



Love Hesketh Bank

A newsletter produced by Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

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Council Budget 2018 - 2019

At the February meeting of the Parish Council, the budget for the financial year commencing 1st April 2018 was set; this results in a precept for residents of Hesketh Bank amounting to 76 pence per week for a Council Tax Band D home. Unlike our Principal Authorities whose charges seem to rise incessantly, this is actually some 10% lower than it was ten years ago.

The Council continues to provide those services and facilities that residents told us in the last **Parish Plan** they wanted. The main emphasis for us, both last year and this, is centred around sport and recreation with major schemes at the Council's Recreation Ground on Shore Road and the Centenary Sports Ground on Station Road. The Council's three Play Areas continued to be maintained to a very high standard and will benefit from full overhauls this Spring and Summer. We have been using our best endeavours to acquire the 'Poppyfields' Play Area and Public Open Space which are both still in the hands of the developer, Morris Homes.

Other schemes being developed include the provision of seating for walkers and bird watchers on the newly refurbished outmarsh sea wall. This major scheme carried out by the Environment Agency on land acquired by the RSPB has greatly enhanced the resilience of the area against the possibility of future flooding. The outmarsh is of course a "RAMSAR" site which is named after the city of Ramsar in Iran where at a UNESCO Convention in 1971, an International

Welcome

In this issue of Love Hesketh Bank we will be looking at some of the work that Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council does in your community. You can find out more by visiting our website at: www.HeskethBankCouncil.uk

Treaty was signed for the protection of important waterfowl habitats. The South side of the Ribble estuary ranks as one of the most important sites in Europe.

The Council is also committed to bring into its ownership various small parcels of land, many left over from development, which otherwise become eyesores. Last year we acquired the open space at Pardoe Close and Glen Park Drive along with a small extension to the Station Road Play Area. We are also negotiating with West Lancashire Borough Council to take over the care of grass verges and with this in mind, we are extending our '**Lengthsman Maintenance**' scheme carried out by local contractor "**Brian Parkinson**" who you will see around the village every Monday generally looking after the infrastructure. We are also working with Altys and Persimmon to maximise all the opportunities that will develop from the major scheme on the old brickworks site.

Finally, in response to resident's concerns, we are investigating measures to tackle vehicle speeding in various areas of the village including Station Road on the approach to the shopping area and Moss Lane.

Shore Road Recreation Ground

In the last issue, we told you that we would be undertaking drainage work at the recreation ground and this work is now well underway. Trees have been cut back and a new drainage system under the car park has been installed. Unfortunately, it is still too wet to begin drainage work on the sports field but this work will be carried out soon.



“During the last eight years the Council will, on completion of the lighting works, have committed nearly £70,000 to improvements at the facility”

Centenary Sports Ground

As members of the three clubs will have noticed, work has started on providing lighting to the Council’s Car-Park at the Sports Ground. This is being funded by the Parish Council along with a grant from West Lancashire Borough Council.

The installation will comprise three 10m lighting columns each fitted with a 110w LED luminaire. It is intended that the area will be lit from dusk until 11-30pm every day of the year with the cost being fully born by the Council.

Once again this demonstrates the Council’s commitment to our local sportsmen. As you are aware, in recent times we have resurfaced the whole car park and access roadways along with new signage, improved the area’s drainage both with lateral drains and a new drainage ditch as well as installing a comprehensive CCTV monitoring system.

Keeping us safe

Hesketh with Beconsall Parish Council has some of the best CCTV provision of any Local Council within Lancashire and beyond.

We have a network of twelve continuously recorded CCTV cameras in five different locations in Hesketh Bank. These include the Parish Council's Recreation Ground, Play Area and Car Park at Shore Road / Delta Park; the Council's Centenary Sports Ground on Station Road and the Station Road Play area.

We also monitor and record continuously at All Saint's Primary School premises as well as at The Community Centre and Ball Court.

Our cameras can produce facial recognition of evidence quality over all the sites and, when required, can be made available to the police and other agencies.

CCTV coverage is an important part of the work that the Parish Council does to help keep our community safer. The cameras help keep down anti social behaviour but we need your help too so if you see an incident, please advise the Parish Clerk.



Play safe

Did you know that the Parish Council are responsible for, and maintain, playgrounds throughout the community? This is an important part of our work and where new developments take place and playgrounds are created, we aim to take over responsibilities for them to create safe play areas for children. Our CCTV coverage and regular inspections and maintenance can make all the difference.

We have been working for some time, with the assistance of West Lancs Borough



Council, to take over the play area and public space in Poppy Fields (*picture above*) which needs to be maintained.

Dates for your diary

Parish Council meetings are held in Booths Café on the second Monday of every month from 7:30pm. Forthcoming meetings are as follows:

12th March 2018
9th April 2018
14th May 2018
11th June 2018
9th July 2018

All residents are welcome to attend, not only to hear about the work of the Council but also to raise any concerns or questions that they may have. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise outside of these meetings, then please contact the Parish Clerk on Clerk@HeskethBankCouncil.uk or call him on: 01772 812681.

Newsletter circulation

Our Love Hesketh Bank newsletter is posted on the Parish Council notice boards around the village and in Booths. If you know someone who doesn't get this newsletter and would like to receive it, please ask them to contact the Parish Clerk on Clerk@heskethbankcouncil.uk or 01772 812681

Keep in touch

You can find out about recent planning applications and more about what the Council does as well as archive and historical information on the Council's website. Visit: www.HeskethBankCouncil.uk



Love Hesketh Bank Awards

Mary Scrambler and Trish Whitehead have been presented with a Love Hesketh Bank Award to recognise the contribution that they have made in the community.

Speaking about the winners, Paul Sergeant, Chairman of the Parish Council, said "This is our way of recognising those efforts that sometimes are taken for granted, and saying thank you on behalf of everyone in Hesketh Bank."

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Your Parish Councillors

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