



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th April 2018 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

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

Two members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Diane Earles; David Maughan

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 1/2018 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th March 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Plant declared a pecuniary interest in item 12 as a joint tenant of the land in question.

REPORTS

Cllr. Kirby

Cllr. Kirby confirmed that the Community Centre would be looking to update its operating deeds as a "Charitable Incorporated Organisation" (CIO).

CLERK'S REPORT

SHORE ROAD WORKS.

It was noted that the contractors were still awaiting satisfactory ground conditions to commence the field drainage works.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

Members were appraised regarding the discussion the Clerk had had with the Alty Directors.

CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING

The Clerk advised that he expected the lighting to go live during w/c 30th April.

HIGHWAY FENCING - OLD BRIDGE

It was confirmed that LCC had repaired broken fence rails which were potentially dangerous on the old railway bridge adjacent to the Play Area.

STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Members noted with disappointment the 'generic' response from the West Lancs Council CEO.

3G SPORTS CENTRE

It was noted that an urgent issue had arose requiring immediate action to make safe the support mechanisms holding up the 3G pitch netting. As a matter of urgency the Clerk had arranged for new supports to be installed with the Football Club guaranteeing the cost.

FOOTBALL CLUB DRAINAGE WORKS

It was advised that the contract for this, agreed at the March meeting, had yet to be placed as the Clerk had not been content that sufficient undertakings regarding the works and facilities for its future maintenance were in place. It was hoped that this would be resolved shortly.

PLAY AREAS

It was noted that works were in hand to repair safety surfacing at the three Play areas at a cost of £3,500. Further repairs to equipment are also required for which the Clerk was presently obtaining quotes.

SCHOOL FOLD

It was noted that the Clerk had made representations, as has Borough Cllr. Ashcroft, to LCC regarding the problems that were raised at the March meeting in respect of Children's safety and issues relating to cars in School Fold. County Councillor Barron was now also pursuing this.

NURSERIES PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

The Clerk was still awaiting a decision from the site owners regarding adoption.

ALLOTMENTS WEB SITE

It was noted that the redundant WebSite had now been taken down.

SPEED INDICATORS

It was noted that the Clerk had agreed a contract in principle to supply ElanCity radar speed detection and display signs at a cost of £1,899 each plus installation. Alty has agreed to allow the installation of a unit on their land on the North side of the bridge. Members confirmed that they were content with this.

CIL

It was noted that the Council are to receive a further £6,051.81 in respect of the Mill Lane development. The total now allocated to the Community Centre redevelopment is over £21,200.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

It was noted that the Clerk had received further training for this in March with the West Lancs CVS.

ETHICAL STANDARDS CONSULTATION

The Clerk confirmed that he would be passing the consultation document to members for their personal response.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It was noted that the annual training for Councillors will take place at Ormskirk on Tuesday 19th June at 6:30pm. Councillors are expected to attend.

RESOLUTION No. 2/2018 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 3/2018 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 (5/10)	£149.00
WLBC	Precept – 1 st Tranche	£28,170.00
WLBC	Council Tax Support Grant	£3,414.00

BUDGET OUT-TURN

RESOLUTION 4/2018 carried unanimously that the Year-End Budget Out-turn report is received and noted.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION 5/2018 unanimously carried that the Annual Accounts of the Council are Received, Accepted and Noted as presented.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

RESOLUTION 6/2018 unanimously carried that the “**Annual Governance Statement 2017/18**” is ratified as presented and that the Chairman and Clerk are authorised sign denoting the Authority's approval.

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2017/2018

RESOLUTION 7/2018 unanimously carried that the “**Accounting Statement 2017/18**” is ratified as presented and that the Chairman is authorised to sign denoting the Authority's Approval.

GIFT OF LAND

RESOLUTION 8/2018 unanimously carried that, in principle, the Council accept a donation of land (*presently in the ownership of M.M.Plant, R.Plant and E Eatough*) situated at the northerly end of Granville Avenue, and currently within the curtilage of number 12 Granville Avenue, as an unencumbered gift to maintain in perpetuity as Public Open Space but not dedicated as a Public Highway. The Council to bear all legal costs and disbursements.

VOTE OF THANKS

RESOLUTION 9/2018 unanimously carried that a Vote of thanks is recorded to Messrs M.M.Plant, R.Plant and E Eatough for the gift of land which will undoubtedly be of significant benefit to residents in perpetuity.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.