



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th June 2018 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; John Hunter; Steve Kirby; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson.

Six members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Iain Ashcroft; David Maughan

MINUTES

It was requested that the Minute regarding the Community centre, whilst grammatically correct, be amended to read "*Concern was expressed by two members and the Clerk ...*"

RESOLUTION No. 17/2018 Carried that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th May 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Earles, Ellis and Kirby declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.3 as Trustees of the Community Centre.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Concern was expressed regarding anti-social behaviour on the Centenary Sports Ground by small gangs of teenagers.
2. Queries were raised in respect of the on-going works on the Football Club's site at the Centenary Sports Ground.

REPORTS

Cllr. Earles reported on progress for the local Best Kept competition.

Cllr. Ellis gave a presentation on the proposed new-build of the Community Centre.

CLERK'S REPORT

SHORE ROAD WORKS.

It was noted that having been delayed by the wet weather, the land had now become too dry for the sand-banding to be completed. The Clerk was hoping that topping of the trenches could be completed within days with both Verti-spiking and sand banding being completed as soon as a day's rain has arrived.

GRANVILLE AVENUE

It was noted that the Clerk was still awaiting a response from the land Registry regarding the boundary of an adjacent parcel of land.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk advised that Cllr Ashcroft and he had met with the WL Planning Director, John Harrison, as to what funds may be available from the CIL. It was noted that some very positive help had been forthcoming. In general however, the multiple interests now shown and offers made in the Northern 'Park Land' made a unified effort to develop the site difficult if not impossible. It was also noted that the lake was now being marketed at £150,000.

It was agreed however to put together a plan for the development of the river bank from the current development site to Tarleton Plox Brow.

CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING

It was noted that this was now complete at a total cost of £11,342; the nett cost to the Council after a WLBC grant and a contribution from the wireless internet contractor being £2,900.

HIGHWAY FENCING - OLD BRIDGE

It was noted that the Clerk had reported, on 3 separate occasions, further broken fence rails, which are potentially dangerous on the old railway bridge adjacent to our Play Area and the footpath down to Cherry Vale. He had advised the LCC Councillor.

NURSERIES PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

It was noted that the Clerk was still awaiting a decision from the site owners regarding adoption.

ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that some management issues had now arisen regarding Hens on the site and the treatment of tenants. A meeting with the Chairman and Treasurer had been arranged.

SPEED INDICATORS

Members noted that the new SPID has now been operational for nearly 3 weeks. Initial statistics show some 40% of small vehicles exceeding the 30mph although on approaching the sign, 30% of these reduce to under 30mph.

It was also noted that the volume of traffic on the road which peaks South bound at around 8am is 180 vehicles/hour and North bound at 6pm with 200 vehicles/hour.

Data records were made available to Members.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

The Clerk confirmed that he had removed all personal data from the Council records save those of persons subscribed to the WebSite update and that of Councillors who provided the information voluntarily.

HESKETH BANK SILVER BAND

In line with the Council requirements, the band had forwarded a copy of the purchase invoice in respect of a new Tuba at a cost of £1,165 to which the Council contributed £500.

CSG DRAINAGE

It was noted that the Football club had now executed an Agreement with the Council which provides for the Council undertaking works totalling £47,000. An initial contribution to these works of £20,000 will be made by the club on practical completion. The balance of £27,000 will be compounded at the current Public Works Loan Board rate of 2.35% as an annuity and repaid to the Council as an additional rent over the remainder of the lease amounting to £3,705 p.a. Arrangements have been made in principle for a PWLB loan should this be required ensuring that local Council Tax payers do not underwrite the cost of any of these works.

LOCAL STREET PASTORS

It was noted that there was currently an initiative being developed by the local churches to tackle the “August Effect” of wandering youths with nothing to do; this has been in direct response to the death of a lamb which may have been exacerbated by rampaging youths.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It was again noted that the annual training for Councillors will take place at Ormskirk on Tuesday 19th June at 6:30pm. Councillors are expected to attend.

RESOLUTION No. 18/2018 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 19/2018 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 (6/10)	£149.00
Telefonica	Rent CSG Base Station	£5,548.93
WLBC	Grant re CSG lighting	£6,336.00
Bank Interest	May 2018	£0.67
Investment Interest	June 2018	£75.64

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION 20/2018 carried unanimously that the Internal Auditor’s report is received and noted. The Clerk advised that he personally did not require a review of his contract although the Council may wish to pursue.

POPPYFIELDS

RESOLUTION 5/2018 unanimously carried that the Clerk signifies that the Council is willing to take ownership of the Poppyfields POS and Play Area subject to the complete site

being brought up to new standard and that a sufficient sum be deposited with Council to reflect on-going maintenance.

SECTION 106 MONIES

It was agreed that Members would bring forward to the July meeting suggested uses for the £12,560 currently held by WLBC.

Members of the public were asked to leave for the next item of business as potential legal action was to be considered.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Clerk apprised the meeting of correspondence received from a local resident that had been judged libellous both directly and by implication and also contained erroneous financial assertions apparently designed to inflame opinion. The Clerk was unanimously instructed to pursue that matter with the Council's Solicitor.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Station Road and Glen Park facilities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:12pm.