



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7:30pm at The Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; John Hunter; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson
Ian T Cropper, Clerk.

Two members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr Norma.M.Goodier

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2019/25 Carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th July 2019 are confirmed as a true record.

PUBLIC FORUM

Unofficial representations were made regarding Council Support for Hesketh Bank Cricket Club.

REPORTS

Cllr Earles updated Members with regards to the “Best Kept” results; it was particularly noted that the response from the public had been very positive.

CLERK’S REPORT

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk confirmed that the Council’s Registration with the Information Commissioners Office had been renewed until August 2020.

GRANVILLE AVENUE

It was noted that the path to Sydney Avenue had been completed. It has been constructed 1.5m wide to allow for mobility scooters and double buggies as well as pedestrians. It was noted that several very positive comments had been received.

HENRY ALTY WAY

The Clerk noted that he was still awaiting confirmation from Acland Bracewell regarding the isolated pockets of land on the river bank in the ownership of the Lilford Estate.

WAYSIDE SEAT

It was noted that the replacement seat at Hundred End has been installed.

CSG WALL

It was noted that the subsidence of the wall had continued to be monitored and that slight movement was still apparent.

SCHOOL CCTV

The Clerk noted that as reported in July, the school wished to take full control of the CCTV installed on their premises and had been advised that there wasn't an issue with this. It was noted that the Council had provided the cameras and recording equipment as a gesture of good faith and that since installation the Council had maintained the set up and provided internet connections through the Council's private wireless network, this had saved the school approx. £10,000.

It was noted that the Council had also installed a controllable camera on an 8m column within the playground to monitor the Council's Play Area and Receptions grounds. It was installed there at the request of the Head Teacher of the day so that if required, the Clerk could monitor the rear of the school building during the evenings and weekends as they had been experiencing some vandalism and lead theft. The school now wish the Council to pass this over as well which would result in the Council having to install another camera and column along with wiring back to the Pavilion – the cost of this would be around £8,700.

The Clerk has asked the Chairman of Governors to look at this requirement again.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

It was noted that a report had been received from a member of the public regarding an allegedly unsafe concrete panel fencing. This proved to be unfounded but the inspection did reveal a further issue with two decayed concrete posts. The owners were written to requesting urgent action and the area taped off; it was noted that repairs had been dealt with immediately.

The Clerk however noted that this incident raised again the question of maintenance and ongoing viability of this Play Area. The use of the area is now very much in decline with equipment suffering from algae growth through lack of use; the ground is also suffering from extensive algae growth, again through lack of use and the fact that the area does not have any piped drainage. It was agreed to consult with the local residents over the future of the Play Area.

STATION ROAD SPID

It was noted that the location of this SPID was no longer appropriate with the pending construction of a mini-roundabout; Members agreed to relocate the unit to the Southerly end of the CSG.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II GARDEN

It was noted that the Flagpole and designation stone had now been installed along with a replacement notice board, a 2.5m Union Flag had also been acquired. The gardens are now to be overhauled, re-stoned and the seats and paving cleaned. Members agreed to the purchase of a Village Flag and Lancashire Flag.

COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Members were apprised that Mr John Williams of Pardoe Close had joined Sandra Powell as the Council's second Community Champion. As per the Council's earlier Resolution, they will both work directly to Cllrs Ashcroft & Goodier.

ALLOTMENTS (OUT of PARISH) FEES

It was noted that the Council had invoiced Tarleton CPC (£120) and North Meols CPC (£36) in respect of the 15 allotments occupied by out of Parish residents.

NORTHERN ALTY LANDS

It was noted that the Light Railway had now completed their purchase of their existing land. The sale of the remaining lands had been agreed and was expected to complete soon.

GUIDE ROAD/SHORE ROAD JUNCTION

The Clerk noted that he had received another letter from Mr Farrington regarding safety issues at this junction. As previously discussed, The PC does not have any powers relating to the Highway. Borough Councillor Ashcroft agreed to pursue this with the LCC ward Councillor and report back.

ELECTIONS

It was noted that the terms of office of current Councillors end in May 2020. It was agreed that members of the public would be made aware of the opportunity to put their names forward in the next Newsletter. It was also noted that it is a pre-requisite for the Council to be able to operate the **General Power of Competency** that as well as having a qualified Clerk, at least 9 Councillors are elected.

WLBC CHANGES

Members were apprised of the Major staff changes that are taking place in November at WLBC.

RESOLUTION No. 2019/26 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2019/27 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

Hesketh AFC	Additional Rent (2 mths)	£617.50
Viair	Base Transmitter Rent	£665.00
Bank Interest	July 2019	£1.12
Bank Interest	Aug 2019	£0.73
Investment Interest	Aug 2019	£111.90
Investment Interest	Sept 2019	£97.94

CIVIC MEMORIALS POLICY DOCUMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2019/28 Carried that the Draft Policy document is ratified.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road complex, Station Road and Glen Park Play areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm.