



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 2019 at 7:30pm at The Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis;  
Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

Three members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. John Hunter.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 63/2018 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Representations were made regarding the apparent failure of LCC to properly maintain highway gullies especially on Moss Lane and Station Road

### **REPORTS**

Cllr Earles advised that the change in Legal Status of the Community Centre (CC) had been delayed.

Cllr Tyson reported on a meeting he had attended regarding the amended workings of the Best Kept Village (BKV) competition.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **SHORE ROAD SPID**

It was noted that this was now fully operational. Recordings showed a small reduction of about 6%. in excessive speed with over 85% of vehicles within the 50 mph speed limit and only 5% exceeding 60mph.

#### **RIVER BANK LANDS**

It was noted that the acquisition of the first parcel of land was now complete and the Council was now the registered freehold owner, this strip runs from the Persimmon development south to just beyond the pipe bridge. The Clerk noted that he was waiting on the clearance of a spent charge on the second strip which runs from the end of the first strip to the privately owned land at Sutton Avenue and a further small strip to the

south of that land ending at the rear of No.4 Merlecrest Drive adjacent to the substation in order to complete this.

The Clerk noted that he had been in discussion with the Borough Council who own a small piece of Green open Space land to the rear of River View in Tarleton, this land abuts the second strip of river bank which will transfer to the parish Council and could be used as a picnic/rest area along the route.

It was agreed that the completed pathway would be ultimately named “*Henry Alty Way*”

#### **CSG TELEFONICA BASE STATION**

It was noted that the Clerk was now ready to execute the new Code Agreement for this site. The deal would in total, after costs, yield a nett profit of approx. £14,000.

#### **GRANVILLE AVE**

It was noted that the transfer of the strip of land at the end of Granville Ave giving access to Sidney Avenue was now complete. Members were advised that surfacing and fencing work to the area would commence in April.

#### **NORTHERN ALTY LANDS**

It was noted that the sale of these lands is still progressing.

#### **OUT-DOOR GYMN INSTALLATION**

It was noted that the grant of S106 monies was approved by WLBC Cabinet in January. Yates Playgrounds was the most competitive tender and the Clerk had issued the order to them looking for completion before Easter.

It was reported that the total cost of the work was £13,750 with a grant of £12,560 thus a nett cost to the Council of £1,190.

#### **ALLOTMENTS EXTENSION**

The Clerk advised that the Council could be looking at up to £9,500 per acre for suitable land and that he was waiting for details from the Poor Marsh Pals as to numbers on the waiting list by area.

#### **UNIFORMED PARISH CHAMPIONS**

It was noted that this was moving very slowly; no names had been put forward as yet. The Clerk had urged the police to undertake some serious advertising and issue a press release.

#### **OUTMARSH SEATING**

It was confirmed that the Clerk had now placed orders for 2 large (3m) seats to be installed on the outer easterly section of the upgraded embankment, the Environment Agency were paying for a third. These should be installed in early March.

#### **FOOTPATH STEPS – BECCONSALL OLD CHURCH**

It was noted that a complaint had been received from resident regarding the removal of the steps; this had been referred to the PCC.

### **CAPITAL GRANTS**

The Clerk confirmed that he had put an application in to WLBC for a Capital Grant of £4,000 for 6 additional wayside seats with the Council contributing 10%.

### **STREET NAMING**

The Council had been requested to consider a 'pot' of road names for future development within the Parish. It was felt that this was better left to the specific attributes/history of each development rather than being Parish wide.

### **POST BOX**

Thanks were expressed to Borough Cllr. Joan Witters for her concerted and successful efforts to have a new letter collection box installed at the corner of Boundary Lane and Moss Lane.

### **PARISH PRECEPT**

In line with the resolution at the January meeting, it was noted that the Clerk had set a precept on the Borough Council in the sum of £58,802.

**RESOLUTION No. 64/2018 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 65/2018 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>Additional Rent</b>	<b>£308.75</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>Jan 2018</b>	<b>£2.52</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>Feb 2019</b>	<b>£73.29</b>

#### **DELEGATED BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION No. 66/2018 Carried** that Budget Expenditure as Resolved at the January Meeting is delegated to the Clerk.

#### **RECREATION AREA REPORTS**

A report was received for the Shore Road grounds.

#### **ALTY DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed names for roads within the new development were considered. Members were requested to advise the Clerk before the 23<sup>rd</sup> February with any further proposals

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.**