



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th October 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

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

Seven members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs Earles; Goodier;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 32/2017 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th September 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were raised regarding speeding on Station Road at Booths Junction by vehicles from the north.

REPORTS

Public Rights of Way

Cllr Kirby confirmed that he had walked several further paths

CLERK'S REPORT

HENRY ALTY BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

Members were advised that the Reserved Matters had finally received approval at the Planning Committee the previous week. It was noted that some matters are yet to be agreed including S106 and S254 agreements. It was noted that affordable housing will represent some 20% of the development at a 30% discount

CIL

Members were advised that approx. £11,000 had been received to date that was now allocated to the Community Centre redevelopment; it was also noted that the Alty development would yield some £220,000 split between Tarleton and Hesketh Parishes as well as £1,246,360 to the Borough. It was noted that the Council had previously agreed to put any funds from the Alty development towards the development of Parkland/Linear Park; this had however been rescinded in its original

form as a result of the Light Railway's decision to pursue a different commercial course.

STREET SCENE

Members were apprised that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had met with Heidi McDougall (WL Director of Street Scene) and Michelle Furlong (Operations Manager Street Scene) to discuss devolving verge grass mowing and weed control to the Parish Council from the next financial year. It was noted that a positive response had been received. The Parish was able to demonstrate the successful management of highway matters following on from the Lengthsman initiative in the current year.

CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING

It was noted that the Clerk was still working up alternative schemes to either work with the Bowling Club on a joint scheme or a bespoke system with 'Virair' to provide a unique supply to the car park lights and CCTV equipment.

STATION ROAD PLAY AREA NUISANCE

The two further signs referred to in September had now been erected alongside the fence to Beconsall Gardens.

MARSH ROAD

LCC have advised that they no longer mark private roads as such and it would be up to the land owner to arrange. It was noted that the Clerk had requested replacement of existing broken signs within the village

CALLENDER/DIOMEDS FUND

It was noted that all funds had now been distributed equally to the 2 families and the account closed

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Members were advised that Cllrs Ellis and Christie had attended the event. The Clerk made copy training packs available for the remaining Members.

PAVILION

Secure gating providing a storage area for the Football clubs goal posts and equipment had now been completed and as agreed last month the Council will look for a repayment of per £200 pm over the next 8 months from the football club.

POST OFFICE (Pavilion)

It was noted that the Clerk had a meeting with the Post Office scheduled for the 16th October when he expected to receive the proposed draft agreement for Council approval or otherwise. It was agreed the matter should be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vic-Chairman.

SHORE ROAD DRAINAGE

A full survey of the Recreation Ground and outfall drainage has now been undertaken; the Clerk was awaiting the report.

SHORE ROAD TREES

The clerk advised that the Crack Willows were now giving considerable cause for concern due not only to the severe root invasion in the drains but also now to their unmanageable height and top heaviness. It was noted that earlier in the month, the Clerk had to take emergency action when a 40' bough split giving not only significant safety concerns for users of the ground but also the prospect of significant damage to neighbouring property.

The Clerk proposed consulting with the Borough Arboriculturist regarding maintenance in future years or the total removal of the trees and replacement with more appropriate species. It was also agreed that the Clerk should investigate the setting of a WW1 memorial Copse. It was also agreed that the hedge to School Fold be reduced in both height and thickness.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Clerk sought agreement to again order trees for the shops on Station Road which was agreed.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was noted that the Clerk had ordered a wreath on behalf of the Council and Village; Cllr Ashcroft agreed to undertake the laying on Remembrance Sunday.

POPPYFIELDS

It was noted that the Clerk continued to receive complaints and queries regarding the state of the Poppyfields Play Area and adjacent Public Open Space (POS). One of the complainants has offered to mount a petition to Morris Homes, Cllr Ashcroft agreed to co-ordinate this.

LOCAL RESILIENCE

The County Council is now encouraging Parish and Community Councils to consider setting up local Resilience Plans and groups to deal with local emergencies. It was agreed a special meeting would be called in discuss the possible implementation of this.

FOOTPATH STEPS

It was noted that a complaint had been received concerning the steps from the Old Church to the river bank; this had been referred to the LCC Public Rights of Way Officer

RESOLUTION No. 33/2017 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 34/2017 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

Bank Interest	September 2017	£0.11
Investment Interest	October 2017	£20.29

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman. It was noted that within the bank balance, a sum of £366.03 was attributable to the local Manchester atrocity fund.

HALF-YEAR BUDGET OUT-TURN

RESOLUTION No. 35/2017 Carried the Half-Yearly Financial Report is accepted as presented and noted.

SPEED MONITORING DISPLAY

RESOLUTION No. 36/2017 Carried the Council purchase a Speed monitoring and recording display device at a cost of £2,995 for installation on Moss Lane (Eastbound traffic)

INSPECTION REPORTS

Report was received in respect of the Shore Road facilities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:08 pm.