



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL** **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7:30pm in 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.

Eight members of the general public were present.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 22/2018 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Concern was expressed regarding inconsiderate parking at the East end of Moss Lane and on The Stables including pavement blocking.
2. Concern was expressed regarding infrastructure problems especially Roads and Services.
3. Papers were passed to Members regarding the current work at the Centenary Sports Ground.

### **REPORTS**

Cllr. Earles reported on progress for the local Best Kept competition and current usage levels at the Community Centre.

Cllr. Kirby reported on the Local Access Forum and its involvement with the Coastal Footpath scheme.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **SHORE ROAD WORKS**

It was noted that works could still not be completed until some substantial rain occurred.

### **CRICKET CLUB**

As previously advised, the Clerk noted that he was still receiving contentious emails from one particular member who seemed to think it is the Council's responsibility to police the cricket field with regards to nuisance and dog fouling. It was noted that the Clerk had offered to assist but on the basis the Cricket Club took the lead.

### **GRANVILLE AVENUE**

It was noted that solicitors have now been instructed.

### **ALTY SITE**

It was noted that Alty leave the site completely at the end of this July. They had now invited the several interested parties to put in offers by the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### **NURSERIES POS**

The Clerk still awaited a response from the owners.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk met with the Chairman and Treasurer in June to resolve several minor issues relating to signage, web presence and complaints re licences and the keeping of chickens. All items were dealt with satisfactorily.

### **SPEED INDICATORS**

It was noted that the SPID installed on the railway bridge appeared to be working well and within specification. It was agreed that the Indicator could be more effective with the addition of a "Pedestrian Crossing" sign attached above the SPID. Members agreed that a further SPID (as budgeted for) should be installed on Moss Lane at the commencement of the 20mph zone.

### **CSG FOOTBALL CLUB DRAINAGE**

It was noted that the work was substantially complete and the Council had received the agreed capital contribution from the Football Club of £20,000.

### **TELEFONICA MAST LICENCE**

The Clerk had now received proposals from Telefonica for a renewal of their licence at the CSG. The yield from any such new agreement will be substantially less than that at present owing to the new Telecommunications Code. It was noted that solicitors had been instructed to advise.

### **PLAY AREAS**

It was noted that all safety surfacing at the three play areas had been brought back up to standard. The total cost of the work plus the replacement of the cradle swings at the Station road site amounted to £4,687.50. All areas are now up to standard.

### **TRAINING**

The Clerk advised that he attended the SLCC regional seminar at Bolton and a CCTV training event and exhibition at Harrogate in June. He had now also met with officers from WLBC in connection with reviewing our CCTV policy bringing it into line with the requirements of GDPR.

### **PATH FENCING (Station Road to Cherry Vale)**

The Clerk again advised Members of the dangerous condition of the highway fence on the northerly side of this path and that despite many emails to both County Council officers and the County Councillor, no action had been taken. The Clerk advised that if the Parish were to carry out repairs it could be deemed to have accepted responsibility/liability for the fence; Members chose that, despite this advice, repairs should be undertaken in the interests of safety.

**RESOLUTION No. 23/2018 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 24/2018 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**

<b>Hesketh AFC</b>	<b>Loan Payment (7/10)</b>	<b>£149.00</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>VAT Reclaim</b>	<b>£8,532.97</b>
<b>Hesketh AFC</b>	<b>Capital works contribution</b>	<b>£20,000.00</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>£0.79</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>£71.73</b>

#### **MEETING LOCATION**

**RESOLUTION 25/2018** carried that future regular meeting of the Parish Council are held at the Community Centre (Front Building).

#### **POPPYFIELDS/THE GREEN**

**RESOLUTION 26/2018** carried that the Clerk signifies to WLBC that the Council is willing to take ownership of the Poppyfields POS and Play Area subject to the complete site being brought up to 'As new' standard.

#### **SECTION 106 MONIES**

**RESOLUTION 27/2018** carried that the Clerk submits an application to WLBC for the allocation of £12,560 106 monies for the provision of "Outdoor Gym" equipment at the Shore Road Recreation Ground.

#### **ROAD NAMING**

**RESOLUTION 28/2018** carried that the Council endorses the name of "Old Orchard Rise" for the development at 9 Shore Road.

#### **HAZELWOOD AVENUE**

It was noted that LCC had refused to erect signage to advise drivers on Hazelwood Drive that they are crossing a public footpath (School Fold).

**RESOLUTION 29/2018** carried that the Clerk is instructed to pursue options advising drivers and pedestrians.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Members considered available options with regards to the land to the North of the Alty/Persimmon development. The Clerk was requested to re-confirm the Council's original position to Alty.

**INSPECTION REPORTS**

Report were received in respect of the Station Road and Glen Park Drive Play areas.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm.**