



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 1/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th March 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman noted that nine of the existing Members had been elected unopposed with one additional new Member

LHB – Cllr Earles advised that the Appreciation Awards had been presented and that the local “Best Kept” would now be progressed. It was suggested that better ‘Welcoming Signs’ be provided at the entrances to the village. The Clerk noted that there was provision in the budget for such items.

Public Rights of Way (PROW) – Cllr Kirby advised that 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 possible re-location of the Community Centre.

CLERK'S REPORT

POS

It was noted that work had been completed on the Pardoe Close POS

INSPECTION REPORTS

It was noted that the Annual Inspection reports carried out in March have recommended various works. The reports had been forwarded to the relevant Committee for consideration.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk requested that Members who wished to be involved with the delivery of the Park remain behind after the meeting for a confidential update on various aspects of the envisaged scheme.

CIL

Members were advised of the next tranche of CIL monies emanating from 75 Chapel Road amounting to £4,125.91 with a second tranche on the same development in 6 months of £4,500.91.

PENSIONS

It was noted that the Council is required by law to set up a scheme for employees in October 2016 and that it would have to decide shortly what scheme to join.

CODE OF CONDUCT SEMINAR

It was noted that this would be held on the 12th July 6:30pm at the WLBC Offices.

MAY MEETING

It was noted that as the election was uncontested, the May meeting would be held on Monday 9th May 2016

RESOLUTION No. 2/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 3/2016 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 2016	£0.11
Investment Interest	April 2016	£32.67
WLBC	Precept 1st Tranche	£28,051.00
WLBC	Council Tax Support Grant	£4,390.00
Hesketh Bank AFC	Pavilion Contribution	£300.00
Bowls Club	Ground Rent	£651.06
BT	Wayleave phone box	£20.00

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

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION No. 4/2016 Carried that Council's Annual Accounts (2015-2016) are received and noted as presented.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 5/2016 Carried that the Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016) is ratified as presented.

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 6/2016 Carried that the Annual Return (Accounting Statement 2015/2016) is ratified as presented.

CIL FUNDS

RESOLUTION No. 7/2016 Carried that the Council ratify the allocation of current CIL funds to the Linear Park Delivery Project.

CHAPEL ROAD BUS SHELTER

RESOLUTION No. 8/2016 Carried that the previously damaged Bus Shelter at Chapel road be replaced as and when adjacent building works are completed.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm.



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th May 2016 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Simon Kenyon; 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

CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 09/2016 Carried that Cllr. Paul Sergeant is elected unopposed. Cllr Sergeant publically read, and signed, a declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ACCEPTANCE of OFFICE

The Clerk confirmed that all members present, and Cllr Goodier, had signed their declarations of Acceptance of Office.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Norma Goodier

VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 10/2016 Carried that Cllr. Iain Ashcroft is elected Vice-Chairman unopposed.

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 11/2016 Carried that appointments (*as per the appendixes*) are confirmed. It was noted that the Tarleton Academy Community Relations Committee has ceased to exist.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 12/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th April 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

CO-OPTION

RESOLUTION No. 13/2016 Carried that Mr John Hunter is offered the vacant seat on the Council.

REPORTS

Chairman's Annual Report - (See Appendix)

Best Kept Village Working Group – It was noted that judging would commence on 4th June. It was agreed that the Lengthsman's duties should be directed to the specific entered areas. The Clerk was requested to make arrangements to have the roads swept immediately prior to the judging date and also query the non receipt of posters.

CLERK'S REPORT

VAT

It was noted that the Clerk had reclaimed £7,456 VAT from expenditure in the year to March 31st 2016.

CONFIRMATION of THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETANCY

The Clerk confirmed that with 82% of the new Councillors being elected, the Council continues to be able to operate the "General Power of Competency".

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It was noted that the Labour group continue to hold control of the Borough Council.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

Members were apprised that the resurfacing and marking out of the access roadway was now complete. It was noted that highway grade surfacing had been used at the entrance area in an effort to reduce the heavy scouring which had occurred there. The total cost over the past 30 months of upgrading the whole facility including CCTV, new drainage, fencing and signage as well as major roadway and surfacing repairs was reported to have been approx. £31,000.

HENRY ALTY PARK

It was noted that the Land Trust had now produced their report and this is available to Members as a strictly confidential document as the contents could prejudice ongoing negotiations.

The Clerk noted that he was meeting with John Harrison, head of planning at WLBC, during the week with a view to determining a view on the amount of CIL that might be made available to the scheme. The Parish will be able to allocate its own CIL money from the scheme that will be in the region of £90,000. However, as a bare minimum, it is calculated that the Land Trust will need an endowment pot in the region of £M0.5. The Clerk noted that he would also be meeting with the Chairman of Alty on Thursday looking to agreeing a deal in principle on the value and transfer of the land. This of course will be subject to ratification by this Council, the Land Trust and WLBC. The Borough will also have to agree to the detail of the proposed leisure and business development

INTERNAL AUDIT

It was noted that Mr Trevor Rimmer will again be conducting the Internal Audit during week commencing the 23rd of May.

WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATION

It was noted that the Council's application for a grant towards the U3A developing a 'Digital Inclusion' programme has been rejected as it was considered a Revenue Funded scheme rather than Capital which the Clerk disputed.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members were apprised that this continues to have a good hit rate of between 50 and 70 visitors per day. This will be re-vamped over the summer to comply with current recommendations including making it "mobile friendly".

VIRAN MEDICAL CENTRE

The Clerk had been advised that Dr Hindle would not be moving to the old chip shop as the NHS had pulled funding. He is still hoping to stay at Hesketh Lane but negotiations are on-going.

LCC PROW DELIVERY

The Clerk confirmed that he had again opted the Council into this scheme. The Council would initially receive £250 towards vegetation clearance

CODE OF CONDUCT SEMINAR

Members were reminded that this annual seminar is being held on 12th July 6:30pm at the WLBC Offices. It is expected that all Parish Councillors will attend.

RESOLUTION No. 14/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 15/2016 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	£1.00
Investment Interest	May	£30.00
WLBC	CIL re Chapel Road	£4,125.91
WLBC	Concurrent Grant (1st Tranche)	£1,829.00
HBAFC	Pavilion Contribution	£300.00

HBALGA ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION No. 16/2016 Carried that the HBALGA accounts 2016 are noted.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:05pm

Appendix 1.

	ASHCROFT	BALDWIN	EARLES	KENYON	GOODIER	KIRBY	VACANCY	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 Editor			X										1
Recreation & POS Committee	EO			X	X			X		EO			3
Planning Committee	EO					X			X	EO	X		3
Risk Assessment Working Group	X										X		2
Henry Altys Park Task Group Member	EO					X		X		EO	X		2
Recreation Areas Inspection Members		X			X			X		X			4
LHB / BKV Working Group			X			X			X		X		4
Payment Authorisation Members	X					X		X		X			4
Security Matters incl CCTV												X	1

Notes:

The Community Centre Representative Trustee is appointed to represent the views and objectives of the Council. The representative is expected to report back to the Council and keep the Council fully apprised of the work of the Trustees.

The Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc Appointee is a Nominee of the Council and can act as he/she thinks fit. Reports are expected to Council as appropriate but at least annually.

The Environmental & PRow Member is specifically charged with bringing to the Council any matters within the powers of the Council affecting the local environment and reporting requirements on Public Rights of Way for consideration under the LCC delegated scheme.

The Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee is a Nominee of the Council and can act as they think fit. The representative is expected to report back to the Council at least annually.

The ShoreLine Compliance Editor is charged with gathering copy and producing print ready artwork

The Recreation & POS Committee is appointed with full Executive and delegated authority to discharge their responsibilities within budget and without reference to the full Council

All Working Groups should formulate costed propositions for presenting to Full Council for authority to action.

Appendix 2

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016

The present Council has just completed another productive and successful four year term. Martin Forshaw and Julie Lancaster have decided not to re-stand for election and we wish them both well in the future and thank them for all their hard work. We welcome new member Simon Kenyon to the council and will now have to co-opt another member to fulfil the other vacant position.

Personally this will be my 6th term as a Councillor spanning over 20 years although still some way behind Councillor's Ashcroft and Goodier.

Looking back over the last four years in September 2012 we became the first council in West Lancashire to achieve 'General Power of Competence' under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. Later that year the then Mayor & Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor and Mrs Paul Greenall presented engraved Jubilee Medals and Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Parish Council to members of the local community who had made a significant contribution to the well-being of the village.

In 2013 the Council's Permaculture site at the Poor Marsh on Shore Road was awarded the prestigious 'Best Practice' award by the Lancashire Environment Fund. Also at Shore Road work started at the Council's Recreation Ground to build a new changing facility which was officially opened by the New Mayor our own Councillor Ian Ashcroft in March 2014. The building was financed by the Parish Council in partnership with the Football Club, West Lancashire Borough Council and local business.

In February 2014 on Valentine's Day the Council launched the Love Hesketh Bank campaign which we use to celebrate and promote the village and at the same time opened a Facebook page and Twitter account. Our thanks go to Councillor Diane Earles for her work which has continued with Annual Awards now being presented to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the village.

In the summer of 2014 Councillor Steve Kirkby began the project of developing a Village Trail and to kick start it with 'Walk a Country Mile' following a path that was to become the first part of the Trail. The trail was completed by March 2015 and launched with a guided walk over the route with local historians briefly telling the story of the area and an impressive notice board was unveiled outside Booth's Supermarket. Also in March 2015 work was completed to improve the drainage and re-surface the main carpark at the Council's Centenary Sports Ground and in addition high definition CCTV was also installed. Last week the road and entrance to the ground was also re-surfaced.

In September 2015 we narrowly missed the awards in the 'Best Kept Village' competition coming 4th in the Large Village Section. However we did win a Certificate of Merit and a Shield for the Council's Public Garden in front of the Community Centre on Station Road against 71 other entries in the region. Our thanks go to Councillor Ron Tyson for his work with the sub-committee responsible for the competition. Earlier in the year as part of the Love Hesketh Bank Campaign we ran a best kept garden and best kept allotment which was won by local residents Mr & Mrs Clark and John Birchall respectively. The Village continues to develop and we await the development of Alty's site in particular but we will continue to push forward our ideas as part of the Linear Park and remain actively involved.

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-Beconsall and look forward to at least the next four 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.





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PRESENT

Councillors Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr John Hunter; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan;
Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Simon Kenyon

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 17/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th May 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman apprised Members regarding the on-going complaints in respect of nuisance caused by rowdy youths outside the Community Centre. The Chairman of the Community centre, being present, advised he would endeavour to implement the installation of a chain across the entrance to the site.

LHB – Cllr Hunter agreed to replace Cllr McKean on the ‘Best Kept’ Working Group.

Public Rights of Way (PROW) – Cllr Kirby advised that he had completed walking all footpaths on the north side of Shore Road

CIL working group – No report

CLERK'S REPORT

MEMBERS

The Clerk confirmed that he had witnessed the ‘Acceptance of Office’ declaration in respect of Cllr Hunter.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk updated Members regarding meetings he had had with the Alty Chairman and Director; John Harrison, Head of Planning at WLBC; The Land Trust and the Southport Fly Fishers. He was expecting to have a further meeting with Alty and

Persimmon during the month. He advised he was now awaiting a response to the provisional offer placed with Alty.

CODE OF CONDUCT SEMINAR

It was noted that this would be held on the 12th July 6:30pm at the WLBC Offices.

RESOLUTION No. 18/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 19/2016 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 2016	£0.78
Investment Interest	June 2016	£38.79
Telefonica	June 2016	£5,548.93
Hesketh Bank AFC	Pavilion Contribution	£300.00
Hesketh Bank AFC	Pitch Inspection Fee (refund)	£100.00
HMRC	VAT Claim	£7,456.41
LCC	Local Delivery Scheme	£250.00

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

CIL MONIES

RESOLUTION No. 20/2016 Carried that all sums of CIL money received in respect of the Brickworks development be allocated to the development of the Northern BHS site should this be acquired.

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION No. 21/2016 Carried that the Internal Auditor's Report is received and noted.

OFFICERS PENSIONS

RESOLUTION No. 22/2016 Carried that the Council offer the standard Local Government Pension scheme administered through the LCC to all future employees.

JULIE LANCASTER

RESOLUTION No. 23/2016 Carried that the Council make a donation of £100 to the Queenscourt Hospice in memory of former Councillor Julie Lancaster.

CIL FUNDS

RESOLUTION No. 24/2016 Carried that the Council ratify the allocation of current CIL funds amounting to £3,486 to the Linear Park Delivery Project.

INSPECTION REPORTS

No Reports were available.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.



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PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr John Hunter; Mr Steve Kirby; 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

Cllr. Mr Simon Kenyon

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 25/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th June 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

PUBLIC FORUM

Queries were raised as to why the Council were not objecting to the proposed development on the Brickworks site as the Council were promoting the Linear Park Project. The Clerk advised that as outline Planning Permission had already been granted, the Council's objective was to now secure as much planning gain as possible.

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Maureen Baldwin on the grounds of ill health. The Council accepted this with regret and requested that the Clerk advise Mrs Baldwin accordingly.

RESOLUTION No. 26/2016 Carried that the Council declare a vacancy forthwith. In view of the close proximity to the last elections, it was agreed that the vacancy need not be advertised and that co-option should be progressed by Members.

LHB – Cllr Earles advised of her intention, in co-operation with All Saints School, to promote a "Scarecrow Competition". It was suggested that, as in other areas, the 'Young Farmers Assoc' should be approached.

It was further agreed to consider options for village promotional signs at Moss Lane/Station Road and the Hundred End boundary.

Public Rights of Way (PROW) – The Clerk reminded Members of the budget provision for further “Planned Walks”.

CIL working group – No report

CLERK’S REPORT

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk confirmed that he was renewing the Council’s registration under the Data Protection Act.

TRAINING

The Clerk advised the meeting of forthcoming training. Cllrs Earles and Kirby requested places.

CODE OF CONDUCT SEMINAR

It was noted that this would be held on the 12th July 6:30pm at the WLBC Offices.

SPORTS PAVILION

It was noted that the Football club had completed their financial obligations with regards to the Shore Road pavilion.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

The Clerk advised that the hard surfacing repairs would be completed before the school holiday.

HENRY ALTY PARK

The Clerk updated Members with regards to both planning and progress on the Park. It was noted that a meeting was planned with WLBC Regeneration team on the 19th of July.

OPSTA

The Clerk apprised Members with regards to the on-going efforts by the ‘Ormskirk, Preston and Southport Travellers Association’ (OPSTA) with regards to the proposed withdrawal of the Southport-Manchester Piccadilly service. It was agreed that the Council should renew its lapsed membership of the group.

OVERGROWN HEDGES and MUDDIED PAVEMENTS

Concern was again expressed at the lack of attention by LCC as the Highways Authority to this perennial problem. Boundary Lane, Station Road and Shore Road were particularly highlighted. Cllr Ashcroft undertook to speak with Cllr Barron over the matter.

SUMMER RECESS

It was noted that the next Council meeting would be on the 12th of September.

RESOLUTION No. 27/2016 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 28/2016 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 2016	£0.54
Investment Interest	July 2016	£36.39

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

BUDGET OUT-TURN Qtr1

RESOLUTION No. 29/2016 Carried that the Budget Out-Turn report for the period to 30th June 2016 is accepted and noted as presented.

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road facilities. Cllr Hunter undertook to carry out future inspections at the Station Road Play Area.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.



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PRESENT

Councillors Mrs Diane Earles; Mr John Hunter; Cllr. Mr Simon Kenyon
Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Ashcroft; Goodier;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 30/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th July 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

LHB – Cllr Earles updated Members with regards to Facebook, Best Kept Certificates, and Village Entrance Signs. It was noted that progress had not been made with the planned Scarecrow competition but that this would be pursued next year.

Public Rights of Way – No further paths had been walked.

CIL working group – No report

CLERK'S REPORT

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's registration under the Data Protection Act had been renewed.

TRAINING

The Clerk advised the meeting that two places had been booked. It was noted that Cllr Kirby was now unable to attend and the place would therefore be offered to the new co-optee.

CODE OF CONDUCT SEMINAR

The Clerk confirmed that he had distributed seminar packs to all Members.

SHORE ROAD CAR PARK

In line with good practice, it was noted that a quote being sort for a gate and sign to control children running from the recreation area into the carpark.

HENRY ALTY PARK

The Clerk updated Members with regards to planning. A full Working Group update would be given at the conclusion of the meeting.

OPSTA

The Clerk confirmed that the Council were again members of OPSTA.

LAND REGISTRATION

The Clerk gave confirmation of our ownership of the POS at Pardoe Close with the Land Registry.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

It was noted that the repairs to the Play Area hard surfacing were completed before the school holidays along with repairs to the Shore Road car park adjacent to the road fence. The Clerk was now awaiting quotes for the re-marking out of the 'Low Trail' and 'Hopscotch'.

QUEENSCOURT

It was noted that the Clerk had received an acknowledgement from Queenscourt in respect of the £100 donated by the Council and the £50 raised by Cllr Earles in memory of former Councillor Julie Lancaster.

GP SERVICES

It was noted that concern had been expressed at previous meetings regarding poor access to GP services. Members were advised of the AGM of the WL CCG to be held at Skemersdale on Tuesday 27th September from 11:30am.

RESOLUTION No. 31/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 32/2016 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 2016	£0.38
Bank Interest	August 2016	£0.18
Investment Interest	August 2016	£34.12
Investment Interest	September 2016	£29.92

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

ANNUAL RETURN

RESOLUTION No. 33/2016 Carried that the **ANNUAL RETURN 2016** is received and noted and that the External Auditor's comments are acted upon.

COUNCIL VACANCY

RESOLUTION No. 34/2016 Carried unanimously that Mr Mike Ellis be duly Co-Opted as a Member of the Council forthwith.

HEDGE OBSTRUCTIONS

It was noted that Cllr Ashcroft had taken the matter up with LCC and County Councillor Barron.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road facilities and the CSG.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:28pm.



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PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Mike Ellis; Mr John Hunter;
Mr Simon Kenyon; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Goodier & Tyson

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 35/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th September are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

LHB – It was noted that the Village had been placed fourth in the Large Category of the Best Kept Village Competition. Ten Certificates had been presented at the Village Show in the local Best Kept Competition.

Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to write to those premises not receiving the Newsletter advising of the alternative sources and arrangements.

Public Rights of Way – No further paths had been walked.

CIL working group – A report of the Working Group was presented and accepted to be included in the Council Minutes.

**1 Linear Park; 2 Community Centre Refurbishment/Replacement;
3 Development of a Trim Trail**

CLERK'S REPORT

MEMBERS

The Clerk confirmed that he had received the 'Acceptance of Office' declaration from Cllr Ellis.

HENRY ALTY PARK

It was noted that the Heritage Park Group were progressing plans.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

It was noted that the re-instatement of the 'Low Trail' and 'Hopscotch' has been completed following resurfacing work.

SHORE ROAD CARPARK

The Clerk confirmed that he had now placed the order for a gate and sign to control children running from the recreation area into the carpark.

BT PHONE KIOSKS

It was noted that BT was currently consulting on the removal of many public phone boxes throughout the Borough. However, Hesketh Bank was not affected with regards to its kiosks at Station Road Play Area and Shore Road Car-Park.

CSG SIGN DAMAGE

The Clerk confirmed that the Preston Beer Company had now paid costs in respect of the damage to the traffic sign at the CSG.

BUS SHELTER – CHAPEL ROAD

The Clerk advised that as the bulk of the adjacent building works appear complete, he had asked for the re-instatement of the damaged bus shelter.

NW AIR AMBULANCE

It was noted that the Clerk had received a request for funding from the local Air Ambulance which in line with policy would be placed on the January Agenda.

CIL

Members were apprised of a further £4,500.91 that would be received on 31st October with regards to the development at 75 Chapel Rd making a total for this development of £8,626.82.

HSBC TREE STUMP

It was noted that the Clerk had again, at the request of Cllr Earles, written to HSBC regarding the dangerous tree stump outside their premises.

CLERKS' LIAISON MEETING

The Clerk reported on the previous week's meeting of the WL Clerks' Liaison meeting. It was noted that LCC were publishing a leaflet regarding flood prevention measures the content of which could be included in the Council's Newsletter. It was further noted that neither of the Principal Authorities would be supplying sandbags in the future. Neither authority would be dealing with local flooding other than major events.

WLBC DIRECTORS

It was noted that the Clerk had been asked to take part in the appraisal process of applicants for the WL Directors of 'Street Scene' and 'Housing'.

BUDGET 2017-2018

Members were reminded that the Annual Budgeting process was due to start in November and of the need to put forward costed plans for consideration by the

Council. Members were also reminded of the need to look at on-going 5/10 year budgets for major works.

The Clerk was requested to look at the costings for taking on further public area works including Open Spaces, Highway weed control and cleaning etc.

RESOLUTION No. 36/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 37/2016 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	September 2016	£0.09
Investment Interest	October 2016	£22.40
WLBC	Precept 2nd tranche	£28,051.00
Preston Beer Co	Sign Damage	£180.00

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

BUDGET OUT-TURN

RESOLUTION No. 38/2016 Carried that the **2nd Quarter Budget Out-Turn** is received and noted.

TRAINING

Cllrs Earles & Ellis reported on the recent training at the LTP which was considered to be of high quality and good value.

MEETING LOCATION

RESOLUTION No. 39/2016 Carried that all future meetings should be carried out within the Booth's Café area and that suitable notices boards and signs should be erected which the Manager had agreed to.

WLBC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The Consultation document from WLBC was considered. It was noted however that such a major matter could not be considered in the limited time scale required; the Clerk was asked to advise the Borough accordingly. It was also noted that this may be an appropriate time for the Parish to look at the possible preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

HEDGE OBSTRUCTIONS

Cllr Kirby agreed to take the problem at Guide Road forward and report back.

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road facility.

WLBC CIL MONIES

Members considered the Borough's report and recommendations; the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly and again advise of the unacceptably short timescale suggested.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th November 2016 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Mike Ellis; Mr John Hunter; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson.
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Kenyon, Maughan

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 40/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th October are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

LHB – Nominations were requested for pin badge awards.

Public Rights of Way – Cllr Kirby reported on three paths walked. It was noted that the steps at “The Brow” footpath were in poor condition but it was unclear as to ownership. The Clerk agreed to pursue this with LCC and the possibility of a finger post from Station Road.

Concern was also expressed as to the condition and safety of the Brow wall; Cllr Ashcroft undertook to pursue this with CC Barron.

Hedge obstruction – It was reported that the matter had been taken up by LCC Highways and a compliance order issued.

CLERK’S REPORT

MEMBERS

It was noted that as Mrs McKean, not having attended any meetings since her election, was automatically disqualified under the 1972 LGA from being a Member and that the Clerk had written to her accordingly.

HENRY ALTY

It was noted that the Heritage Park Group was still pursuing their ambitions. It was further noted that the Persimmon Planning Application could now be considered at the December meeting of the Planning Committee.

BUS SHELTER – CHAPEL ROAD

As previously advised, the replacement shelter had been ordered and would be installed in January 2017

HSBC TREE STUMP

As advised at the last meeting, The Clerk noted that he had not received a response to the Council's letter; it was therefore agreed as a matter of safety, and to avoid any serious accident that the stump should be removed at the Council's expense.

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL

It was noted that an invitation for Members to attend their Civic Service on Sunday 27th November; no member was available to attend.

RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER LETTERS

The Clerk confirmed that he would be writing to all houses that currently do not receive the Newsletter enclosing a copy of the December issue.

WEBSITE

The Clerk confirmed the launch of the new Website at the beginning of November and that he had already received several compliments regarding this. The site is now compatible with Tablets and Smartphones and compliant with current recommendations.

PENSIONS REGULATOR

The Clerk confirmed that he had completed the Council's obligations under the new in work pensions scheme as of the 1st of October.

RAIL CONFERENCE – OPSTA

The Clerk confirmed that he had attended, as a delegate, the Annual "Rail" conference at The Midland Hotel, Manchester earlier in the month and had also attended the AGM of OPSTA.

He expressed concern at the apparent lack of involvement by WLBC in the several Rail issues within the Borough including:-

- New Railway Station in Skelmersdale.
- Re-installation of the Burscough Curves.
- The planned cessation of the direct Manchester Airport service from Southport affecting 5 stations within West Lancs
- Planned electrification of the Southport-Wigan line
- Possibility of a linked Burscough – London service on HS2

It was noted that he had written to the WL Chief Executive expressing these concerns.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for Richard Shirres and Tony Baker to again update the Council with the position with regards to the Outmarsh East programme at the December meeting.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Arrangements had again been made for Christmas Trees to be installed at the end of the month with removal on twelfth night. New LCC requirements were delaying the installation of the lighting column fittings although it was hoped this would be resolved by the end of the month

CSG NUISANCE

It was reported again that nuisance and littering were a problem on the Council's CSG carpark. The Clerk had written to the three club chairmen seeking to find a solution. It was agreed that floodlighting be reviewed.

PAVILION DOORS

It was noted that there was still an on-going issue with the builder of the Shore Road Pavilion over water ingress through the main doors when the wind was in a westerly direction.

CIL REPORTING

The Clerk reported that, as required by legislation, the accounting of CIL monies received is now published on this Council's WebSite.

BUDGET

It was noted that two budget heading expenses were underspent namely the progression of 'Local Trails' and the improvement of Public Open Space (POS). The delay in Poppyfields/The Green POS being adopted, was mainly responsible.

The Council's agreed to undertake work in two further areas, namely the 'scrubland' on the south side of The Nurseries from Station Road to the Junction with Ashbrook Close; and the strip of land from Charles Close easterly for about 30 metres that seems to have fallen in no-man's land.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk, having met with Burscough and St Annes Councils, outlined the procedure, anticipated costs and commitments should the Council wish to pursue its own plan. It was agreed that an exploratory meeting be held at 7pm on 29th November at Booths cafe

RESOLUTION No. 41/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 42/2016 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	October 2016	£0.75
Investment Interest	November 2016	£23.36
WLBC	Concurrent Grant 2nd tranche	£1,829.00
WLBC	CIL	£4,500.91

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

POLICY DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 43/2016 Carried that the Council Policy Documents as listed below are ratified as written for continued use until November 2018:-

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

CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLUTION No. 44/2016 Carried that, resultant upon former Councillor McKean ceasing to be a Member, a Casual Vacancy is declared.

BUS SHELTER BOOTHS (Southbound)

RESOLUTION No. 45/2016 Carried that the Council take ownership of the Bus Shelter located on Station Road (East side) adjacent to Booths and that the Clerk is authorised to execute an agreement with LCC to that effect.

BUDGET 2017-2018

The following matters were considered:-

- Further accruals for Recreation Ground drainage
- Further accruals for Poppyfields POS project
- Street Scene weed control and cleansing.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports was received in respect of the CSG, Glen Park Drive and Station Road facilities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th December 2016 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier;
Mr John Hunter; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a Presentation was given by Richard Shirres from the Environment Agency and Tony Baker of the RSPB with regards to progress on the Outmarsh (East) improvement scheme.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Kenyon, Ellis, Kirby.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 46/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th of November are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – The Chairman noted the positive comments received regarding the Christmas decorations.

LHB – A list of nominations for pin badge awards was agreed.

VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS - Members considered options presented for three boundary signs choosing option 2 with amendments. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations.

CLERK'S REPORT

HENRY ALTY

It was noted with regret that the Borough Planning Committee had rejected the application regarding Reserved Matters against advice of the Officers. It was not known whether Persimmon would be appealing.

HSBC TREE STUMP

As advised at the last meeting, The Clerk noted that he had not received a response. It was noted that a works order had been placed for the removal of the stump on safety grounds.

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

The Clerk confirmed that he had compiled a list of some 120 premises who he believed were not currently receiving the Newsletter to whom he would be writing as soon as the December issue was published.

NOTICE Board

The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered a new Notice Board for installation within Booths.

CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk confirmed that he hadn't received any requests for a Poll.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk confirmed that following a meeting with LCC, the issues regarding the installation of pole fittings had been resolved.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following a Working Group meeting of 3 Councillors, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Tarleton Parish Council seeking their participation in a Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLUTION No. 47/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 48/2016 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	November 2016	£0.22
Investment Interest	December 2016	£24.34

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

CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLUTION No. 49/2016 Carried that Mr Richard Plant is invited to join the Council.

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - CONSULTATION

RESOLUTION No. 50/2016 Carried that the Clerk write to the Borough Council expressing concern that the Parish had not been consulted prior to the instigation of the Consultation and to request the inclusion of the Station Road Play Area.

BUDGET 2017-2018

The following matters were considered:-

- Accrual for a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Maintenance of additional POS areas.
- Accruals for the development of the Poppyfields POS including CCTV.
- Accruals for drainage works at the Shore Road Recreation Ground.
- Provision for increased Lengthsman duties to include weed spraying.
- Lighting of the CSG Car Park.
- Drainage for the Glen Park Drive Play Area.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th January 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Brian Ellis; Steve Kirby; Norma Goodier; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson
Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

Two members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Kenyon.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 51/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th December are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kirby declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 as a member of the 'Friends of Tarleton Library' group.

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were raised regarding blocked drainage gullies on Station Road and public drinking outside the 'Bargain Booze' off licence premises.

REPORTS

LHB – it was stated that awards of 'LHB' pin badges would be announced on St Valentine's Day, 14th February. Members were advised that arrangements were in hand with All Saints School to launch the 'Scarecrow Competition'

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - Members were advised regarding the blockage of path number 39; the Clerk was asked to investigate.

CLERK'S REPORT

CLLR PLANT

It was noted that Cllr Plant had made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and also completed a Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.

HENRY ALTY

It was noted that it was still not known whether Persimmon would be appealing.

HSBC TREE STUMP

It was noted that this would be removed during the week.

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

The Clerk confirmed that he had sent letters with a copy of the latest Newsletter to 121 premises. One resident had requested delivery and one had requested to subscribe to the email update list.

NOTICE Board

The Clerk confirmed that he was waiting the installation of the new Notice Board within Booths.

SHORE ROAD CAR PARK / RECREATION GROUND SAFETY GATE

It was noted that this, along with the notice, was installed in December.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that Tarleton Council would be considering the suggestion for taking forward a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

CHAPEL ROAD BUS SHELTER

It was noted that this would be replaced on Tuesday 10th January.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

The Clerk advised that the current 3 year Maintenance contracts would come to an end on the 31st March and he would therefore commence advertising for tenders later in the month.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that following on from the Council's decision to allocate CIL monies to assist the Village Hall Trustees in their efforts to re-develop their facilities, the Clerk had met with Trustees and as a result, the Council could expect more detailed proposals in the following weeks.

VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS

The Clerk confirmed he was waiting on quotations. Discussions on the location of signs were agreed as 1. Replacement of the existing on Hesketh Lane, 2. Adjacent the bus shelter on the northerly side of Shore Marsh Road at Hundred End and 3. On the northerly side of Moss lane adjacent to Taylor's Meanygate.

RESOLUTION No. 52/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 53/2016 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

Electricity NW	Wayleave Payment	£140.69
Bank Interest	December 2016	£0.08
Investment Interest	January 2017	£22.98

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

GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION No. 54/2016 Carried that the Council donate a Video Projector (*Jointly financed with Tarleton Council on a 60/40 cost split*) at a nett cost of £123.26.

BUDGET OUT-TURN 2016-2017 (3rd Quarter)

RESOLUTION No. 55/2016 Carried that the Budget out-turn report is received and noted.

BUDGET 2017-2018

RESOLUTION No. 56/2016 Carried that the draft Budget 2017-2018 is ratified as presented.

PRECEPT

RESOLUTION No. 57/2016 Carried that a Precept of £60,200 is set on West Lancashire Borough Council.

DELEGATED FUNDS

RESOLUTION No. 58/2016 Carried that expenditure as authorised in the Ratified Budget (2017-2018), is delegated to the Executive Clerk.

WLBC CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING

RESOLUTION No. 59/2016 Carried that an application is lodged for funding towards the cost of floodlighting the Centenary Sports Ground Car Park.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

GRANT APPLICTIONS

Requests were received from the Air Ambulance, Vitalise and the Douglas Cardiac Trust.
RESOLUTION No. 60/2016 Carried that a donation of £200 is made to the NW Air Ambulance

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 13th March 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Brian Ellis; Simon Kenyon; Steve Kirby; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson
Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

Three members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllr. Norma Goodier;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 61/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th January 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Ellis and Kirby declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 12 and 13 as Trustees of the Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were expressed regarding empty shops and the former bank. A query was also raised regarding the adoption status of the former route of Chapel Road.

REPORTS

LHB – Members were advised that the 2017 awards of ‘LHB’ pin badges had been presented. It was also noted that the completed entry for the BKV competition had been submitted.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - Members were advised regarding three more paths that had been walked.

CLERK’S REPORT

HENRY ALTY PARK

The Clerk was still waiting to be advised if Persimmon would be lodging a Planning Appeal.

HSBC TREE STUMP

This has now been removed along with the stumps at Glenpark Drive POS and the Becconsall Gardens POS.

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)

It was noted that the Clerk had written to WLBC requesting that the 'Station Road Play Area' be included in the list of proposed sites. However the officer concerned had stated that it would not be possible to amend the initial list and that it would be reviewed in 3 years-time. The Clerk had, along with other Parish Councils, lodged a complaint with WLBC as to how this has so called consultation had been handled.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that Tarleton Council are happy to have an exploratory meeting (3 Members) It was agreed that Cllrs Ashcroft, Ellis and Kirby would represent Hesketh Bank.

CHAPEL ROAD BUS SHELTER

It was noted that this has now been replaced.

STATION ROAD BUS SHELTER

It was noted that this was damaged beyond repair and the Clerk was now awaiting replacement quotes.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

It was noted that invitations to tender had been exhibited on the Council notice boards and the website; the Clerk had also contacted existing contractors and other firms that had expressed interest. Tenders had been received from 7 companies for various aspects of the Council's ongoing contracts.

The following Contracts were awarded:-

Grounds Maintenance:-	Brian Parkinson Maintenance
Lengthsman functions	Brian Parkinson Maintenance
Quarterly Play Area Inspections	Yates Playgrounds Ltd
Annual Play Area Inspections	The Play Inspection Company
Newsletter Printing	Rufford Printing Ltd
Tree Inspections	WLBC
Wireless Broadband	Virair Networks
CCTV Maintenance	Unity Wireless

VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS

It was noted that these are now on order for Hesketh Lane/Station Road and Marsh Road/Shore Road and should be installed during March.

AIR AMBULANCE

It was noted that the Council had received a letter of appreciation following the donation made.

WLBC

It was noted that the Clerk had submitted an application to WLBC for Grant Funding towards the cost of floodlighting the CSG car park.

LCC BUDGET CONSULTATION

It was noted that the Clerk had lodged a complaint with County Councillor, Malcolm Barron; the LCC Council Leader, Jennifer Mein and LCC Demographic Services regarding the impossible timescale of 5 days that was placed on a ‘so called’ consultation on the LCC planned Budget cuts.

SURFACE FLOODING

It was noted that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had met with the Lead Officer at LCC and discussed various issues relating to surface water flooding and blocked gullies which had subsequently been cleaned out. The issue regarding the linear soakaway adjacent the Community Centre has been reopened.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that the Clerk had had a further meeting with the Trustees of the Community Centre where discussions for the closer integration of the Community Centre and the Parish Council were discussed along with options as to the development of the CC site.

WIRELESS INTERNET

It was noted that the Council had reached an agreement with the CCTV Wireless Internet Provider (Virair) to offer wireless internet to residents of Hesketh Bank with free installation. This is referred to in the current newsletter.

RESOLUTION No. 62/2016 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 63/2016 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

BT	Wayleave Payment PCO	£20.00
WLBC	Capital Grant	£1,923.50
HB Bowling Club	CSG Rent	£657.57
LCC	VAT Refund	£90.00
Bank Interest	Jan/Feb 2017	£0.07
Investment Interest	Feb/Mar 2017	£43.45

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

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYCLING STRATEGY

The consultation was noted.

WLBC ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY 2107

RESOLUTION No. 64/2016 Carried that Members would make their own responses.

GP SERVICES

Cllr Ashcroft updated Members on meetings he had had with NHS England, West Lancs CCG, the Constituency MP and other Councillors.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLUTION No. 65/2016 Carried that The Council accept the request to become “**Custodian Trustee**” with respect to the land and buildings at the Station Road site.

CIL FUNDS

RESOLUTION No. 66/2016 Carried that the Council resolves to underwrite the agreed costs of a “**Pre Application Planning Enquiries**” and the preparation of an “**Outline Application**”, subject to the Council’s agreement, for the redevelopment of the site financed from, and limited to, CIL monies in hand.

WLBC DESIGN AWARDS

Members considered as to whether any development should be submitted. No suggestions were forthcoming.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.