



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 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; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan;  
Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson.  
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public was present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Mr Martin Forshaw;

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 01/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A concern regarding alleged speeding on Shore Road was noted.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Play Areas and Recreation Ground** – No meeting held.

**Poor Marsh Committee** – No meeting held.

**Planning Committee** – No Meeting held.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

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

A report from the Police regarding monthly crime statistics was made available.

**PACT** – No progress made. It was agreed that as reports were now being made available at Council meetings, either written or by the local Constable in person, no further PACT action was envisaged.

**Village Trails** – A report on the highly successful launch in March was given.

**Love Hesketh Bank** – It was noted that both Facebook and Twitter activity continued to increase.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

## **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that the developers and the Planning department were still developing the final proposed layout which would be made available for public inspection in due course.

## **CSG**

It was noted that civils were now complete and it was expected that the CCTV would be fully operational by the end of the month. The Clerk had now agreed an accommodation arrangement with “Unity Wireless” for the provision of all the camera internet provision and the use of the new column at the CSG for relaying their signals from Preston. It was noted that issues still exist with the drainage in that the ditch to the south of the cricket field and the Community Centre is badly in need of attention. The Clerk was writing to the Church, South View Lodge and the land owner of the westerly end of the site requesting that remedial work is undertaken. Two waste bins had been delivered and would be installed shortly.

## **“ALT-CROSSENS – INTERMEDIATE DRAINAGE GROUP”**

As previously discussed, it was agreed that as lead authority, it was in the hands of LCC to deal with.

## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

It was noted that later in the month, the Council would receive the first CIL monies amounting to £3,486.00 from the small development at Granville Avenue.

## **LENGTHSMAN**

The Clerk had met with BP Maintenance and the scheme will now start as soon as the extensive utility works on Station Road are substantially complete.

## **TRAINING**

It was noted that the Clerk had attended the SLCC Regional Training Conference in Bolton and the new CiLCA training event at Manchester last month. He would again attend the CCTV/Traffic/Security exhibition at Birmingham NEC and an SLCC legislation training at Garstang later in April.

## **PUBLIC REALM**

It was noted that the position of Public Realm Manager at LCC had been abolished. The Clerk had received a very complimentary letter thanking the Council for their support.

## **OUTMARSH EAST**

It was agreed that following on from the pre-meeting presentation, the Clerk should write to the RSPB supporting their HLF grant application.

**RESOLUTION No. 02/2015 Carried** that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 03/2015 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                           | £0.59      |
| Investment Interest | April                           | £15.73     |
| Football Club       | Pavilion Contribution           | £300.00    |
| Football Club       | Rent                            | £281.06    |
| LSTF                | Grant re Village Trails         | £5,000.00  |
| WLBC                | Precept 1 <sup>st</sup> tranche | £26,747.00 |
| WLBC                | Council Tax Support Grant       | £4,968.50  |

## NHS – GP PRACTICES

A detailed report was given regarding systems used by the two local Practices and concerns with regards to appointment availability bearing in mind the significant housing development planned in the area. It was agreed that as house building progressed, this should be closely monitored

## ACCOUNTS 2014-2015

**RESOLUTION No. 04/2015 Carried that** the draft un-audited Accounts for 2014-2015 are received, approved and noted.

## ANNUAL RETURN (Part 1)

**RESOLUTION No. 05/2015 Carried that** the Annual Return (Part 1) is received and agreed, and that the Chairman is authorised to sign.

## ANNUAL RETURN (Part 2)

**RESOLUTION No. 06/2015 Carried that** the Council confirm the draft responses in the Annual Return (Part 2) and that the Chairman is authorised to sign.

## LANCASHIRE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**RESOLUTION No. 07/2015 Carried that** the Council do not wish to make a formal response to the Consultation.

## LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

**RESOLUTION No. 08/2015 Carried that** the Council do not wish progress affiliation to this scheme.

## ‘CIL’ MONIES

**RESOLUTION No. 09/2015 Carried that** the full Council will formulate an on-going scheme for infrastructure improvements in line with Regulation 59C.

## CONFIDENTIAL LAND ISSUES

**RESOLUTION No. 10/2015 Carried that** the Clerk carries forwards the previously agreed strategy in respect of both sites.

## INSPECTION REPORTS

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

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

Four members of the public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 11/2015 Carried** that Cllr. Paul Sergeant is elected unopposed. Cllr Sergeant publically read, and signed, a declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Jillian McKean

#### **VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 12/2015 Carried** that Cllr. Iain Ashcroft is elected Vice-Chairman unopposed.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 13/2015 Carried** that Appointments (*as per the appendixes*) are confirmed. It was Resolved that the 'Planning' and 'Poor Marsh' Committees are not re-formed.

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 14/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations were made

#### **REPORTS**

**Chairman's Annual Report** - (See Appendix)

**Best Kept Village Working Group** – Members were updated.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

It was noted that the Labour group had now been elected to take overall control.

### **BRICKWORKS**

Members were apprised of a Consultation Event at the Community Centre, on 19<sup>th</sup> May from 4:30pm until 8:30pm.

The Clerk advised that as he now had a personal Financial Interest in Persimmon, he felt that it would appear inappropriate for him to carry on working closely with Alty on this scheme.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Members were advised that this would take place on the Friday, 15th May.

### **CSG DRAINAGE**

It was noted that no response had been received from Southview Lodge, All Saints Church or the land owner of South View Lodge forecourt

### **LENGTHSMAN**

As previously advised, the Clerk had delayed the commencement of this due to the ongoing utility work.

### **PAVEMENTS**

It was noted that the Clerk had pursued both UU, Elec NW and LCC regarding full reinstatement of the footpaths. UU have now done this and ENW have the Moss Lane/Station Rd issue in hand.

### **CSG CCTV**

It was noted that the Clerk had delayed this work so as to take advantage of upgraded transmission equipment which had just become available.

### **WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATION**

It was noted that the Council's application for a £5,000 grant towards the CSG CCTV had been granted.

### **OUTMARSH**

The Clerk confirmed that he had forwarded a letter of support for the scheme to the RSPB.

### **BUS SHELTER**

It was advised that the shelter at the end of Station Road (Southport bound) was in need of repair and covered in graffiti. The Clerk advised that as this is no longer used, he intended to remove it.

### **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

It was agreed that as the LCC scheme is again available allowing the Parish to undertake minor repairs on Public Footpaths (gates, stiles, signposts etc), the Council should subscribe. It was agreed to appoint a Public Rights of Way Officer (Cllr Kirby) who would inspect and photograph any work required to be done.

**RESOLUTION No. 15/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 16/2015 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**

|                            |  |                  |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>April</b>                                   | <b>£1.40</b>     |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>May</b>                                     | <b>£13.25</b>    |
| <b>WLBC</b>                | <b>S106 Grant</b>                              | <b>£8,016.00</b> |
| <b>WLBC</b>                | <b>CIL Fund</b>                                | <b>£3,486.00</b> |
| <b>WLBC</b>                | <b>Concurrent Grant 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche</b> | <b>£2,032.00</b> |
| <b>HBAFC</b>               | <b>Pavilion Contribution</b>                   | <b>£300.00</b>   |

## **CONFIDENTIAL LAND ISSUES**

**RESOLUTION No. 17/2015 Carried** that members of the press and public are excluded from the next item of business as matters of a private and personal nature will be discussed.

**RESOLUTION No. 18/2015 Carried** that the Clerk carries forwards the previously agreed strategy,

- a) Shore Rd – Regularisation of the situation
- b) Station Rd – Physical enforcement

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

A report were received in respect of the Shore Road Recreation Grounds

## **POLICE REPORT**

A Crime report was received from PC 2939 Arends. Members were also apprised of the appointment of a new PCSO – Ms Dawn Baldwin..

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm**

## Appendix 1 - 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 & PROW Member               |  |    |    |  |    | X |  |  |  |   |  |  | 1 |
| Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee        |  |    |    |  | X* |   |  |  |  |   |  |  | 1 |
| Shoreline Compilation Editor              |  | X* |    |  |    |   |  |  |  |   |  |  | 1 |

|                                      |    |    |    |   |    |   |    |   |  |    |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|---|--|----|---|---|---|
| Recreation, Sport & POS Committee    | EO |    |    | X | X* |   |    | X |  | EO |   |   | 3 |
| Risk Assessment Working Group        | X  |    |    |   |    |   |    |   |  |    | X |   | 2 |
| Douglas Park Task Group Members      |    |    |    | X |    | X |    |   |  |    |   |   | 2 |
| Recreation Areas Inspection Members  |    | X* |    |   | X* |   |    | X |  | X  |   |   | 4 |
| LHB/Best Kept Village 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 |

\*Appointed in absentia  
EO = Ex Officio

## Appendix 2 – Chairman’s Report

The present Council is now entering its final year before the election in May 2016 and it’s been a pleasure to note that all eleven of us have remained together and worked well as a unit. On a more personal note this coming year will be my 20<sup>th</sup> serving as a Parish Councillor although some way behind Councillor’s Ashcroft and Goodier.

During those 20 years the village has seen many changes with the vast majority of them being very positive. The new Beconsall Gardens residential development is now complete and the huge proposal to develop the Alty’s site across the road is likely to be decided in the not too distant future and we will continue to push forward our ideas as part of the Linear Park Delivery Group and remain actively involved.

One of the highlights of the past year was the launch of a beautiful and exciting new walk, the Hesketh Bank Heritage Trail which explores the history of the parish. To mark the launch the Parish Council led a free, guided walk over the route on a Saturday morning last March from Booths Supermarket and an impressive notice board was also unveiled. Thanks go to Councillor Kirkby who has worked particularly hard over the past couple of years on the Village Trail project.

The Love Hesketh Bank campaign which was successfully launched last year by Councillor Earles continues to grow through social media and has helped raise awareness of any problem areas in the village although the main campaign still remains to celebrate all that is good about our village.

In March work was completed to improve the drainage and resurface the main carpark at the Council's Centenary Sports Ground. In addition high definition CCTV is being installed to both deter and detect crime and also tackle anti-social behaviour. The three clubs provide sport for over 700 members, young and old with the vast majority being from the Parish.

During the year, we also provided new play equipment at both the Station Road and Shore Road sites and additional seating for parents. All three of the Council’s Play Areas are maintained to a high level and are very popular and extensively used.

Earlier in the year it was agreed that the Council would employ a Lengths-Man who would work part time in the Parish although this position has been put on hold until United Utilities complete their work.

I thank all of the Council for the hard work that they voluntarily undertake for the whole community within the Parish of Hesketh-with-Beconsall and look forward to the next 12 months 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.







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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;  
Mrs Norma Goodier; 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;

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 19/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Recreation, Sport & POS** – No meeting held.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

**Best Kept Village/Love Hesketh Bank** – It was noted that waste bins appeared to be being emptied less often and were regularly overflowing. It was also noted that POS under the control of WLBC was being attended to less often. Cllr Ashcroft offered to take the matter up with Street Scene. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to take over maintenance of various POS from WLBC in order that a higher standard be maintained.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that whilst Members were made aware of a 'Consultation' event held at HBCC on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, no formal invitation had been made to either Tarleton or Hesketh Parish Councils. A complaint had been registered with both Persimmon and WLBC Council. Members were advised that the plans were available for inspection at Tarleton Library.

#### **CSG**

It was noted that work had finally started on the installation of the CCTV equipment and that it should be fully commissioned shortly. The Clerk had received a response from All Saints Church advising that the ditch issue would be addressed shortly, however no response had been received from the other two responsible land owners. Two new waste bins had been installed on the CSG car park.

## **LENGTHSMAN**

The Clerk confirmed that BP Maintenance had commenced the contract on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

## **HESKETH LANE POST OFFICE**

Members noted the new arrangements. The premises will close on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June for refurbishment and re-open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Opening hours will be Mon-Sat 7:30am until 9:00pm and Sun 7:30am until 10pm.

## **COUNCIL INSURANCE**

The Clerk confirmed that this had been renewed with “Hiscox” at an annual premium of £1,344.94, a decrease of £76.87 or 6%.

## **PROW – DELEGATED SERVICES**

It was noted that as agreed at the Annual Meeting, the Clerk had now subscribed the Council to the LCC Local Delivery Scheme in respect of PROWs and received the £200 management fee.

## **FLOWER FESTIVAL**

In line with Members requests, the Clerk had made a donation of £100 towards the cost of Becconsall Old Church 250 year Flower Festival.

## **GP SERVICES**

As advised to Members, the Clerk would now maintain a record of specific problems (and satisfaction) so that he can report to the Clinical Commissioning Group.

## **HBALGA/NSPA**

The Clerk noted that he had received copies of reports, budgets and accounts for the 2 groups would forward these by email to Members for any comments or observations.

## **VAT**

It was noted that the Council had received the VAT rebate for 2014/2015 in the sum of £10,018.80.

## **PENSIONS**

Members were advised that the Council is now obliged to start a contributory scheme for all employees from 1<sup>st</sup> October next year and before that date will have to have a Resolved Policy.

**RESOLUTION No. 20/2015 Carried** that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 21/2015 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

|                            |                              |                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>May</b>                   | <b>£1.39</b>      |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>June</b>                  | <b>£12.42</b>     |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contribution</b> | <b>£300.00</b>    |
| <b>HMRC</b>                | <b>VAT reclaim</b>           | <b>£10,018.80</b> |
| <b>Telefonica</b>          | <b>Base Station Rental</b>   | <b>£5,548.93</b>  |
| <b>LCC</b>                 | <b>Local Delivery Scheme</b> | <b>£200.00</b>    |

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

**RESOLUTION No. 2/2015 Carried** that the Community Centre Annual Report and Accounts are noted. A query was raised as to the need for the Council to be formally apprised of these reports. The Clerk advised that as a founding Trustee Member, the Council had a duty, through its Representative Trustee to be kept apprised of its activities and finances.

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Members were updated by the Clerk as to monies likely to be received from current and projected developments and the need to formulate a policy. Schemes suggested included the Linear Park, expansion of the Village Trails and a possible professional review to assist the Community Centre Development. It was agreed the matter would be included in the July Agenda to determine a policy.

## LAND MATTERS

Members were updated in respect of the two ongoing land issues

## INSPECTION REPORTS

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm.**



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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**

Cllrs. Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Jillian Mckean

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 23/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 are confirmed as a true record

### **REPORTS**

**Recreation, Sport & POS** – No meeting held.

**Best Kept Village/Love Hesketh Bank** – A confidential list of winners of the “Best Kept” was circulated

**Lancashire Access Forum** – A Verbal report was received.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – A report was given. It was noted that Cllr Kirby would be walking all footpaths in the Parish with a view of compiling a list of wants in connection with the Local Delivery Initiative.

### **CLERK’S REPORT**

#### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was confirmed that Alison Whitehead (The Land Trust) had a meeting arranged with the head of Planning at WLBC. with a view to establishing acceptance by WLBC that the Land Trust would be an acceptable vehicle for delivery of the Linear Park. The Clerk also noted that Persimmon had now confirmed that an application under Reserved Planning Matters would go forward for the whole site

#### **CSG**

It was noted that the new CCTV monitoring and recording system was now operational.

#### **U3A**

It was noted that the council has received an invitation to the local U3A open day on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **ASHBROOK CLOSE**

It was noted that the Council had commenced on-going maintenance of the open green at Ashbrook Close.

### **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SIGNS**

Members were apprised of a new LCC initiative to renew/replace signs for Public Rights of Way where they join adopted highways. Cllr Kirby agreed to undertake the required survey work.

### **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

In line with the Council's objective for environment improvement, the Clerk has formally requested transfer of POS lands for ongoing maintenance. This includes Station Road extension Play Area, Ashbrook Close Green, Poppyfields/The Green POS and Play Area, 2 squares of POS at Glen Park Drive/Chapel Road and POS at Norwood Ave/Sidney Ave

### **DATA PROTECTION**

The Clerk confirmed that he was renewing the Council's registration with the Information Commissioner.

### **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

It was noted that this had been passed without qualification.

### **ASSET DAMAGE**

It was noted that the Bus Shelter at the Westerly end of Chapel Road has been struck by a tall vehicle, probably a bus which will probably be a write off due to twisted metal. In addition a CCTV camera and control equipment had been damaged beyond repair by a mains voltage spike. Members were advised that this has also occurred elsewhere in the village but would be very difficult to prove.

It was noted that hedges and ground overgrowth were severely restricting the footpath on the east side of Station Road from the Sports ground to Meadow Lane. It was agreed subject to funds to arrange for hedge cutting and siding back of the footpath.

**RESOLUTION No. 24/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 25/2015 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**

|                            |                                   |                |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>June</b>                       | <b>£1.90</b>   |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>July</b>                       | <b>£12.38</b>  |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contribution</b>      | <b>£300.00</b> |
| <b>WLBC</b>                | <b>Bridge embankment Mtce Fee</b> | <b>£212.00</b> |

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

Members did not wish to make any representation to the review.

## **HBALGA / NSPA**

**RESOLUTION No. 26/2015 Carried** that the Council note the annual Reports and Accounts.

## **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

**RESOLUTION No. 27/2015 Carried** the External Auditor's Report is received and noted. It was noted that no action was required.

## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

The Clerk was also asked to advise the Borough of the immense burden on facilities and infrastructure that the proposed Alty development would bring on the Parish which could result in up to a 25% increase in population.

## **LAND MATTERS**

Members were updated in respect of the two ongoing land issues

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

Reports were received in respect of Station Road, and Shore Road

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mr Ron Tyson.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 28/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 are confirmed as a true record

### **REPORTS**

**Recreation, Sport & POS** – No meeting held.

**Best Kept Village/Love Hesketh Bank** – The Clerk apprised Members of several successes in the Competition with the overall Village achieving 4<sup>th</sup> Place out of 14 within the Class. It was also noted that the County wide award of a Certificate of Merit had been awarded to the Council's Community Garden in front of the Community Centre and that Booths had received a similar award under the Local Store category. It was noted that the Local Best Kept Gardens certificates would be awarded at the Horticultural show on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

**U3A** – Cllr Kirby reported on the success of the Open Day held

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that he hoped to be able to walk a number of the paths prior to the October meeting.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **ALTY/PERSIMON DEVELOPMENT**

The Clerk advised that he and Cllr Ashcroft would be meeting with a senior planning manager from Persimmon as soon as practicable in order to discuss the proposed delivery of the Linear Park

#### **CSG**

It was noted that the CCTV equipment is now fully operational and recording. Initial indications show a significant reduction in littering and dog fouling. The Clerk would be looking to the three Sports Clubs to enter into agreements in respect of supplying video clips and stills for the purpose

of identifying crime and anti-social behaviour in line with the Council's obligations under the FOI Act. It was also noted that the Nursery had now re-located from the Community Centre to the Cricket Pavilion was fully operational having received full clearance from OFSTED.

#### **ALL SAINTS SCHOOL**

It was noted that the Clerk had attended the leaving assembly for the Former Head Teacher, Mr Lawrence Smye-Rumsby, on behalf of the Council at the end of the summer term in July.

#### **HESKETH LANE SURGERY**

Members were apprised that the Clerk had been approached by Dr Hindle for the Council's views on his proposed relocation from Hesketh Lane to the former Chip Shop on Station Road. The Clerk had advised, as per the discussions at the July meeting, that the only concern was parking. It was noted that he had now made pre-application enquiries to WLBC

#### **POS**

It was noted that the Clerk had formally requested that WLBC transfer the Station Road extension Play Area, Ashbrook Close Green, Poppyfields/The Green POS and Play Area, 2 squares of POS at Glen Park Drive / Chapel Road and POS at Norwood Ave/Sidney Ave. These proposed transfers will be considered by WLBC Cabinet in October

#### **INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

The Clerk advised that he had now renewed the Council's Registration under the Data Protection Act.

#### **INSURANCE**

It was noted that the Council's insurers had accepted the claim in respect of the damaged bus shelter in Chapel Road, this would be repaired in early October at cost of £1,806.77 + VAT with the Council bearing the excess of £250. Payment in advance of the works had been received. As previously advised, two cameras and control equipment had been damaged beyond repair by a mains voltage spike.

#### **STATION ROAD PLAY AREA**

It was noted that the Clerk had received 2 complaints regarding a man regularly exercising his dog within the Play Area around midnight. CCTV images would be examined.

#### **MOSS LANE POST BOX**

The clerk noted that he had been pursuing the Royal Mail for over 4 months regarding the removal of the letter box from 90 Moss Lane. They had now advised that this was removed by the landowner and that they don't have any intention of replacing it as it received a very low level of use.

#### **STATION ROAD FOOTPATH**

It was noted that the hedging on the east side of Station Road had been drastically cut back to enable the full footpath width to be used and the encroached earth similarly cut back from the CSG to Meadow Lane.

#### **INTERNET**

With the release of the new .online web name, the Clerk had secured "HeskethBank.online" and "HeskethBankCouncil.uk".



## **CIVIC SUNDAY**

Members were apprised of the WLBC Civic Sunday service will be held at 3pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the Parish Church.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTATION**

It was noted that Members had not indicated a need to respond.

## **GAMBLING ACT 2005 CONSULTATION**

It was noted that Members had not indicated a need to respond.

## **LCC CORPORATE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

It was noted that Members had not indicated a need to respond.

## **AMALGAMATION OF HBALGA & NSPA**

As previously advised, The Clerk had been working with the above groups with a view to them amalgamating. It was advised that he had now produced a draft document incorporating all of the Council's former requirements and that special EGMs of the two bodies would be considering this shortly.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

It was noted that PC Brian Arrands returned to work.

## **BECCONSALL GARDENS**

It was noted that the Parish had now commenced the maintenance of the corner POS incorporating the Beconsall Hotel keystone.

## **TREE INSPECTIONS**

It was noted that the WLBC Arboriculturist would be carrying out the inspection of the Shore Road trees next week.

**RESOLUTION No. 29/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 30/2015 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**

|                            |   |                  |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>July/Aug</b>                         | <b>£1.65</b>     |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>Aug/Sept</b>                         | <b>£30.87</b>    |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b>           | <b>£600.00</b>   |
| <b>Came &amp; Co</b>       | <b>Insurance Payment</b>                | <b>£1,556.77</b> |
| <b>WLBC</b>                | <b>Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> tranche)</b> | <b>26,746.50</b> |

The Bank balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

## **U3A**

**RESOLUTION No. 31/2015 Carried** that the Council approve a grant of £1,200 to the U3A for promotional work less any nett receipts from Tarleton CPC who had previously been asked to contribute in proportion to membership and were to consider the request at their September meeting.

## **PARDOE CLOSE**

**RESOLUTION No. 32/2015 Carried** that Clerk is authorised to enter into an Agreement, on behalf of the Council, for the transfer of the freehold of the Public Open Space on the NE side of Pardoe Close adjacent to Chapel Road from 'Redrow Homes Ltd' to the Parish Council at a cost of £1.

## **BUDGET VIREMENT**

**RESOLUTION No. 33/2015 Carried that** the sum of £1,500 is vired from the POS Budget head to the CCTV Maintenance head.

## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

**RESOLUTION No. 34/2015 Carried that** a Working Group is established to determine a Policy for the use of Parish Council CIL Monies. Members would initially comprise Cllrs Ashcroft, Maughan (Chairman) and Kirby.

## **LAND MATTERS**

Members were updated in respect of the two land issues which had now been resolved.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

A report was received in respect of Shore Road

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **PRESENT**

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

No members of the public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Mrs Norma Goodier;

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 35/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **REPORTS**

**Recreation, Sport & POS** – No meeting held.

**Best Kept Village/Love Hesketh Bank** – It was noted that presentations of Certificates had been made at the Village Horticultural Show in respect of the “Best Kept” competitions.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that he had been able to walk a number of the paths during the past month and hoped to complete all by November.

**CIL Working Group** – The group hoped to meet later in the month

#### **CLERK’S REPORT**

##### **MOSS LANE POST BOX**

It was noted that the clerk had formally objected to the removal of the box without any public consultation; a response had not been received.

##### **STATION ROAD FOOTPATH**

The Clerk had received an assurance that full reinstatement of the pavements would be completed once the current cabling works were complete

##### **U3A**

It was noted that Tarleton CPC had declined to make any contribution to the embryonic Becconsall U3A despite the fact that the facility was enjoyed by some 33 Tarleton residents. It was also noted that despite previous requests support had not been forthcoming with regards to the original setting up of the Shore Road Allotments that again provided facilities for many Tarleton Residents. The

Clerk was instructed to express the Council's disappointment. The Clerk confirmed that a donation of £1,200 would be now processed.

#### **AMALGAMATION OF HBALGA & NSPA**

It was noted that the 2 groups had, at EGMs, agreed to an amalgamation. Members were advised that the Clerk would be preparing a suitably amended Deed and Agreement.

#### **TREE INSPECTIONS**

It was noted that the WLBC Arboriculturist had inspected the Shore Road Recreation Ground trees and required remedial work would be put in hand.

#### **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

As organising Members were unable to attend the presentations, the Clerk agreed to represent the Council.

#### **CCLA**

It was noted that the Council's external Auditor had queried the treatment of CCLA deposits with other Councils requiring such deposits to be treated as Investments. The Clerk stated that he disagreed with this and would keep members apprised.

#### **CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL**

Members were apprised of vacancies on this group.

**RESOLUTION No. 36/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 37/2015 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**

|                            |                               |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>Sept</b>                   | <b>£0.64</b>   |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>Oct</b>                    | <b>£22.60</b>  |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b> | <b>£300.00</b> |

The Bank balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

#### **HALF YEAR BUDGET TURNOUT**

**RESOLUTION No. 38/2015 Carried** that the Budget Turnout to the 30<sup>th</sup> Of September 2015 is noted and agreed and that declared balances are ratified by Bank and Deposit statements. The Chairman signed all Statements.

#### **HBALGA**

**RESOLUTION No. 39/2015 Carried** that Council note the accounts as presented to the Association's AGM.

## **REGULATIONS and POLICY STATEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 40/2015 Carried** that Council, having reviewed all documents, ratifies as drawn the following for continued use by the Council:-

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Financial Regulations
- c) Gifts, Grants and Loans
- d) Risk Assessment Policy
- e) Community Engagement Policy
- f) Internal Audit Testing Schedule
- g) Policy on The Effectiveness of Internal Control
- h) Play and Recreation Inspection Policy
- i) Training Policy
- j) Freedom of Information Policy

## **LAND AT PARDOE CLOSE.**

**RESOLUTION No. 41/2015 Carried that** the Council execute a Deed for the transfer of the freehold of the Public Open Space on the NE side of Pardoe Close adjacent to Chapel Road from 'Redrow Homes Ltd' to the Parish Council at a cost of £1. Cllrs. Sergeant and Kirby signed witnessed by the Clerk.

## **CIL – WLBC**

A report of WLBC options and shortlisted projects in relation to the Borough use of CIL monies had been circulated. It was felt that the use of Borough funds, as opposed to Parish funds, was inappropriate for such projects as "Allotments in Burscough" and "Halsall Memorial Hall extension". The Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly and in general terms recommend "Option 3".

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.**

*At the conclusion of the Meeting, the Clerk, under his brief on delegated security matters, consulted with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on his proposals for future ongoing broadband provision and maintenance of CCTV and associated equipment and his proposals to enter into an Agreement and Accommodation Agreement with "Unity Wireless" for the provision of wireless broadband and maintenance of equipment, and the use of the CSG CCTV column for microwave and relay aerials. The proposition would be revenue cash neutral. The Chairman and Vice Chairman supported the Clerk's proposal who confirmed he would proceed as indicated.*



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

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

## **PRESENT**

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; 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)

No members of the public were present.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Diane Earles

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 42/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

### **REPORTS**

**Chairman's Report** – The Chairman read out a complimentary letter from the local MP with regards to the Best Kept Village awards.

**Recreation, Sport & POS** – No meeting held.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that he had been able to walk further paths during the past month and hoped to complete all by the end of the year.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

It was noted that the RBL had failed to deliver a wreath for laying on Remembrance Sunday.

#### **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

The Clerk advised that he had attended the presentation event on 19<sup>th</sup> of October at Wrea Green. He also received the Booths 'Best Shop' award on behalf of the firm. It was agreed that the shields should be offered for display at shops and school.

#### **PARDOE CLOSE**

The Clerk confirmed that he had completed the transfer of land completed on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015. It was noted that he had also met with Cllr Ashcroft and officers from WLBC Street Scene directorate with a view to progressing clearance works.

### **BUS SHELTER Chapel Road**

The Clerk advised that this had been struck again by an unknown vehicle; the damaged sustained made the asset beyond repair and a quote for replacement with a narrow canopy was awaited.

### **CHRISTMAS**

The Clerk confirmed that The Pole lights on the lighting columns and the Christmas trees should be erected on the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

### **WLBC**

Members were apprised of the new management structure to be implemented in the new-year.

### **BECCONSALL U3A**

A letter of thanks had been received from the U3A with regards to the donation made by the Council

### **SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL CIVIC SERVICE**

The Clerk apprised Members of the Service

**RESOLUTION No. 43/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 44/2015 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**

|                            |  |                  |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>Oct</b>                                       | <b>£0.46</b>     |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>Nov</b>                                       | <b>£29.44</b>    |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b>                    | <b>£300.00</b>   |
| <b>WLBC</b>                | <b>Concurrent Grant (2<sup>nd</sup> tranche)</b> | <b>£2,032.00</b> |

The Bank balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

### **CIL**

A comprehensive report from the Working Group was presented on initial thoughts for the use of Parish CIL monies. (*See appendix*)

### **BUDGET 2016-2017**

Members considered projects for inclusion in the 2016-2017 Budget to be discussed at the December Meeting.

- a) **Re-surfacing CSG Access Road**
- b) **Best Kept Village Allocation**
- c) **Village Hall Assistance**
- d) **Public Open Space Planting**

### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm.**  
*Appendix to Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015*

## **WORKING GROUP TO FORMULATE POLICY FOR USE OF CIL MONIES**

Comprises Cllrs Ashcroft, Kirby and Maughan

22 October 2015

Acquainted with policy requirements as set out by WLBC

Discussed various matters

Could involve as much as £1,200 per property x 200 dwellings x 5 years x 15%

Initial discussion centred around Linear Park construction then maintenance

Then moved on to the Land Trust and obtaining Start Up monies

Need to generate reports to start projects

Would need a Business Plan, to incorporate West Lancs Railway as well

Went on to discuss various matters, including:-

- Obtaining monies to go towards Community Benefit projects
- Access to country/rural aspects (including possible bridge and RSPB)
- Community Village Hall
- Obtaining monies to obtain plans (architects)
- Think about play areas (seemed sufficient but what about tennis courts?)
- Nursery considered
- Assist Altys in respect of 'grey' land
- Suitable site for doctors practice
- What about McCarthy and Stone coming into village
- Consider Neighbourhood services
- Consider Community Futures

### **ACTION POINTS**

Steve to obtain copy of Community Health Surveys for perusal





# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

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

One member of the public was present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Diane Earles; Julie Lancaster

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 45/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kirby, as Trustee and Chairman, and Cllr Baldwin, as Trustee, of the Community Centre declared an interest in item 9

#### **REPORTS**

**Chairman's Report** – The Chairman thanked Booths Foodstore Manager for hosting the meeting and advised of the availability of the facility for all future meetings. It was agreed that the next three meetings should be held there.

**Recreation, Sport & POS** – No meeting held.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that he had been able to walk further paths during the past month and hoped to complete all by the end of the year.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **CHRISTMAS**

It was noted that the Christmas trees were erected on 27<sup>th</sup> November and the Pole lights on the lighting columns on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Duncan Taylor had again provided, without charge, the beautiful wreaths on the lighting columns.

#### **ONE WEST LANCS**

It was noted that the Clerk had attended the O.W.L. Board meeting at Ormskirk on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and was pleased to be able to offer information and support with regards to the West Lanes Light Railway's application for Heritage Grant Funding which was being promoted by the CVS. He was able to highlight the need for closer consultation

between WLBC Planners, WLBC Regeneration Team, Persimmon and the Parish Council with regards to the Linear Park development.

The Clerk also apprised Members with respect to the “**SPICE**” **Time Credits Programme** which is now operational and successful within the Chorley Borough Council District.

#### **LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

The draft recommendations had been circulated to Members last month. As the proposals do not affect any of the West Lancs Northern Parishes, it was agreed that a response was not required.

#### **BUS SUBSIDIES & MINIBUS PROVISION**

The draft recommendations were circulated to Members last month. As a result the Clerk, and Cllr Ashcroft, had held a meeting with West Lancs Dial-a-Ride and Community Cars to explore possibilities.

#### **WEBSITE**

It was noted that the Council is still achieving very good access figures to the WebSite with visitors from an amazing assortment of locations

#### **ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk advised that he had met with the Chairmen of the two present bodies and agreed a draft document for a new Management and Trust Deed with the new combined body. This fully incorporates all the existing obligations and duties.

#### **POLICE**

It was noted that PC Brian Arrands would return to full duties in the New Year.

#### **DOUGLAS CARDIAC TRUST**

It was noted that a request for support towards the “Christmas Tree & future work”; however all budgeted funds had been used.

**RESOLUTION No. 46/2015 Carried** that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 47/2015 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**

|                            |                               |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>Nov</b>                    | <b>£0.11</b>   |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>Dec</b>                    | <b>£34.93</b>  |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b> | <b>£300.00</b> |

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

## **CIL**

A comprehensive report (See appendix) from the Working Group was presented on proposals in respect of possible redevelopment of the village hall site. Cllrs. Kirby and Baldwin left the meeting while the proposals were discussed.

**RESOLUTION No. 48/2015 Carried** that the Council authorise expenditure of up to £600 for the preparation of an architect's condition and evaluation report in respect of the site

## **WLBC MEETING THE BUDGET CONSULTATION**

Members noted with concern that many of the propositions were fatuous and agreed that such measures should have already been implemented and did not require consultation. It was also agreed that Members would respond as individuals in addition to the Council response.

## **BUDGET 2016-2017**

Members considered projects for inclusion in the 2016-2017 Budget. It was agreed to include the following in the draft budget to be agreed at the January meeting.

- a) **Re-surfacing CSG Access Road**
- b) **Complete overhaul of the land drainage at the Recreation Ground**
- c) **Provision to commence development the Poppyfields/The Green POS**
- d) **Best Kept Village / Love Hesketh Bank / Gardens Competition Allocation**
- e) **Village Hall Redevelopment Assistance possibly through CIL**
- f) **Promotion of Dial-a-ride / Community Cars**

## **COUNCIL INVESTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 49/2015 Carried** that the Council note the Public Sector Deposit Fund 6 monthly report.

## **TRAVELLER SITES CONSULTATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 50/2015 Carried** that the Council note and were content with the report.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:38pm.**

## **APPENDIX**

### **Hesketh with Beconsall Village Community Centre.**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to acquaint members with recent developments following the initial meeting of the CIL Working Group which identified, amongst other things, the possibility of using CIL monies to contribute to the improvement of the facilities currently in place at the Village Community Centre

#### **Background**

Hesketh with Beconsall Village Community Centre (HwBVCC) occupies a three quarter acre site on Station

Road comprising a small Front Hall, a much larger Back Hall and a Band Hut. The site is also home to a well-used Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and an award winning Public Garden which occupies the front of the site.

The site was originally part of a much larger area purchased in 1920 by the Hesketh Sports Company for the development of sporting and recreational pursuits, which currently serves the local football, cricket and bowling clubs and is now owned by the Parish Council. In 1944 the site, which incorporates the HwBVCC, was in turn purchased by a number of local benefactors and is now held in trust for use by the local community for social, educational and sporting/recreational purposes.

In 1964 the Front Hall was built and in the early 1980s two former mess huts were acquired from Wheeton Army Camp. These were put together to form the L shaped Back Hall and breeze block internal walls were added.

For several years until last June the Back Hall was occupied by a private nursery (Happy Days) which enjoyed exclusive use on weekdays during term time and, whilst providing a good regular income, this significantly limited the use of the hall by the wider community.

Now that the nursery has moved to the Cricket Pavilion, the Back Hall is being used far more extensively by other local groups, particularly Becconsall U3A. However, this has prompted a much greater focus on the need to upgrade the hall to modern standards or indeed to consider a far more radical new build option in order to tap into the potential to attract more extensive use from within the wider local business and community interests.

#### **Recent Developments**

In order to gain a better understanding of the nature and scope of any likely improvement works, Richard Every, a local architect with relevant experience, was approached and invited to a meeting with the CIL Working Group. Councillor Baldwin, as a member of the HwBVCC Trust, was also invited to attend. Following the meeting, Richard visited the site and completed an initial survey of the Back Hall. His report is attached.

#### **Next Steps**

Members of HwBVCC Trust have been appraised of these developments and have seen the architect's report. They are in complete agreement that the initiative to seek professional expertise is a very positive move and are grateful for the involvement of members of the Parish Council so far. They appreciate that it would be wrong to commit CIL monies towards any improvement works without a full understanding of the cost of any such works and a detailed project plan for their successful completion. Moreover they are fully aware of the requirement to provide a well demonstrated evidence of need and business plan to show the long term viability of the VCC.

With this in mind, initial discussions have been held with Community Futures, a long established organisation with a considerable track record in supporting the VCF sector generally and Village Halls in particular. As well as offering help with evidence of need and community consultation, they also provide advice and support on business planning and bid writing.

As a first step, the Parish Council would be asked to consider the use of CIL monies to cover the cost of professional fees for the work required by the architect, Richard Every, to produce a condition survey, and an options appraisal with estimates of cost and also for Community Futures to provide all necessary assistance with the preparation of a community consultation to ascertain evidence of need for an improved Village Community Centre, together with a Business Plan to demonstrate the future sustainability of the VCC.



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

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

One member of the public was present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Diane Earles; Julie Lancaster, Maureen Baldwin, Norma Goodier, Jillian McKean, Martin Forshaw.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 51/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Sergeant, as Chairman, declared a pecuniary interest in item 16.

### **REPORTS**

**Chairman's Report** – The Chairman thanked Booths Foodstore Manager for hosting the meeting. It was agreed that the remaining meetings of the present Council (until April 2017) meetings should be held there.

**LHB** – The Clerk gave a report from Cllr Earles on her proposals for the annual grant of LHB pin badges to local persons who had served the village. The report was accepted and a list of nominees agreed. The intention was to announce the awards on St Valentine's Day.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that owing to the poor condition of land, he had not been able to carry out any further walks.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **POS**

It was noted that WLBC Cabinet would be considering a proposal on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, from this Council, to transfer Ashbrook Close POS, Becconsall Gardens POS and Glenpark Drive POS (2 plots) with a commuted sum of £38,500. In addition the POS at Poppyfields with a suitable commuted sum once negotiations with Morris Homes are complete.

### **LALC AREA COMMITTEE**

It was noted that the next meeting was at WLBC on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm and would include presentations on Bus subsidy withdrawals, Dial-a-Ride and Closure of moss land pumping stations.

### **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

The Clerk advised that Mr Richard Shirres would address the meeting with an update on 'HOME' and be open to discuss how the Parish could make use of the facility in the future.

### **AIR AMBULANCE**

The Clerk advised that the provisional donation of £100 to the Air Ambulance in January unless Members wish to make an alternative proposal.

### **CSG LEASES**

It was noted that the leases of the 3 clubs are co-terminus in 2026 – i.e. 10 years remaining. This prevents them applying for some grants as security of tenure is required for an excess of 10 years. The Clerk proposed an extension of 10 years to all clubs requiring this and Members agreed to support a motion to ratify this at the February meeting.

### **GREEN LANE LINK**

The Clerk noted that he had been advised by a Member of a public meeting being organised by North Meols and Tarleton Parish Councils to be held in Tarleton on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Investigations had shown that this had in fact been organised by County Councillor Barron rather than the Parishes and that he had written to Cllr Barron querying as to why Hesketh Bank had not received an invitation. Members concurred with the Clerk's concern and requested that the Clerk again write to Cllr Barron supporting the views already expressed by the Clerk.

**RESOLUTION No. 52/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 53/2015 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**

|                            |                               |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>Dec</b>                    | <b>£0.17</b>   |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>Jan</b>                    | <b>£33.35</b>  |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b> | <b>£300.00</b> |

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER BUDGET OUT-TURN**

**RESOLUTION No. 54/2015 Carried** that the Council note the presented report.

### **2016-2017 BUDGET**

Subject to the inclusion of an allowance for a “Digital Inclusion” initiative of £500

**RESOLUTION 55/2015 carried** that the Draft budget is ratified as presented

### **PRECEPT**

**RESOLUTION 56/2015 carried** that a **PRECEPT of £64,142** (*less such Concurrent and Council Tax Relief grants as may be made*) be made on West Lancashire Borough Council.

### **FINANCIAL DELEGATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 57/2015 Carried** that the Council **Delegate to the Executive Clerk** all expenditure as detailed in the approved budget 2016-2017

### **INTERNAL AUDITOR**

**RESOLUTION No. 58/2015 Carried** that the Council appoint **Mr Trevor Rimmer** as Internal Auditor for the ensuing Financial Year.

### **WLBC CAPITAL GRANTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 59/2015 Carried** that the Council make application to WLBC for funds to support a “Digital Inclusion” initiative.

### **MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES**

**RESOLUTION No. 60/2015 Carried that**

- a) The Chairman’s Allowance is set at £125 p.a.
- b) No Allowance is payable to Members other than the Chairman.
- c) That Expenses are payable to members in line with the 2013 provisions

### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

Reports were received with regards to Shore Rd complex and Station Rd Play Area.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:08pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

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

Also present:- Richard Shirres (EA); Tony Baker (RSPB); PC Brian Arrands.  
No members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Maureen Baldwin; Norma Goodier; Ron Tyson; Martin Forshaw.

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 61/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations were made

#### **REPORTS**

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

The Chairman thanked Richard Shirres and Tony Baker for their presentation regarding the Out-Marsh and PC Arrands for the Police Report.

**LHB** – Cllr Earles confirmed the list of award winners; one additional name was added. Recipients were to be advised personally on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that owing to the poor condition of land, he had not been able to carry out any further walks.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **POS**

It was noted that the WLBC Cabinet have approved the transfer of Ashbrook Close POS, Becconsall Gardens POS, Glenpark Drive POS (2 plots) with a commuted sum of £38,500. In addition the transfer of the POS at Poppyfields with a suitable commuted sum once negotiations with Morris Homes are complete. The Clerk had requested that the Parish also manage the small strip of land at Norwood Ave but this was refused as being part of a bigger contract.

Maintenance of the Glen Park areas would commence immediately; Ashbrook Close and Becconsall Gardens were already being maintained. Having examined the POS at Pardoe Close it was found that many bushes were dead or diseased and 2 trees were in poor



condition; it was also evident that the area was being used for drinking with a large amount of detritus present, the Clerk was seeking quotes to return the land to a grassed area with 3 or 4 heavily pruned specimen trees and the replacement of the rear boundary fence.

### **CSG LEASES**

Following the Resolution of the Council last month, the Clerk had now written to the three clubs offering a 10 year extension to their present leases.

### **GREEN LANE LINK**

It was noted that following the January meeting of Tarleton Parish Council, the Clerk was advised by a member of the public that at that meeting, the Chairman had allegedly stated that Hesketh Bank were not interested in the Green Lane Link and this was allegedly confirmed by CC Barron. The Clerk had written to Cllr Barron expressing the Council's concern but had not received a reply.

### **MAYORS CIVIC DINNER**

An invitation had been received.

### **VILLAGES IN PARTNERSHIP**

Members were advised of the forthcoming AGM

### **CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LANCASHIRE**

An invitation had been received from the Mayor.

### **NW AIR AMBULANCE**

It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received with regard to the Council's £100 donation.

### **CHAPEL RD BUS SHELTER**

It was noted that the shelter had now been hit on three occasions by unknown vehicles and that the situation needed to be reviewed with regards to insurance.

### **POOR MARSH**

It was noted that the name chosen for the new combined group is "**Poor Marsh Permaculture Allotment Society**" (**Poor Marsh PALS**)

### **PRECEPT**

It was noted that the failure of WLBC to agree the grants to Parishes at an appropriate time had meant that the Clerk had been forced to base the Council's budget on an assumption of a 10% reduction in Concurrent and Council Tax Support Grants. The Clerk had registered a formal complaint and will raise the matter at the next Clerks' liaison meeting.

### **ALTY**

It was noted that the Light Railway had now secured a HLF £K10 grant to develop a strategy for expanding and managing the railway. The Clerk also noted that he had been frustrated by the failure of Persimmon to engage with the Parish Council, he had therefore put a case to the WLBC Chief Exec that they should head up a group of the interested and affected parties to lead a pro-active group (in respect of the Linear Park only) with our aspirations. The case had now been accepted and a meeting is being arranged.

## **LEAD and CADMIUM**

As a result of enquiries made, it was noted that the Council's Playground contractor "Yates Playgrounds Ltd" had confirmed that all their paint and powder coatings comply with current legislation.

**RESOLUTION No. 62/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 63/2015 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**

|                            |                               |                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>Jan</b>                    | <b>£0.23</b>     |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>Feb</b>                    | <b>£30.08</b>    |
| <b>Came &amp; Co</b>       | <b>Insurance Receipt</b>      | <b>£1,864.23</b> |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b> | <b>£300.00</b>   |

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**RESOLUTION No. 64/2015 Carried** that the Executive Clerk is granted a "Power of Attorney" for the execution of the Conveyance, Transfer or Lease of any Freehold or Leasehold property which the Council intends to acquire.

## **WORKS**

**RESOLUTION No. 65/2015 carried** that works provided for in the 2016-2017 may be executed by the Clerk in advance subject to funds being available.

## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE / LOVE HESKETH BANK**

**RESOLUTION No. 66/2015 carried** that the Council enter the 'Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2016' and that a Committee comprising Cllrs Tyson, Earles, Kirby and Lancaster be formed to manage the entry.

## **CSG LEASES**

**RESOLUTION No. 57/2015 Carried that** the Council grant a 10 year extension on the leases to the three sports clubs, occupying the Centenary Sports Ground, on current terms.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

A report was received with regards to the Shore Rd complex.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

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

Three members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Norma Goodier; Martin Forshaw.

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 68/2015 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations were made

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Representations from three members of All Saints Church were made regarding flooding of the graveyard

#### **REPORTS**

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

The Chairman read the police report in the officer's absence.

**LHB** – Cllr Earles advised that work was in hand for both the Best Kept Village and the local Best Kept event. It was confirmed that tickets for Southport Flower Show would again be presented as prizes.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – Cllr Kirby advised that owing to the poor condition of land, he had still not been able to carry out any further walks.

**CIL working group** – It was confirmed that options were still being considered with regards to the Community Centre.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

### **POS**

It was noted that work had commenced during February on the Pardoe Close POS with the removal and grubbing out of all bushes and 2 trees. The rear boundary fence will now be replaced with feather edge boarding and the whole area grass seeded.

The transfer of the land to the Parish Council was registered with the Land Registry by the Clerk under his power of Attorney.

### **CHAPEL RD BUS SHELTER**

The Clerk confirmed that the insurers would not accept this shelter under the general terms of the policy; Members were asked to review the location and report to the April meeting.

### **PRECEPT**

It was noted that WLBC had decided to reduce both the Concurrent Grant and Council Tax Support Grant by 10% per annum over the next 3 years. This effectively meant that the Parish Council's income from the Borough next year would be £8,048. The precept for a Band D house will be £40.68 – an increase of 4p per week.

### **RAIL SOUTHPORT-MANCHESTER**

The cessation of the direct airport link on the Southport to Manchester line in December was noted. The Clerk was requested to make representations to Rail North and Arriva.

### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

It was noted that the engineering reports carried out in February require some minor repair to the safety surfacing and swing bearings which had been put in hand.

### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that following the Clerk's earlier representations, a meeting was held at WLBC, on the direction of the Chief Executive, with the John Harrison - Director of Planning, Ann Veevers - the Senior Planning officer dealing with the application, Peter Richards - the Local Plan Development officer, Cllr John Hodson - Portfolio Holder for Planning, Iain Ashcroft - Hesketh Bank Ward councillor, Martin Trengove - CVS representing the light railway and the Parish Clerk

The meeting was very productive with the subsequent agreement that a much reduced Steering Group based on Hesketh Bank Parish Council, could represent the local views in respect of the Linear Park with Persimmon and/or Alty

An exploratory meeting had been held with the Tarleton Clerk, the Light Railway and the Clerk to endeavour to set parameters. The conclusions were:-

1. Each Parish Council would agree their aspiration, desires, wants etc as working groups and that the respective Parish Clerks would take the views forward to the group.

2. The group would consist of:-  
 Clerk HwB Parish Council  
 Clerk, Tarleton Parish Council  
 Martin Trengove, West Lancashire CVS  
 Graham Fairhurst, West Lancashire Light Railway  
 Lancashire Wildlife Trust / RSPB  
 The Land Trust  
 Planning Officer, WLBC

The Clerk had arranged for interested Members to walk the site for familiarisation on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10pm. It was advised that this would be entirely at Members own risk and that suitable clothing and boots should be worn.

The Clerk also urged Members to visit Mere Sands Wood and Longton Brickcroft to see similar developments.

The Clerk requested that the present CIL monies amounting £3,486 is allocated to the project and that the Land Trust be retained to bring forth initial proposals for the North End of the site as a matter of urgency. Members unanimously agreed; it was also agreed that the matter would be placed on the April agenda for ratification.

#### **NOMINATION PAPERS**

The Clerk advised that Nomination Papers for the new Council would be available from WLBC from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and should be returned between 24<sup>th</sup> March and 4pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 69/2015 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 70/2015 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**

|                            |                               |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank Interest</b>       | <b>February 2016</b>          | <b>£0.16</b>   |
| <b>Investment Interest</b> | <b>March 2016</b>             | <b>£31.75</b>  |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Pavilion Contributions</b> | <b>£300.00</b> |
| <b>Football Club</b>       | <b>Ground Rent</b>            | <b>£281.06</b> |
| <b>Cricket Club</b>        | <b>Ground Rent</b>            | <b>£327.55</b> |
| <b>Bowls Club</b>          | <b>Ground Rent</b>            | <b>£651.06</b> |
| <b>BT</b>                  | <b>Wayleave phone box</b>     | <b>£20.00</b>  |

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

**WLBC ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY**

**RESOLUTION No. 71/2015 Carried** that the Executive Clerk complete the enquiry

**STREET NAMING**

**RESOLUTION No. 72/2015 carried** that the Council is content that the address for new properties adjacent to 90 Moss Lane should be "**Moss Gardens**".

**INSPECTION REPORTS**

Report was received with regards to the Shore Rd complex and Station Rd Play Area.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.**