



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7:30pm at The Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles;
John Hunter; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman);

Two members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Mike Ellis; Ron Tyson; Norma Goodier

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 30/2018 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th July 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were expressed regarding the long term arrangements for GP services within the Parish.

REPORTS

Cllr. Earles advised the meeting of further progress with increased bookings at the Community Centre and their success in obtaining an "Awards for All" grant of approx. £10,000

CLERK'S REPORT

SHORE ROAD WORKS

It was noted that after the protracted delays due to excessive rain followed by drought conditions, the work had been finally finished. The Clerk noted that there were some issues with uneven surfaces which he was looking into.

GRANVILLE AVENUE

The Clerk confirmed that the transfer documents have now been completed by the former owners and that he would now progress works to bring the land up to the necessary standard for public access.

ALTY SITE

It was noted that Alty had now formally left the Station Road site and preliminary work had commenced on the southern half of the site by Persimmon.

With regards to the several strips of land on the Westerly bank of the Douglas, the Clerk requested an informal Working Group meeting of the Council. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on Monday 16th September at The Community Centre

NURSERIES POS

The Clerk is still awaiting a response from the owners.

TRANSFER OF LAND FROM WLBC

Members were advised that after previously reported delays and lost documents, the transfer of the lands at Ashbrook Close, Glen Park Drive/Chapel Road and the extension to the Station Road Play Area have now been completed and the freeholds registered to the Council.

SPEED INDICATORS

It was noted that the second new SPID had been installed on Moss Lane in August and appeared to be working well and within specification; the ‘Pedestrian Crossing’ sign had also been installed on the Station Road SPID as agreed at the July meeting. It was noted that the Police had agreed that they would take action based on the data produced from both units.

CSG FOOTBALL CLUB DRAINAGE

It was advised that work was now complete and the first match (a win) had been played on the site on the 1st of September. The Clerk mentioned the extraordinary effort put in by Darren McDonald who managed the complete works on behalf of the Council and Club. During the prolonged drought he attended the site every morning and evening for the best part of a month to arrange the watering and other works of the newly laid pitch.

TELEFONICA MAST LICENCE

The Clerk apprised Members that further progress had not been made and that Telefonica were now occupying the site on a roll-over from the expired licence.

PAVILION ELECTRICITY

The Clerk advised that he had renewed the present commercial agreement with E-on for the supply which includes the power for the CCTV equipment at an estimated annual cost of £370.

POPPYFIELDS

It was noted that the Clerk had confirmed to WLBC that the Parish Council would accept transfer of the Poppyfields POS and Play Area provided that the area and Play Equipment was brought up to an ‘as new’ standard and that the POS associated with ‘The Green’ is also similarly brought up to standard and transferred. He had also indicated that Council would be looking for a financial contribution in part lieu of the commuted monies which would normally be associated with such a transfer.

STATION ROAD EMBANKMENT

The Clerk had advised that as LCC had installed the fence, which had recently failed, some twelve years ago, they would have been responsible for any claim should an injury have occurred. The Clerk had sought to recover the £320 cost of repairs from LCC which were undertaken as a matter of safety thus protecting LCC from their liability and the public from any harm.

The Clerk noted that he was pursuing ownership issues.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Members agreed that as a result of some premises not having brackets fitted, being vacant or being unwilling to illuminate trees, the present scheme should be brought to an end. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the possible provision of a single large tree on the Station Road embankment.

PRECEPT REFERENDUM

It was noted that it had been the government's intention to require Town and Parish Councils to be required to have referendums where proposed increases in the precept were above an agreed level. This had now been suspended for as long as Councils continue to show restraint in the setting of precepts. It was noted that the Hesketh Bank Precept for 2018-2019 was actually lower than that of 10 years ago.

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk confirmed that he had renewed the Council's Registration as of 22nd August 2018.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had again received an unqualified audit report.

COMPLAINT

The Clerk confirmed that he had received a further complaint from a local resident regarding various aspects of the recent works at the Centenary Sports Ground.

REDUNDANT EQUIPMENT

It was noted that with WLBC consent the Clerk had agreed to remove the life expired recycling bins outside the Post Office.

SECTION 106 MONIES

The Clerk advised that he had submitted an application to WLBC for funds to provide an outdoor Gymnasium site at the Shore Road ground

RESOLUTION No. 31/2018 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 32/2018 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 (8-9/10)	£298.00
Hesketh AFC	3G Netting Supports	£650.00
LCC	Local Delivery Scheme	£250.00
WLBC	Precept (2 nd tranche)	£28,170.00
Bank Interest	July/August 2018	£1.12
Investment Interest	August/September 2018	£119.12

CCTV POLICY DOCUMENT

RESOLUTION 33/2018 carried that the “**CCTV Policy Document**” is ratified and adopted as presented.

WLBC LICENCING POLICY

RESOLUTION 34/2018 carried that the Council do not wish to comment on the WLBC consultation on the proposed revised Licencing Policy in respect of the Gambling Act 2005

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.