



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.