



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th October 2016 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Mike Ellis; Mr John Hunter;
Mr Simon Kenyon; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Goodier & Tyson

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 35/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th September are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

REPORTS

LHB – It was noted that the Village had been placed fourth in the Large Category of the Best Kept Village Competition. Ten Certificates had been presented at the Village Show in the local Best Kept Competition.

Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to write to those premises not receiving the Newsletter advising of the alternative sources and arrangements.

Public Rights of Way – No further paths had been walked.

CIL working group – A report of the Working Group was presented and accepted to be included in the Council Minutes.

CLERK'S REPORT

MEMBERS

The Clerk confirmed that he had received the 'Acceptance of Office' declaration from Cllr Ellis.

HENRY ALTY PARK

It was noted that the Heritage Park Group were progressing plans.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

It was noted that the re-instatement of the 'Low Trail' and 'Hopscotch' has been completed following resurfacing work.

SHORE ROAD CARPARK

The Clerk confirmed that he had now placed the order for a gate and sign to control children running from the recreation area into the carpark.

BT PHONE KIOSKS

It was noted that BT was currently consulting on the removal of many public phone boxes throughout the Borough. However, Hesketh Bank was not affected with regards to its kiosks at Station Road Play Area and Shore Road Car-Park.

CSG SIGN DAMAGE

The Clerk confirmed that the Preston Beer Company had now paid costs in respect of the damage to the traffic sign at the CSG.

BUS SHELTER – CHAPEL ROAD

The Clerk advised that as the bulk of the adjacent building works appear complete, he had asked for the re-instatement of the damaged bus shelter.

NW AIR AMBULANCE

It was noted that the Clerk had received a request for funding from the local Air Ambulance which in line with policy would be placed on the January Agenda.

CIL

Members were apprised of a further £4,500.91 that would be received on 31st October with regards to the development at 75 Chapel Rd making a total for this development of £8,626.82.

HSBC TREE STUMP

It was noted that the Clerk had again, at the request of Cllr Earles, written to HSBC regarding the dangerous tree stump outside their premises.

CLERKS' LIAISON MEETING

The Clerk reported on the previous week's meeting of the WL Clerks' Liaison meeting. It was noted that LCC were publishing a leaflet regarding flood prevention measures the content of which could be included in the Council's Newsletter. It was further noted that neither of the Principal Authorities would be supplying sandbags in the future. Neither authority would be dealing with local flooding other than major events.

WLBC DIRECTORS

It was noted that the Clerk had been asked to take part in the appraisal process of applicants for the WL Directors of 'Street Scene' and 'Housing'.

BUDGET 2017-2018

Members were reminded that the Annual Budgeting process was due to start in November and of the need to put forward costed plans for consideration by the Council. Members were also reminded of the need to look at on-going 5/10 year budgets for major works.

The Clerk was requested to look at the costings for taking on further public area works including Open Spaces, Highway weed control and cleaning etc.

RESOLUTION No. 36/2016 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 37/2016 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

Bank Interest	September 2016	£0.09
Investment Interest	October 2016	£22.40
WLBC	Precept 2nd tranche	£28,051.00
Preston Beer Co	Sign Damage	£180.00

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman.

BUDGET OUT-TURN

RESOLUTION No. 38/2016 Carried that the 2nd Quarter Budget Out-Turn is received and noted.

TRAINING

Cllrs Earles & Ellis reported on the recent training at the LTP which was considered to be of high quality and good value.

MEETING LOCATION

RESOLUTION No. 39/2016 Carried that all future meetings should be carried out within the Booth's Café area and that suitable notices boards and signs should be erected which the Manager had agreed to.

WLBC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The Consultation document from WLBC was considered. It was noted however that such a major matter could not be considered in the limited time scale required; the Clerk was asked to advise the Borough accordingly. It was also noted that this may be an appropriate time for the Parish to look at the possible preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

HEDGE OBSTRUCTIONS

Cllr Kirby agreed to take the problem at Guide Road forward and report back.

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road facility.

WLBC CIL MONIES

Members considered the Borough's report and recommendations; the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly and again advise of the unacceptably short timescale suggested.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.