



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; 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** Cllrs. Goodier; Kenyon

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 1/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Concerns were expressed regarding traffic safety on Shore Rd, and the lack of information forthcoming regarding GP services in the village.

### **REPORTS**

**LHB** – Members were advised that Southport Flower Show were again donating tickets as prizes in the “Best Kept Competition” and that a Director of the Show would assist in the Judging.

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - Members were advised that a further 2000 updated leaflets for the Heritage Trail would be produced at a cost of £431. It was also noted that the Public Footpath Sign on Chapel Road to School Fold had gone missing. The Clerk undertook to advise LCC.

### **CLERK’S REPORT**

#### **HSBC TREE STUMP**

It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding the removal of the tree stump outside the former HSBC building which had been removed on the grounds of safety.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Suggested dates were put forward for an exploratory meeting with Tarleton Council

### **STATION ROAD BUS SHELTER**

It was noted that the Council were still awaiting Insurance authorisation for replacement.

### **VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS**

It was noted that these had now been erected at Hesketh Lane/Station Road and Marsh Road/Shore Road.

### **NEW NOTICE BOARD**

It was noted that a new Notice Board was now in use within Booths Foodstore..

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Mr Trevor Rimmer had again agreed to undertake the Internal Audit during May.

### **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

It was noted this had been set for the 19<sup>th</sup> of June with BDO as in previous years.

### **CIL**

Members were advised that a further **£3,252** is due to the Council by the end of April in relation to the 130 Moss Lane development.

### **CONCURRENT GRANT**

It was noted that the Clerk had accepted the terms and conditions which will release the £3,252 grant from WLBC

### **PRECEPT**

It was noted that the Council would receive the first tranche of the Precept and the Council Tax Support grant during the current week amounting to £34,002.

### **POOR MARSH PALS**

Members were advised that the AGM of the Allotment society would be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**RESOLUTION No. 2/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 3/2017 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>March 2017</b>	<b>£0.04</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>£19.80</b>
<b>Football Club</b>	<b>Rent 2016/2017</b>	<b>£283.87</b>

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

## **PRE-AUDIT ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 4/2017 Carried** that the Council Receive and Note the Pre-Audit Annual Accounts as presented.

## **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/17**

**RESOLUTION No. 5/2017 Carried** that the Council Ratify as drafted the “**Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**” (*Annual Return Section 1*)

## **ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2016/17**

**RESOLUTION No. 6/2017 Carried** that the Council Ratify as drafted the “**Accounting Statement 2016/17**” (*Annual Return Section 2*)

## **LCC DRAFT SCHOOL PLACE PROVISION STRATEGY**

It was considered that a response was unnecessary.

## **GP SERVICES**

Cllr Ashcroft updated Members noting the little progress had been made. It was noted that a planning application had been received for a temporary building adjacent to the Tarleton Health Centre

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

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

Two members of the public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 07/2017 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 Ashcroft and Kenyon.

#### **VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 08/2017 Carried** that Cllr. Iain Ashcroft is elected Vice-Chairman unopposed.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 09/2017 Carried** that appointments (*as per the appendixes*) are confirmed.

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 10/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Hunter and Sergeant declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 21 as officials of the Hesketh Bank AFC.

#### **REPORTS**

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

**Best Kept Village Working Group** – An update was given.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** – It was agreed that the Clerk would formally request that the Environment Agency permit seating to be installed on the newly refurbished out sea embankment.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

### **VAT**

It was noted that the Clerk had reclaimed £8,396 VAT from expenditure in the year to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

### **CONFIRMATION of THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETANCY**

The Clerk confirmed that the Council continues to be able to operate the “**General Power of Competency**”.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

It was noted that the Conservative group now hold control of the County Council and that Cllr Malcolm Barron continues to represent the area.

### **HENRY ALTY PARK**

It was noted that Persimmon had not at the time submitted an appeal and that the opportunity still existed for them to submit a supplementary amended application.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

It was noted that Mr Trevor Rimmer will again be conducting the Internal Audit during week commencing the 22nd of May.

### **WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATION**

It was noted that the Council's application for funding to illuminate the CSG Car-Park was still awaiting adjudication.

### **COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Members were apprised that this continues to have a good hit rate and that during the month the clerk had received nine compliments regarding the newly formatted site. In addition he had received two compliments regarding the Allotment site.

### **FLY TIPPING**

As a result of CCTV surveillance and examination of waste left, the Clerk had traced one offender who had been written to. Members agreed with the Clerk's proposed action.

### **POLICING**

Members were advised that following a recent incident at the CC, he had supplied video and stills from the CCTV system to the Police.

### **BUS SHELTER – Station Rd/Rankin Avenue – South bound**

The Clerk advised that he had now had settlement from our insurers and was currently negotiating, along with North Meols and Tarleton PCs a new deal for shelters at a considerably lower price than the current supplier.

### **PLAY AREAS**

It was noted that the Annual Inspections were carried out in April and the Clerk was currently evaluating the work required. It was also noted that because of concerns raised, the Clerk had also had the Poppyfields area inspected which had raised a number of issues and the general state of the area and the adjacent POS. The Clerk

had forwarded a copy to the Borough Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns as most people presume that either the Parish or Borough are responsible and are not aware of the adoption issues.

There were some issues regarding the fencing between All Saints School and the Council's adjacent land.

It was also noted that the Council is receiving repeated complaints from the residents of Beconsall Gardens and others regarding the playing of ball games (*which are officially banned*) at the Station Road Play Area. Trees have been uprooted, swings damaged, balls allegedly damaging adjacent property and young toddlers being hit by balls. It was agreed that all Members would endeavour to inspect the area as frequently as possible.

### **SHORE ROAD CAR PARK/RECREATION GROUNDS**

It was noted that the car park which is provided for users of the recreation grounds and play areas was now used extensively by school staff, visitors to the school and parents/guardians. Whilst it was agreed that this was preferable to on-street parking, the amount of wear was increasing considerably. In addition it is the Council's intention during the ensuing 12 months to carry out a major overhaul of the recreation ground and car park drainage, the system which also drains some of the school land. Presently, the School/County Council, whilst enjoying the benefits, does not contribute to the maintenance of any of these areas. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Head Teacher advising that whilst we do not have any intention to look for a financial contribution at present, this may have to change in the future.

**RESOLUTION No. 11/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 12/2017 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>WLBC</b>	<b>Precept (1<sup>st</sup> tranche)</b>	<b>£34,002.00</b>
<b>WLBC</b>	<b>CIL Contribution</b>	<b>£4,370.40</b>
<b>WLBC</b>	<b>Concurrent Grant 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche</b>	<b>£1,626.00</b>
<b>Insurance Claim</b>	<b>Bus Shelter Station Road</b>	<b>£4,232.62</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>£10.13</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>£18.40</b>

## **PALS ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 13/2017 Carried** that the PALS accounts 2017 / Budget 2017-18 are noted.

## **FOOTBALL CLUB LEASE**

**RESOLUTION No. 14/2017 Carried** that the Lease between the Council and Hesketh Bank AFC be varied to re-designate the area within the present lease marked for the purposes of changing facilities and, inter-alia, to approve in principle the building of new changing facilities subject to the acceptance of proposed plans.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm**

## Appendix 1.

	ASHCROFT	HUNTER	EARLES	KENYON	GOODIER	KIRBY	ELLIS	MAUGHAN	PLANT	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		
Risk Assessment Working Group	X										X		2
Recreation Areas Inspection Members		X						X		X			4
LHB / BKV Working Group			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 2017

The present Council has just completed another productive and successful year after ten unopposed councillors were elected in May 2016 which left us with one vacancy to fill.

In June we co-opted John Hunter to the council who had previously served as a councillor some years before. Maureen Baldwin then resigned through health reasons a month later and was replaced in September by Mike Ellis. Finally in November Jillian McKean also ceased to be a member and we co-opted another ex-councillor and past Chairman, Richard Plant earlier this year. The Council's meeting place is now firmly established in Booths and a new Council notice board is now in use located behind the basket checkout. The contact details of Councillors and the Clerk along with the Agenda of forthcoming meetings, local Planning Applications and our Newsletter can now be found.

Looking back over the past 12 months we began in June by entering the Best Kept Village competition and as part of that, and our continued "**Love Hesketh Bank Campaign**", we once again ran our own '**Best Kept**' competition as well which saw judges tasked with finding the best front garden, business premises and allotment in the village.

We narrowly missed out on the awards for the Best Kept Village for the second year running finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position once again in the Large Village section. However in our own 'Best Kept' competition the three judges, Liz Tyson of "Landsdowne Camping", Duncan Taylor of "Arden Lea" and David Rose, Chairman of "Southport Flower Show", announced the winners with John Birchall being awarded the best allotment for the second year running, the residents of 7 Meadow Lane winning the best front garden and the winner of the best kept business premises, R&J Wright Haulage. Our thanks go to Councillors Ron Tyson and Diane Earles for their work with the sub-committee responsible for the competitions.

In December we again marked Christmas with illuminated trees on most of the commercial premises in the centre of the village along with decorative features on the village centre lighting columns. Our thanks to those traders who once again supported the scheme and also to Duncan Taylor of Arden Lee Nurseries for supplying and fitting the beautiful festive wreaths on the lighting columns.

Also in December the West Lancashire Borough Planning Committee refused Planning Consent for the long awaited development of the former Alty's brickworks and railway site in the centre of the village. The decision was against the advice and recommendation of the Chief Planning Officer of the Council and seemed to be against some matters that had already been approved at the 'Outline Planning' stage. I therefore don't think we have heard the last of this development.

In February the Love Hesketh Bank Award winners were announced with all eight being recognised for their efforts over the years putting a lot into the village and its various organisations. The eight individuals being Martin Forshaw, Andy Simpson, Pat Hankin, Jennifer Wright, Maureen & Terry Baldwin, Harry Edmondson and Kant Wong.

In March we were informed that there was a strong possibility that we would lose the provision of GP services within the village due to the pending closure of the existing practice. To date despite several meetings with the various interested parties this has not yet been resolved. It would appear that in the not too distant future a temporary site at Tarleton will be put into place which is obviously not an ideal situation for our residents.

Last month we commissioned a new scheme to enhance the general appearance of the village by appointing a 'Lengthsman'. The contract for this work was won by "BP Maintenance". In my role as Chairman I thank all the Council past and present for the hard work that they voluntarily undertake for the whole community within the Parish of Hesketh-with-Becconsall.

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**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby; John Hunter; David Maughan; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson  
Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)  
PCSO Neil Cronshaw

Fourteen members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs Plant & Ellis

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 15/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Enquiries were made regarding the calculation of the Parish Precept. Considerable concerns were expressed by several residents regarding nuisance and damage by youths congregating at the Community Centre.

### **REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – The Chairman referred to local distress caused by the deaths of two local girls and those sustaining injuries at the recent Manchester terror attack.

**LHB** – Members were apprised of the plans for a 'Guy' competition to be organised in conjunction with All Saints School.

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - Members were advised that a new batch of Heritage Trail leaflets were now available from Booths, Top Shop and the Library.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was noted that whilst Tarleton Council had indicated that they were happy to have an exploratory meeting (3 Members) no progress has been made.

### **STATION ROAD BUS SHELTER**

It was noted that this had now been replaced. The three Northern Parishes have negotiated a supply deal with B&C Shelters of Burscough which will give considerable savings over Queensbury which were previously used.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Members were advised that Mr Trevor Rimmer had completed the Internal Audit on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

It was noted that this had been set for the 19<sup>th</sup> of June with BDO as in previous years. Papers have been forwarded to them today.

### **HENRY ALTY SITE**

It was noted that Persimmon had now submitted an amended application.

### **GP SERVICES**

It was noted that as previously notified, a temporary (12-18mths) portacabin will be installed at the Tarleton Health Centre to accommodate Dr Hindle's patients from July.

### **WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATION**

It was noted that the Council's application for a £4,500 grant towards a £7,000 scheme to illuminate the CSG Car-Park had been successful.

### **NUISANCE**

It was noted that the Council's sites continue to have a degree of low level nuisance and littering at the Station Road Play Area and the Centenary Sports Ground. Playing with balls at Station Road has caused minor damage to property, damage to trees and incidents involving toddlers being hit with balls. The Clerk had spoken to groups on several occasions who in general had been co-operative; surprisingly he had received abuse from parents alleging that their child had been 'picked on'.

### **LOCAL COLLECTION re The Manchester terrorist incident**

It was confirmed that the Clerk had agreed to supply bank rolling facilities to the group collecting funds to assist the local families affected by this atrocity. In the interests of transparency, he confirmed that he would in the interests of transparency publish all figures on the WebSite in due course.

### **OPSTA**

The Clerk confirmed that membership had been renewed and that he had been able to supply the group with a delegate pass to the national Rail Conference.

**RESOLUTION No. 16/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 17/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

### **RECEIPTS**

<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>£0.06</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>£25.16</b>
<b>Telefonica</b>	<b>CSG Base Station Rent</b>	<b>£5,548.93</b>

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

### **CO-OPTION**

**RESOLUTION No. 18/2017 Carried** that **Mr Jeff R J Christie** of Beconsall Lane is co-opted as a Councillor forthwith.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

**RESOLUTION No. 19/2017 Carried** that the Internal Auditor's report is received and noted.

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION No. 20/2017 Carried** that Cllr. Christie is elected to serve on the Recreation Committee.

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUSTEE**

**RESOLUTION No. 21/2017 Carried** that upon the resignation of Cllr Kirby, Cllr Earles is appointed as the Council's Community Centre Representative Trustee.

### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

One member of the general public was present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**APOLOGIES** All members present. The Clerk tendered his apologies due to sickness; Cllr Maughan undertook to take notes.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 22/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Queries were raised regarding the Parish Notice Boards, Bike nuisance and Highways issues.

### **REPORTS**

**LHB** – Members were updated

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - Members were updated.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **CLLR. CHRISTIE**

It was confirmed that Cllr. Christie has signed the declaration of Acceptance of office and is thus duly able to serve.

#### **HENRY ALTY BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that Persimmon had now submitted an amended application which will be considered by the Planning Committee in September.

### **STREET SCENE**

It was noted that the Clerk would be meeting with the new Street Scene Director later in the month to discuss the various items of concern within the Parish including the possible devolution of funds with regards to weed control.

### **WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATION**

It was confirmed that the Clerk would be looking to negotiate a deal with the Bowling Club for a joint scheme to illuminate the CSG car park and to use their electricity supply with the Council supplying new lighting columns which would be beneficial to all.

### **NUISANCE**

Gratitude was expressed to Cllr. Christie for looking into the problem of teen-age nuisance within the village; this has since been substantially reduced.

### **THANK YOU**

It was noted that the Clerk had received a card thanking the Council for clearing weeds and sweeping the roads.

### **PARISH CLERKS' LIAISON MEETING**

It was noted that at the June meeting of the group, the Clerk had raised the issue of police presence within the rural areas.

**RESOLUTION No. 23/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 24/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

#### **RECEIPTS**

<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>£0.09</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>July 2017</b>	<b>£20.60</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>VAT reclaim 2016/7</b>	<b>£8,395.31</b>

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman. It was noted that within the bank balance, a sum of £3,919 was attributable to the local Manchester atrocity fund.

#### **BUS SHELTER**

**RESOLUTION No. 25/2017 Carried** that the Council provide and install a bus shelter adjacent to number 7 Greenfields on Chapel Road (Preston Bound) at a cost of £1,000 plus accessories.

## **WAYSIDE SEATS**

**RESOLUTION No. 26/2017 Carried** that two wayside seats are purchased for installation on the re-furbished Hesketh Out-Marsh East outer embankment at an installed cost of £1,600 and a further seat purchased to replace the one at Hundred End.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm.**





# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Jeff Christie; Mike Ellis; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

One member of the general public was present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby;

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 27/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

A query was raised regarding speeding vehicles on Moss Lane.

### **REPORTS**

**LHB** – Members were updated.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Members were advised that for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in succession, the Council had received a fully clean audit without any issues being raised.

#### **HENRY ALTY BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that the amended application was not ready in time for the WLBC Planning Committee meeting in September and is now scheduled for the October meeting.

#### **STREET SCENE**

It was noted that the improved Lengthsman scheme and weed control had proved very worthwhile although the last 6 weeks of intermittent rain had compromised some weed spraying; The Clerk confirmed that he would pursue the possibility of devolved funding from WLBC for next year.

### **BUS SHELTER**

It was confirmed that the new shelter at the westerly end of Chapel Road had now been installed at a total cost including accessories of £1,500.

### **SEATING**

The Clerk confirmed that he was looking into more robust seats for use on the outmarsh, probably of stainless steel and recycled plastic.

### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

The Clerk confirmed that he was working up two alternative schemes for the car park lighting and CCTV system in conjunction with the Bowling Club and/or Viair

### **CSG NUISANCE**

The Clerk confirmed that CCTV monitoring had revealed drug use and that images had been passed to the police; 2 concrete fence panels had been broken through vehicle impact; these had now been replaced.

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

It was noted that problems with children using the Play Area for ball games still persisted. The Clerk had arranged for two further signs to be erected alongside the fence to Beconsall Gardens. The faulty automatic gate closer has been replaced.

### **BOUNDARY SIGN**

It was noted that an order had been issued to erect the final Boundary Sign on the southerly side of Moss lane approx. 150yds from the junction with Taylors Meanygate.

### **MARSH ROAD**

In response to a request, the Clerk had requested that LCC consider a road sign marking the end of the public Highway which is approx. 150yds from the junction with Shore Road/Station Road. A request had also been placed to replace the illegible 'No Cycling' sign at the top of the pathway from Station Road to Cherry Vale.

### **PAVILION ELECTRICITY**

It was noted that the Clerk had agreed a new contract with E-on at an estimated annual cost of £300 which includes a standing charge of £100. This includes the power for the CCTV system there.

### **DATA PROTECTION**

The Clerk had renewed the Council's registration at an annual cost of £35.

### **CALLENDER/DIOMEDS FUND**

Whilst the Council had only provided bank rolling facilities, in the interests of transparency, the Clerk confirmed that the total collected had amounted to £4,732.07 of which all but £366.03 had been distributed.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

It was noted that the Annual session, as previously advised, would be held at the Borough Council Offices on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. It is expected that all Members would attend.

## **PAVILION**

In order to provide safe storage of two sets of goal posts, the Clerk had agreed with the football club to install gating to make a secure compound at the rear of the pavilion at a cost of £1,490 which the football club agreed to pay; Members agreed with the proposal that the Club reimburse the Council at a rate of £200 pm. (8 months)

## **POST OFFICE**

As previously advised via email in the interregnum, the Clerk had undertaken negotiations with the Post Office regarding the use of the Pavilion as a 2 hour, one morning per week facility. Proposals are now awaited for the Council's consideration.

## **SHORE ROAD DRAINAGE**

It was noted that as Members are aware, a major scheme to tackle the constant flooding of the Shore Road recreation ground is scheduled for the current financial year. Initial inspections have revealed a much greater problem than first envisaged with virtually all outlet drains fully blocked with tree roots and the field land drains collapsed. The Clerk had therefore commissioned a full technical survey so that realistic tenders can be obtained. He now anticipated the work being divided into two tranches; initially repairing/replacing the outlet drains from the field to the main drain followed by the field itself – probably next April/May.

Decisions regarding the future of the Crack Willows on the embankment at the rear of the carpark may have to be taken.

**RESOLUTION No. 28/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 29/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

### **RECEIPTS**

<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>July/Aug 2017</b>	<b>£0.20</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>Aug/Sept 2017</b>	<b>£40.11</b>

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman. It was noted that within the bank balance, a sum of £366.03 was attributable to the local Manchester atrocity fund.

**WLBC MEET THE BUDGET CONSULTATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 30/2017 Carried** that Members submit their individual views to the Clerk who would correlate a response.

**BOUNDARY LANE DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION No. 31/2017 Carried** that members support the scheme as presented.

**INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

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



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Mike Ellis; John Hunter; Steve Kirby;  
David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

Seven members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs. Earles; Goodier;

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 32/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Concerns were raised regarding speeding on Station Road at Booths Junction by vehicles from the north.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Kirby confirmed that he had walked several further paths

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **HENRY ALTY BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

Members were advised that the Reserved Matters had finally received approval at the Planning Committee the previous week. It was noted that some matters are yet to be agreed including S106 and S254 agreements. It was noted that affordable housing will represent some 20% of the development at a 30% discount

#### **CIL**

Members were advised that approx. £11,000 had been received to date that was now allocated to the Community Centre redevelopment; it was also noted that the Alty development would yield some £220,000 split between Tarleton and Hesketh Parishes as well as £1,246,360 to the Borough. It was noted that the Council had previously agreed to put any funds from the Alty development towards the development of Parkland/Linear Park; this had however been rescinded in its original

form as a result of the Light Railway's decision to pursue a different commercial course.

### **STREET SCENE**

Members were apprised that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had met with Heidi McDougall (WL Director of Street Scene) and Michelle Furlong (Operations Manager Street Scene) to discuss devolving verge grass mowing and weed control to the Parish Council from the next financial year. It was noted that a positive response had been received. The Parish was able to demonstrate the successful management of highway matters following on from the Lengthsman initiative in the current year.

### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

It was noted that the Clerk was still working up alternative schemes to either work with the Bowling Club on a joint scheme or a bespoke system with 'Virair' to provide a unique supply to the car park lights and CCTV equipment.

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

The two further signs referred to in September had now been erected alongside the fence to Beconsall Gardens.

### **MARSH ROAD**

LCC have advised that they no longer mark private roads as such and it would be up to the land owner to arrange. It was noted that the Clerk had requested replacement of existing broken signs within the village

### **CALLENDER/DIOMEDS FUND**

It was noted that all funds had now been distributed equally to the 2 families and the account closed

### **CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

Members were advised that Cllrs Ellis and Christie had attended the event. The Clerk made copy training packs available for the remaining Members.

### **PAVILION**

Secure gating providing a storage area for the Football clubs goal posts and equipment had now been completed and as agreed last month the Council will look for a repayment of per £200 pm over the next 8 months from the football club.

### **POST OFFICE (Pavilion)**

It was noted that the Clerk had a meeting with the Post Office scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> October when he expected to receive the proposed draft agreement for Council approval or otherwise. It was agreed the matter should be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vic-Chairman.

### **SHORE ROAD DRAINAGE**

A full survey of the Recreation Ground and outfall drainage has now been undertaken; the Clerk was awaiting the report.

### **SHORE ROAD TREES**

The clerk advised that the Crack Willows were now giving considerable cause for concern due not only to the severe root invasion in the drains but also now to their unmanageable height and top heaviness. It was noted that earlier in the month, the Clerk had to take emergency action when a 40' bough split giving not only significant safety concerns for users of the ground but also the prospect of significant damage to neighbouring property.

The Clerk proposed consulting with the Borough Arboriculturist regarding maintenance in future years or the total removal of the trees and replacement with more appropriate species. It was also agreed that the Clerk should investigate the setting of a WW1 memorial Copse. It was also agreed that the hedge to School Fold be reduced in both height and thickness.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk sought agreement to again order trees for the shops on Station Road which was agreed.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

It was noted that the Clerk had ordered a wreath on behalf of the Council and Village; Cllr Ashcroft agreed to undertake the laying on Remembrance Sunday.

### **POPPYFIELDS**

It was noted that the Clerk continued to receive complaints and queries regarding the state of the Poppyfields Play Area and adjacent Public Open Space (POS). One of the complainants has offered to mount a petition to Morris Homes, Cllr Ashcroft agreed to co-ordinate this.

### **LOCAL RESILIENCE**

The County Council is now encouraging Parish and Community Councils to consider setting up local Resilience Plans and groups to deal with local emergencies. It was agreed a special meeting would be called in discuss the possible implementation of this.

### **FOOTPATH STEPS**

It was noted that a complaint had been received concerning the steps from the Old Church to the river bank; this had been referred to the LCC Public Rights of Way Officer

**RESOLUTION No. 33/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 34/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

## RECEIPTS

<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>£0.11</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>October 2017</b>	<b>£20.29</b>

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman. It was noted that within the bank balance, a sum of £366.03 was attributable to the local Manchester atrocity fund.

## HALF-YEAR BUDGET OUT-TURN

**RESOLUTION No. 35/2017 Carried** the Half-Yearly Financial Report is accepted as presented and noted.

## SPEED MONITORING DISPLAY

**RESOLUTION No. 36/2017 Carried** the Council purchase a Speed monitoring and recording display device at a cost of £2,995 for installation on Moss Lane (Eastbound traffic)

## INSPECTION REPORTS

Report was received in respect of the Shore Road facilities.

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





# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; John Hunter; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

No members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**APOLOGIES** All members were present.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 37/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ellis and Kirby declared an interest in Agenda item 18.

### **REPORTS**

**LHB/BKV Competition:-** It was noted that the village had not been successful.

**POPPYFIELDS:-** It was noted that WLBC Planning was now looking into the delay in adoption of the POS.

**ONE WEST LANCS – TRANSPORT THEMATIC GROUP:-** It was reported that very little progress was being made.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

It was noted that the Clerk was still working up alternative schemes to either work with the Bowling Club on a joint scheme or a bespoke system with 'Virair' to provide a secure supply to the lights and CCTV equipment.

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

Members were advised of an invitation to this event on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Bescar Lane Methodist Church at 11am – No member was available.

#### **VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL**

It was noted that as recommended by the Council and as previously advised, this has now been listed as a Grade II Building/Structure.

### **ASHBROOK CLOSE / BECCONSALL GARDENS POS**

Members were notified of the conclusion the transfer of POS at Glen Park Drive, Ashbrook Close and Becconsall Gardens from the Borough to the Parish. The total commuted funds transferred in respect of the last 2 parcels amounted to £38,500; the whole matter will not be legally complete until the transfer is recorded by the Land Registry which is currently running considerably in arrears.

### **SPEED INDICATING SIGN**

It was noted that Lancashire County Council now have a ban on installing Speed indicators, or other attachments, on concrete lighting columns. However, agreement had been reached with LCC that a “Smiley SPID” plate will be installed in Moss Lane and we will go on the rota for periodic deployment; this would give the Council an opportunity to access the perceived speeding problem.

**RESOLUTION No. 38/2017 Carried** that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 39/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

#### **RECEIPTS**

<b>WLBC</b>	<b>POS Funds</b>	<b>£38,500</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>October 2017</b>	<b>£0.08</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>£23.52</b>

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

#### **POLICY DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 40/2017 Carried** that the Council Policy Documents (listed below) are ratified as drawn for continued use:-

- Training – [Policy Document](#)
- Risk Assessment – [Policy Statement](#)
- Community Engagement – [Policy Statement](#)
- Freedom of Information (FOI) Scheme – [Policy Statement](#)
- Internal Audit Testing Schedule – [Policy Statement](#)
- Effectiveness of Internal Control – [Policy Statement](#)
- Play and Recreation Ground Inspection – [Policy Statement](#).
- Public Forum – [Policy Statement](#)
- Financial Regulations – [Policy Statement](#)
- Standing Orders – [Policy Statement](#)
- Members’ [Code of Conduct](#)

## **RECREATION GROUND COPSE**

**RESOLUTION No. 40/2017 Carried** that works in line with the WLBC Arboriculturist's report are undertaken.

## **RECREATION GROUND DRAINAGE**

**RESOLUTION No. 41/2017 Carried** that the Council undertake works in line with the report prepared by "Duncan Ross".

## **POST OFFICE**

**RESOLUTION No. 42/2017 Carried** that the Council is unable to accept the proposed terms of an agreement to accommodate an out-reach Sub-Office within the Shore Road Pavilion.

## **ALTY/BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION No. 43/2017 Carried** that the Clerk seeks to open negotiations with the Developers to undertake the management of the POS and the Ecological Improvement Areas in line with the S106 obligations.

## **WLBC LOCAL PLAN**

**RESOLUTION No. 44/2017 Carried** that Cllr Kirby is appointed, along with the Parish Clerk, to represent the Council at the forthcoming development meetings with WLBC. It was further resolved to hold a Planning Meeting of the Council at 7:30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to determine the Council's view in respect of the potential Development sites with the Parish.

## **COASTAL PATH**

**Members were apprised** of a forthcoming Drop-in session at the Community Centre which would cover development of the Coastal Path from Cleveleys to Liverpool. **It was Resolved** that initially this would form part of discussions with Alty in respect of the western bank of the River Douglas. A working Group comprising Cllrs Ashcroft, Christie, Kirby and Tyson will be formed.

## **MEMBERS' SUBSISTANCE & TRAVEL**

**RESOLUTION No. 45/2017 Carried** that the existing provisions be extended for a further year.

## **LAYFIELD CHARITY**

It was noted that Cllr Goodier had resigned from the Charity; **RESOLUTION No. 46/2017 Carried** that Cllr. Plant is appointed in her stead.

## **BUDGET 2018-2019**

No Proposals were submitted for consideration.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

Report was received in respect of the Shore Road, Glen Park Drive and Station Road facilities.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby;  
David Maughan; Richard Plant; Ron Tyson

No members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Ashcroft took the Chair.

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs. Earles, Sergeant, Hunter, Ellis

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 47/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared

### **REPORTS**

**LHB/BKV Competition:-** It was agreed that more effort needed to be put into the competition if the Village was to be successful. It was noted that the most successful villages had specific non-council groups organising such activities.

**POPPYFIELDS:-** It was noted that WLBC Planning/Legal were now pursuing the adoption of the Public Open Space and Play Area.

### **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

It was noted that Cllr Kirby would be attending a forthcoming meeting with 'Natural England' with regards to the Coastal Path.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

It was noted that costs were considerably higher than anticipated. Now waiting further quotations from LCC and others

### **SHORE ROAD WORKS.**

It was noted that Tree works would be carried out on Thursday/Friday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December. and that this would necessitate the closing of the car park and path from Delta Park Drive for much of both days. The school had been advised and details are on the WebSite

### **PAVILION GATED AREA**

It was noted that the Football club were now reimbursing the Council at £149/month for 10 months.

### **WLBC CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

Members had been apprised.

### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

A meeting had been planned for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January with the Alty Directors to look into options in respect of a) the former clay pit lake and adjacent area for ecological improvement and b) the river bank running south from the development site. In addition, a meeting with Persimmon regarding the on-site Public Open Space and Ecological areas was being arranged.

### **CCTV**

The Clerk noted that he frequently received requests for copies of CCTV footage in respect of various incidents, including requests from Members. It was noted that Data Protection prevents him from releasing, or even commenting on, any video or stills. Members were advised that the information could only be released to recognised enforcement authorities such as the Police. If an incident occurs it should be reported to the Police who will seek video from either the Borough or Parish Council if they think appropriate.

### **DRINKING & GATHERING IN PUBLIC**

The Clerk had again received a complaint of groups of men, allegedly migrant workers, congregating at the bench opposite Bargain Booze and on the steps of Bargain Booze. Clearly they aren't committing any offence and there isn't a public alcohol ban in place – however some see a group of men as intimidating. It was noted that Police, Members and the Clerk had found them to be friendly and agreeable

**RESOLUTION No. 48/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 49/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

#### **RECEIPTS**

<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>£0.80</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>£38.63</b>
<b>Hesketh Bank AFC</b>	<b>Loan repayment (1/10)</b>	<b>£149.00</b>

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

## **LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP**

**RESOLUTION No. 50/2017 Carried** that the draft report (appended) of the Working Group is accepted as Council Policy subject to concerns as to Green Belt status of sites HB034 and HB036

## **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018**

**RESOLUTION No. 51/2017 Carried** that the Clerk is appointed the Council's "*Data Protection Officer*"

## **HESKETH BANBK SILVER BAND**

**RESOLUTION No. 51/2017 Carried** that a grant of £500 is made to enable the band to purchase a new instrument.

## **BUDGET 2018/2019**

The Clerk was instructed to include funding for the following in the Draft Budget:-

- LHB/BKV Funding
- 50% Increase in the Lengthsman Scheme
- Provision of 3 further Wayside Seats in addition to the 3 already approved
- Purchase of 3 Speed indicating devices
- Further Funding for development of the Poppyfields Site
- Funding for 'HOME' heritage Walk
- Contingency Funds for Shore Road Drainage works
- Christmas Decorations

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road, facilities.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.**

## WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Hesketh with Becconsall Working Group Meeting - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Members Present:-

Cllrs. Ashcroft, Ellis, Kirby, Hunter, Plant, Maughan

The twelve sites listed by WLBC, and put forward by local interested parties, were considered based on local knowledge and perceived benefits / adverse effects.

No further sites were proposed by Members.

### Site HB013: Boundary Lane

No objection was raised.

### Site HB014: Shore Road

This site is in the main a derelict former Chicken Broiler site. It is recommended that development be encouraged here.

### Site HB016: Land Locked Site

The site is land locked with no apparent means of access – an opinion could not be established.

### Site HB018: Station Road

Rejected as the land is currently designated Green Belt.

### Site HB025: Chapel Road

It appears that this is the site of the former WLBC Allotments and as such is land locked – an opinion could not therefore be established.

### Site HB034: Boundary Lane

Approved subject to access.

### Site HB035: Shore Road

Rejected as the land is currently designated Green Belt.

### Site HB036: Boundary Meanygate

Approved

### Site HB037: Newarth Lane

Site rejected due to inadequate infrastructure

### Site HB038: Boundary Lane

Approved subject to access

### Site HB039: Boundary Lane

Site subject to a current Planning Application (Alty and Housing Assoc))

### Site HB040: Becconsall Lane

Site approved



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; John Hunter; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

No members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 53/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared

#### **REPORTS**

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

It was noted that Cllr Kirby attended a meeting with 'Natural England' with regards to the Coastal Path. It was agreed the Cllr Kirby would invite Kerry Rennie to address the March meeting.

##### **POPPYFIELDS**

Cllr.Ashcroft apprised members of progress by WLBC with relation to the adoption of the Poppyfields POS

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

##### **SHORE ROAD WORKS.**

It was noted that Tree works had been completed on Thursday/Friday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December. Stump grinding would be completed when the ground condition improved.

##### **VEHICLE SPEED CONCERNS**

The Clerk proposed erecting a warning sign in respect of the Roundabout and Pedestrian Crossing to advise vehicles approaching the old bridge on Station Road from the North. This was agreed.



### **CSG / SPORTS CENTRE**

It was noted that complaints had been received regarding rubbish around the Sports Centre which was presently closed. The Football Club had undertaken some clearing and the Chairman offered to try to contact the owners.

### **STATION ROAD PLAY AREA**

It was noted that obscene graffiti had been sprayed on the private garage at the northerly end of the Play Area.

### **WL LOCAL PLAN**

It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr Kirby would be attending a group discussion with the other Northern Parishes and WL Planners on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **HIGHWAY FLOODING**

It was noted that many highway gullies between Rankin Avenue and the Brow were blocked. LCC had been advised.

### **ALLOTMANT WEBSITE**

The Clerk advised that he was receiving ongoing complaints regarding the out of date HBALGA website and Site Notice Board. Members of the public had complained that requests for contact via the site were ignored. The Clerk confirmed that he had asked the Poor marsh PALS to address this.

### **TRAVELLERS**

The Clerk expressed concern at the vulnerability of the Shore Road site to illegal occupation via Delta Park Drive as had occurred elsewhere. It was agreed to erect concrete bollards to prevent this.

**RESOLUTION No. 54/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 55/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

#### **RECEIPTS**

<b>Electricity NW</b>	<b>Wayleave</b>	<b>£143.73</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>£0.73</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>£45.62</b>
<b>Hesketh Bank AFC</b>	<b>Loan repayment (1/10)</b>	<b>£149.00</b>

#### **GRANT AID**

**RESOLUTION No. 56/2017 Carried** that donations of £100 each be made to:-

- a. Queenscourt Hospice
- b. Douglas Cardiac Trust
- c. North West Air Ambulance

**BUDGET OUT-TURN (3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr)**

**RESOLUTION No. 57/2017 Carried** that the Budget Out-Turn report is noted as presented.

**BUDGET 2018-2019**

**RESOLUTION No. 58/2017 Carried** that the Draft Budget as presented is approved and adopted.

**PRECEPT**

**RESOLUTION No. 59/2017 Carried** that Precept of £56,340 is set on West Lancashire Borough Council for the Financial Year 2018-2019.

**BUDGET DELEGATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 60/2017 Carried** that expenditure as authorised in the Ratified Budget (2018-2019) is delegated to the Executive Clerk.

**BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION No. 61/2017 Carried** that the Clerk is authorised to open discussions and negotiations with Henry Alty Ltd and Persimmon Homes Ltd in respect of Public Open Space, the proposed Douglas Park and adjacent Land in line with his confidential report.

**INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:39 pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; (Chairman); Ron Tyson

No members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs John Hunter; Paul Sergeant.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 62/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared

### **REPORTS**

#### **Cllr. Earles**

Members were advised of the members of the public to be presented with the annual “Love Hesketh Bank” awards.

Discussion was held regarding spring bulb and wildflower planting on the Council’s land. It was agreed that specific areas should be looked at rather than general planting in grassed areas; the former ‘Millennium Garden’ at the Shore Road ground was particularly favoured.

#### **Cllr. Kirby**

Members were apprised regarding the latest meeting of the Local Access Forum and the Coastal Access initiative. It was confirmed that Mr Dai Parry of “Natural England” would make a presentation to the March Meeting of the Council.

The Council were also apprised regarding the meeting which Cllr. Kirby and the Clerk had attended in relation to the Local Plan; it was felt that this had been of little value.

#### **Cllr. Tyson**

Members were advised regarding the intention not to enter the “Lancashire Best Kept Village” competition this year. It was hoped to endeavour to raise interest from the whole village over the next twelve months.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

### **SHORE ROAD WORKS.**

It was confirmed that the installation of the new outlet drains had been completed. Excavation had confirmed that the wrong type of drain had been fitted previously that had led to the premature failure. To avoid any similar problems in the future, the Clerk had had all connecting drains inspected with a video camera and having seen the results was confident that they were in good working condition. Work on the new field drains is now being planned in conjunction with the Football Club. On completion, the whole car park will be resurfaced and lined out as much of it had deteriorated due to the wet substrate.

### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had a productive meeting with the Alty Directors at the end of January where discussions were held regarding the River Bank from Hesketh Bank through Tarleton; the Public Open Space and Biological Improvement Areas within the development and the various plots of land to the North of the development.

It was confirmed to Alty that the Council's wished to acquire as much of the land as possible to develop a free access public amenity.

A detailed report was given to Council by the Clerk which was to remain confidential due to the ongoing negotiations.

It was noted that Altys have now sold their Horticultural Business to "LS Systems" of Tarleton and they will not therefore be proceeding with their relocation to Moss Lane/Boundary Lane and that the Planning Application had been withdrawn.

### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

It was noted, as previously reported, that the cost of providing the planned lighting had substantially risen as for various reasons it was not possible to utilise the Bowling club electricity supply. However, the Council had now secured a further grant from WLBC, the scheme will now costing approx. £11,500 in total with a nett cost to the Parish Council of £2,800. The installation should complete in March.

### **CSG BOUNDARY**

With ownership and the future of the Sports Bar under apparent change, the Clerk had concluded after consultation with the Chairman that it would be prudent to define the Council's boundary on the north side of the site that was in dispute with the previous owner. The Clerk confirmed that he was arranging for this to be surveyed and marked with magnetic survey pins set in the tarmac and also arrange the tidying up of the overgrown area at the base of the Telefonica phone mast.

### **NURSERIES PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

The Clerk confirmed that he had now had discussions with the present owners of the POS strip on the Southerly side of the Nurseries from Station Road. He was hopeful that this land will be transferred to the Council in the near future.

### **HIGHWAY SURFACE FLOODING**

The Clerk confirmed that he had made further representations to LCC regarding several Blocked Gullies reported from Rankin Avenue to the Brow.

### **ROADS**

It was noted that some roads were now in a dangerous condition due to lack of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk would write expressing grave concern, initially regarding Moss lane where several vehicles had crashed or left the road in recent weeks. It was felt that severe injuries or deaths were inevitable in the near future unless repairs were undertaken.

### **HESKETH OUTMARSH EAST**

The Clerk confirmed that Richard Shirres would be addressing the meeting in March.

### **ALLOTMENTS WEB SITE**

It was noted that the Clerk had received further complaints re out of date (5 years) website and notice board. He had again asked the "Poor Marsh Pals" to look at this.

### **WASTE BINS**

Members were advised that in line with other authorities, specific "Dog Waste Bins" are being scrapped by WLBC and labels placed on general bins stating that the can be used for bagged dog waste. The Council had also secured the replacement of 2 old bins at the Recreation Ground and Chapel Road.

### **STREET SIGNAGE**

At the Council's request, LCC had now replaced the "No Cycling" notice at the top of the slope from Station Road to Cherry Vale.

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE GARDEN**

The area will be having its Annual overhaul during February

### **DR GULATI**

It was noted that the Clerk had received various papers from Dr Gulti regarding the Viran Medical Centre. He had been advised that the Council would not be discussing the matter or expressing any views.

### **DONATIONS**

It was noted that the Clerk had received letters of thanks from Hesketh Bank Silver Band and North West Air Ambulance and Queenscourt Hospice.

### **DEBTORS**

The Clerk confirmed that he had issued the annual invoices to the three sports club totalling £1,321.89; these are increased annually in line with RPI in the previous September which had been 3.9% on that occasion.

### **SECURITY**

It was noted that the installation of bollards at the Recreation Ground to prevent vehicular access from Delta Park is now in hand.

### **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)**

The Clerk confirmed that he had undertaken formal training in January and will now be preparing a Policy Document, and update to the CCTV Policy, for consideration by the Council.

**RESOLUTION No. 63/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 64/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

#### **RECEIPTS**

<b>LCC</b>	<b>Local Delivery</b>	<b>£250.00</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>January 2018</b>	<b>£0.62</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>£57.76</b>
<b>Hesketh Bank AFC</b>	<b>Loan repayment (2/10)</b>	<b>£149.00</b>

#### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road, facilities.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:36 pm.**



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; John Hunter; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

Eight members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Iain Ashcroft

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 65/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Hunter and Sergeant confirmed an interest in item 8 as officials of the Hesketh Bank Football Club.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Residents of School Fold made representations regarding dangers experienced resultant upon those in charge of children using the road for dropping off children at the school and using the road for turning.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Cllr. Tyson**

It was confirmed that whilst the Council would not be entering the Lancashire BKV competition, the local "Best Kept" would continue.

##### **Cllr. Kirby**

Cllr. Kirby confirmed that he had walked the re-opened outer embankment and along with Richard Shirres identified the locations for two wayside seats.

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

##### **LAND REGISTRY**

It was noted that the Clerk had recently lodged the applications for transfer of land at Becconsall Gardens, Ashbrook Close and Glen Park Drive to the Council. It would appear that two of these had been lost, however the full fee had been refunded to the Clerk personally which he had now transferred to the Council. The Clerk was investigating.

### **SHORE ROAD WORKS.**

Works to the outlet drains and the resurfacing of the car park had been completed. It was noted that subject to the ground drying sufficiently, work would commence in April on the drainage of the Recreation Ground.

### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that the Council were still awaiting costed proposals from Altys and a Planning meeting with Persimmon.

### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

It was noted that cabling and the erection of lighting columns were now complete; final mains connection was expected in April.

### **NURSERIES PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

The Clerk was still awaiting a response from the land owner.

### **ALLOTMENTS WEB SITE**

It was noted that action to remove the redundant website had still not been completed.

### **SECURITY**

It was noted that the installation of bollards at the Recreation Ground to prevent vehicular access from Delta Park had been completed.

### **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)**

The Clerk confirmed that he had undertaken further training in respect of CCTV management and would attend a general session arranged by the CVS in Skelmersdale.

**RESOLUTION No. 66/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 67/2017 Carried** that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule (attached) are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

### **RECEIPTS**

Hesketh AFC	Loan Payment (4/10)	£149.00
Hesketh Bank AFC	Annual Rent	£294.94
Hesketh Bowling Club	Annual Rent	£683.22
Hesketh Bank CC	Annual Rent	£343.73
WLBC	Outstanding Verge Cutting Fees	£265.00
Virair	Telecomms Licence	£165.00

### **CSG LEASE**

**RESOLUTION No. 68/2017 carried** that the Council undertake a major re-drainage scheme of the land presently leased to the Hesketh Bank Football Club at an estimated gross



cost of £48,000 plus VAT and that the Lease to the club be varied to reflect the increase in the value of the asset over the remaining term (8 years) of the lease.

#### **WLBC STAKEHOLDER SURVEY**

**RESOLUTION No. 69/2017 carried** that the Council are of the opinion that such surveys are little more than box ticking exercises and that the Clerk conveys the views of the Council to the WLBC Chief Executive.

#### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road, Station Road and Glen Park facilities.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm.**

