

Shoreline Summary

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Spring has at long last arrived. It seems to have been a long time coming and it feels good to have more day light hours, to see the spring flowers in bloom and colour appearing in the hedgerows and trees.

BOOTHS DEVELOPMENT

At the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2010 the Chairman noted with pleasure the way in which the contractors were managing the Booth's site, keeping the area as clean as possible and efficiently managing of traffic.

IT'S GOOD TO TALK!

Despite some suggestions to the contrary your Parish Council is keen to hear your views about how we serve the community and how we can improve the way that we communicate with and involve local residents in the decisions that we take on your behalf.



We do already have in place a number of different avenues of communication such as this Newsletter, the Parish Council Notice Boards, the Parish Council Website (HwBPC.org.uk) and the Public Forum (a 15 minute opportunity for the public to speak/ask questions before the start of each Parish Council meeting). However we are looking at ways to improve communication, especially ways of achieving more dialogue with local people rather than the one way flow of information that has been common in the past. We want to encourage more input into our decision making from members of the local community, therefore, a Communication and Community Engagement Working Group, comprising of Councillors Maureen Baldwin, Hilary Tomkins and Steve Kirby has been established to look at how we can get more people involved in discussions about the problems and opportunities that we face now and in the future.



One of the first areas we are looking at is the current arrangement for the monthly Parish Council Meetings including the Public Forum and we intend to put forward recommendations on how these can be improved to make them more welcoming to members of the Public, with a view to achieving a greater level of participation and constructive dialogue.

We would welcome your views, positive or negative, but hopefully offered in a constructive spirit and, where practical, we will try to include them in our further proposals for change. Please feel free to contact any of us using the contact details at the end of this Newsletter.

GO GREEN AND SAVE MONEY

Did you know that you can now get help in finding out how to lower your energy consumption at home? Lancashire County Council is making Energy Monitoring Kits freely available for loan at its libraries. The kits allow you to see how much electricity is being consumed by each electrical appliance in your home. When you know exactly how much energy is being used and what it costs you are more likely to be a lot more careful to avoid the needless waste that so many of us tolerate – thus helping your bank balance whilst at the same time making your own small contribution to the battle against climate change. You can borrow one of the kits from Tarleton Library, so - What are you waiting for?



CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND DEVELOPMENT

At the February meeting of the Parish Council members voted to instigate investigations into developing a Public/Private partnership to enhance the existing, and provide new sporting facilities at the Council's Centenary Sports Ground.



The improvements would consist of enhanced car-parking, to alleviate the problems of parking on Station Road, and new drainage for both the Cricket and Football pitches which presently suffer from bad water-logging. New facilities being investigated include an additional football pitch; indoor courts for netball, basket ball, tennis and badminton and an Archery range. For the less athletic, a perimeter path for dog walkers is also being considered. The enhanced facilities, along with those offered by the adjacent 3G Sports Centre would make Hesketh Bank the envy of communities for many miles around.



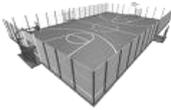


LOCAL BUS SERVICES

X2 Preston (Southport/Liverpool) From 11 April 2010, the timetable will be revised, increasing the Sunday daytime frequency to run every half hour. There will also be an additional stopping place introduced at Bretherton Toll Bar on the A59.

2/2A (Preston/Longton/Tarleton/Southport/Ormskirk) - From 12 April 2010, the timetable and route will be revised, partially restoring Service 2A, by increasing the Monday to Saturday daytime service between Preston and Tarleton, via Higher Penwortham, Hutton, Longton, Walmer Bridge and Much Hoole, from every 30 minutes to every 20 minutes. From Tarleton, two Service 2 buses per hour will continue to Hesketh Bank, with one extending hourly through Banks to Southport. New Service 2A, in partnership with Lancashire County Council, will then continue hourly through to Ormskirk via Rufford and Burscough, replacing Service 202. The 2330 journey from Preston to Hesketh Bank will be reinstated on Friday and Saturday nights. *Information obtained from Stagecoach. Bus timetables are displayed at bus stops and are also available from various shops in the village.*

BALL COURT



After what seems to have been a very long time progress has been made in providing a multi use games area on the Village Hall site. The venture is being jointly funded by West Lancashire Borough Council through a Big Lottery Grant, Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council and Hesketh Bank Village Hall.

WLBC invited 6 national companies to tender for the work and once the tenders had been received Steve Kent from WLBC Leisure Services Department and Councillor Baldwin balloted the appropriate age groups at All Saints School, Kingsfold School, Tarleton High School and local residents adjacent to the Ball Court site. A total of 452 votes were cast and as this goes to press news is awaited of the winner. WLBC plan to have the facility in use by the beginning of the summer holidays in mid July.

DOG FOULING

In response to an invitation from HwBPC West Lancashire Borough Council Dog Warden spent two three hour sessions in Hesketh Bank, having a high profile presence. Whilst she was not able to issue any Fixed Penalties, her presence was widely noticed and the Clerk to the Parish Council and Dog Warden received emails acknowledging her presence. She particularly emphasised her presence on foot on Shore Road, the Recreation Ground, School Fold, Chapel Road and the Glen Park Drive area; her van is also a visible deterrent.

A joint effort is planned in the near future, hopefully with PCSO support. The area will be extensively leafleted and there will be extra CCTV monitoring undertaken. The Parish Council, through this newsletter, ask all dog owners in Hesketh Bank to take responsibility for their pets and clean up after them. Bag it and Bin it is what we ask of you, making the pavements in the village a clean and safe environment for residents to use. You can collect FREE "Dog Bags" from the Clerk at the monthly Parish Council Meetings.

CBM PACT PRIORITY UPDATE

PACT PRIORITIES FOR MARCH 2010

1. Anti Social Behaviour around The Nurseries and The Green areas of Hesketh Bank between 7pm and 10pm. OPERATION TROJAN Friday the 12th March (a plain van with CCTV and Police Officers inside) reported 3 Juveniles for anti social behaviour Junction of Chapel Road/Station Road Hesketh Bank. This area appeared to be the main area of concern; one driver was issued a S59 warning for driving inappropriately; one male juvenile arrested and charged for Burglary.
2. Vehicles obstructing the footpath Station Road, Hesketh Bank. 4 vehicles were identified and motorists advised accordingly.

PACT PRIORITIES FOR APRIL 2010

1. Juvenile Nuisance Village Hall Institute area Station Road Hesketh Bank late evenings particularly weekends
2. Parking obstructing the pavement areas just prior and after the entrance of the Christian fellowship School Moss Lane Hesketh Bank on a daily basis generally during the school days, 08:00 to 16:00.
3. Concerns regarding ASB in the vicinity of CSG, Station Road, Hesketh Bank between 21:30 and 01:00 mainly weekends.

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