration Team to progress possible Employment options and opportunities on the site. A meeting was set for Friday 24th at 10am in Booths Café to progress the matter.

BUDGET 2015/2016

The Clerk advised that Members should consider costed items for inclusion in the forthcoming Budget setting process which would be commenced at the November meeting. Members were also advised to consider longer term planning of up to five years in proposals.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

RESOLUTION No. 36/2014 Carried that a donation (in line with Budget Proposals) is agreed towards the cost of public clock repairs at the church.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road, Centenary Sports Ground and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th November 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mrs Diane Earles Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Jillian McKean;
Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Maureen Baldwin;
Mr David Maughan; Mr Iain Ashcroft

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 37/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th of October 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – No meeting held

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No progress had been made. It was suggested that either the scheme be closed or significant resources, possibly from all Northern Parishes, are input.

Village Trails –Members were updated with a report from Cllr Kirby. Due to the seasonal deterioration in ground quality, it was confirmed that the launch would now be delayed until Spring 2015.

U3A – It was noted that some 108 Members had now enrolled.

Shore Road Drainage – It was noted that efforts to progress this had been hampered by a lack of records.

CLERK'S REPORT

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk and Borough Councillor Ashcroft had approached Alty with a view to discussing the delivery of the Linear Park.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that the Council still awaits a formal agreement to receive the freehold of the additional public open space along with an estimated commuted maintenance sum of £4,000.

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk noted that he, at this time, had been unable to progress the transfer of the POS land.

ASHBROOK CLOSE

The Clerk again noted that he was awaiting a settlement between WLBC and the developers for the transfer of the POS.

PLAY AREAS

It was noted that the Clerk had made application for s106 monies for the provision of play equipment for both Station Road and Shore Road and an additional seat at Station Road in line with the Recreation Committee decision.

ONE WEST LANCS (Transport Thematic Group)

The Clerk advised that he had attended the inaugural meeting of the Group and would be attending the first meeting proper later in the week.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Clerk advised that arrangements were in hand for the installation of Christmas trees on commercial properties and the installation of lighting column decorations at the end of November.

CODE of CONDUCT TRAINING

It was noted that the planned November WLBC seminar had been cancelled.

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

Members were apprised of the ongoing closures resultant on the works on the outmarsh (east)

COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that the Community Centre had now completed their £10,000 contribution to the car park resurfacing.

RESOLUTION No. 30/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 38/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Sept	£1.20
Investment Interest	Oct	£18.93
Community Centre	Contribution	£400.00
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00

2015-2016 BUDGET

Members considered various items for inclusion in the 2015/2016 budget subject to costings:-

- a) Provision of Adult outdoor fitness equipment.
- b) Provision of HD CCTV at the Centenary Sports Ground.
- c) Review of Sports Club Leases at the Centenary Sports Ground.
- d) Employment of a Lengthsman.
- e) Resurfacing of the Centenary Sports Ground main Car-Park.
- f) Resurfacing of the Glen Park Play area centre tarmac.
- g) "Love Hesketh Bank" pin badges for use as rewards and prizes.
- h) Village 'spoof' video.
- i) Re-launch of "Shoreline" under a new format.
- j) 5 year funding for an on-going Village Trails scheme.

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of the Centenary Sports Ground.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:33pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8th December 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby;
Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Ron Tyson.

Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIR

Cllr Ashcroft took the Chair.

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman)

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 39/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th November 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – No meeting held. Members noted with sadness the recent death of Andy Masheter who had been very active in the initial formation of HBALGA.

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No progress had been made.

Village Trails – a draft map was circulated for comment and corrections.

U3A – The continued success of the scheme was noted.

Shore Road Drainage – As previously reported, it was noted that efforts to progress this had been hampered by a lack of records.

The Chairman invited PC 2939 Brian Arends to address the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that the Council still awaits a formal agreement.

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk noted that he still awaits a response from Redrow.

ASHBROOK CLOSE

The Clerk again noted that he was awaiting a settlement between WLBC and the developers for the transfer of the POS.

CONCURRENT GRANT

The Clerk confirmed this to be at the same level as last year i.e. £4,064

S106 MONIES

It was noted that assuming the current application for 2 new play items and a seat are approved, there remains £1,621 available plus £12,500 from the development at 9 Shore Road

GREEN LANE LINK

The Clerk advised that he had received a request from North Meols Parish Council that the Council join them in facilitating a Public Meeting to review the delayed provision of the "Green Lane Link". The Clerk was instructed to advise the Council's support for this.

WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING

Members were requested to present possible projects for consideration at the January meeting.

BOOTHS BUS SHELTER

The Clerk advised that LCC had finally accepted responsibility for this and are arranging its replacement. Members agreed that the Council should take on ongoing maintenance and cleaning as with all other shelters in the Parish.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

Members were apprised of a productive meeting Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had had with the Chairman of Alty and subsequently with the Land Trust. Both Alty and the Land Trust are happy to take the project on and to further that, the Land Trust will be arranging a site familiarisation trip in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

It was noted that these were now becoming tired with column units having failed and several of the tree lighting sets not fully working. It was agreed that replacements should be sought for 2015

RESOLUTION No. 40/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 41/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Nov	£0.60
Investment Interest	Dec	£20.05
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00

INVESTMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION No. 42/2014 Carried that the Council continue to invest in the “CCLA Public Sector Investment Fund”.

CLERK’S REMUNERATION

RESOLUTION No. 43/2014 Carried that the Council ratify the Clerk’s contractual national salary award from 1st January 2015.

2015-2016 BUDGET

Members considered various items for inclusion in the 2015/2016 budget subject to costings:-

- k) Provision of Adult outdoor fitness equipment (*subject to consultation and external funds*)
- l) Provision of HD CCTV at the Centenary Sports Ground.
- m) Review of Sports Club Leases at the Centenary Sports Ground.
- n) Employment/Contracting of a Lengthsman style duties.
- o) Resurfacing of the Centenary Sports Ground main Car-Park and approach including additional drainage to better protect the surface.
- p) Resurfacing of the Glen Park Play Area centre tarmac.
- q) “Love Hesketh Bank” pin badges for use as rewards and prizes.
- r) Increased publicity incl. an enhanced Newsletter
- s) 5 year funding for an on-going Village Trails scheme.
- t) Replacement Christmas Decorations.

APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION No. 44/2014 Carried that Cllr Kirby is appointed to represent the Council on the “**One West Lancs Transport Thematic Group**”

CSG LEASES

RESOLUTION No. 45/2014 Carried that Clause xxvi (*or equivalent*) in the Leases to the three Sports Clubs occupying the Centenary Sports Ground is temporarily suspended until 31st March 2016 in relation to the proposed resurfacing of works to the roads and car-parks and installation of CCTV equipment only.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports was received in respect of the Shore Road and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th January 2015 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Norma Goodier;
Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ron Tyson.

Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Martin Forshaw;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 46/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th December 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No progress made.

Village Trails – 1st Draft of the notice board was circulated for comment, the final draft was expected to be with the Clerk during the following week. A provisional launch date of the 21st of March was set for a formal unveiling, a guided walk and a U3A presentation.

U3A – The continued success of the scheme was noted with current membership circa 120.

CLERK'S REPORT

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that the Council still awaits a formal agreement.

OUTDOOR ADULT GYM EQUIPMENT

Cllr Earles had provided details of responses from Facebook and Twitter. It was agreed that provision should be re-assessed when suitable S106 monies became available.

WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING

It was agreed that funding should be sought to support the Council's planned adoption of green spaces and the planned Lengthsman scheme.

BOOTHS BUS SHELTER

It was noted that LCC had now put in hand works to repair/replace the vehicle damaged bus shelter on Station Road.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that a site walk over with the Land Trust was being arranged.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

It was noted that the Clerk had acquired replacement tree lights from post-Christmas sales stock.

RESOLUTION No. 47/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 48/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Dec	£0.41
Investment Interest	Jan	£23.34
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
ENW	Electricity Wayleaves	£232.59

BUDGET (3rd Quarter) OUT-TURN

RESOLUTION No. 49/2014 Carried that the Council receive and note the Budget report to the 31st December 2014.

2015/2016 BUDGET

RESOLUTION No. 50/2014 Carried that the Council ratify the Draft Budget as presented and set a Precept on WLBC in the sum of **£53,493 net of Council Tax** support grant.

2015/2016 BUDGET DELEGATION

RESOLUTION No. 51/2014 Carried that the Council Delegate to the Executive Clerk, authority to carry out all Functions, Works and Supplies and incur costs as detailed in the Approved Budget.

HESKETH LANE POST OFFICE CONSULTATION

RESOLUTION No. 52/2014 Carried that the Council, being mindful of the rural location, consider the late evening openings excessive and the wisdom of an 'open counter' questionable. The Clerk was requested to advise the Post Office accordingly.

BUS SHELTER (Booths Preston Bound)

RESOLUTION No. 53/2014 Carried that the Council agree to accept into ownership the Bus Shelter on the easterly side of Station Road opposite the Booths Foodstore for on-going insurance and maintenance.

MAJOR WORKS

RESOLUTION No. 54/2014 Carried that Works and Supplies authorised in the 2015/2016 Budget are brought forward to the current financial year as funds permit.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road, Glen Park Drive and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:32pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th February 2015 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan;
Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson.

Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr Martin Forshaw; Mr Steve Kirby;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 55/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th January 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held. It was noted that the new Rocking Horse and Seat had been fitted at the Station Road site.

Poor Marsh Committee – No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No progress made.

Village Trails – The Clerk noted that he had not received the final draft as promised from Cityscape

CLERK'S REPORT

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that the Council still awaits a formal agreement; this was presently been dealt with by WLBC legal department.

WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING

As the planned application was regarded by WLBC as a Revenue item, an application to support the CCTV installation at the CSG had been submitted.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that the Land Trust Development Officer, Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had spent a morning last month walking over the site for familiarisation. A further meeting with Altys and the Land Trust was scheduled for the 24th of February.

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk noted that he had held further discussions with Redrow and would hope that the matter now makes some progress. It is with their lawyers.

METHODIST CHAPEL

Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had held a meeting held with Jonathan Mitchell (WLBC) to discuss provision of affordable housing generally. In future he will now supply the Council with a summary of requirements in respect of each development.

MAYOR'S CIVIC DINNER

It was noted that no Members were able to attend.

QUALITY COUNCIL

The Clerk confirmed that the present Quality Scheme had now ended and the new 'Local Council Award Scheme' came into effect on the 31st January 2015 for which the Council had been granted basic accreditation until 31st January 2016. It would be necessary to decide during the coming months if higher accreditation should be sought.

CSG

It was noted that the provision and extent of the works had been agreed with the 3 Sports Clubs. The work would commence on Monday 16th February.

LENGTHSMAN

The initial management plan was agreed.

RESOLUTION No. 56/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 57/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Jan	£0.41
Investment Interest	Feb	£20.85
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
Telefonica	Mast shared use contribution	£518.51

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

RESOLUTION No. 58/2014 Carried that the Council enter the 2015 “**Best Kept Village**” competition and that a Working Group comprising Cllrs Tyson, Earles and Baldwin is formed to manage the entry.

SPD ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND GREEN BELT

The Council agreed not to make any further representations

WEST LANCASHIRE STAKEHOLDER SURVEY 2015.

RESOLUTION No. 59/2014 Carried that the Clerk correlates Members responses.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RESOLUTION No. 60/2014 Carried that the Clerk is instructed to carry out the unanimously agreed decisions of the Council in relation to the unauthorised incursions on to land in the ownership of the Parish Council and Lancashire County Council.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road, Glen Park Drive and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:32pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th March 2015 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson.

Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 61/2014 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th February 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held.

Poor Marsh Committee – A report on recent discussion with the Chairmen of HBALGA and NSPA was given

Planning Committee – No Meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No progress made.

Village Trails – A report on the proposed launch on 21st March was given along with sight of the final draft of the Notice Board. It was agreed that arrangements should be made to jet clean the steps at the Titmouse to negate a possible safety hazard.

CLERK'S REPORT

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

Members were apprised in respect of a meeting that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had had with the WLBC Head of Planning and subsequently with the Land Trust and Altys Chairman. Altys were content with our initial suggestions and Land Trust are therefore progressing draft outline costings and proposals.

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME (Quality Council successor)

It was noted that the Clerk would be circulating papers regarding the scheme so that Council may decide if they wish to take this forward.

POPPY FIELDS

It was noted that all matters were now complete and adoption of highways would take place shortly. The Clerk was endeavouring to progress the adoption of the POS.

LANCASHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (LLAC)

It was noted that Cllr Kirby would be joining the group to represent the Council.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that work had commenced on Monday 16th February and expected to be complete by the end of March.

LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk had met with BP Maintenance and the scheme will start from Monday 6th April.

VILLAGE TRAILS

It was noted that the Clerk had submitted a claim for the £5,000 grant to the LSTF.

RESOLUTION No. 62/2014 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 63/2014 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 electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Feb	£0.41
Investment Interest	Mar	£16.73
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
Telefonica	Mast shared use contribution	£518.51
Bowling Club	Rent	£651.06
Bowling Club	Fencing Contribution	£1,600.00
BT	Kiosk Wayleaves	£20.00

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Deferred to April

CRICKET CLUB LEASE

RESOLUTION No. 64/2014 Carried that an Agreement is entered into to vary the terms of the Lease between the Council and Hesketh Bank Cricket Club to permit the premises to be used by others for recreational, social and educational use (subject to any required Planning Permission) and that the 3rd Schedule is amended accordingly.

It was further Resolved that similar arrangements be offered to the Hesketh Bank Football and Bowling Clubs.

LAND ENCROACHMENT

A Confidential Report was given to Members.

RESOLUTION No. 65/2014 Carried that the Clerk pursues the previously agreed path.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road and Station Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:02pm