



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th July 2016 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr John Hunter; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

Three members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr Simon Kenyon

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 25/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th June 2016 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made

PUBLIC FORUM

Queries were raised as to why the Council were not objecting to the proposed development on the Brickworks site as the Council were promoting the Linear Park Project. The Clerk advised that as outline Planning Permission had already been granted, the Council's objective was to now secure as much planning gain as possible.

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Maureen Baldwin on the grounds of ill health. The Council accepted this with regret and requested that the Clerk advise Mrs Baldwin accordingly.

RESOLUTION No. 26/2016 Carried that the Council declare a vacancy forthwith. In view of the close proximity to the last elections, it was agreed that the vacancy need not be advertised and that co-option should be progressed by Members.

LHB – Cllr Earles advised of her intention, in co-operation with All Saints School, to promote a "Scarecrow Competition". It was suggested that, as in other areas, the 'Young Farmers Assoc' should be approached.

It was further agreed to consider options for village promotional signs at Moss Lane/Station Road and the Hundred End boundary.

Public Rights of Way (PROW) – The Clerk reminded Members of the budget provision for further “Planned Walks”.

CIL working group – No report

CLERK’S REPORT

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk confirmed that he was renewing the Council’s registration under the Data Protection Act.

TRAINING

The Clerk advised the meeting of forthcoming training. Cllrs Earles and Kirby requested places.

CODE OF CONDUCT SEMINAR

It was noted that this would be held on the 12th July 6:30pm at the WLBC Offices.

SPORTS PAVILION

It was noted that the Football club had completed their financial obligations with regards to the Shore Road pavilion.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

The Clerk advised that the hard surfacing repairs would be completed before the school holiday.

HENRY ALTY PARK

The Clerk updated Members with regards to both planning and progress on the Park. It was noted that a meeting was planned with WLBC Regeneration team on the 19th of July.

OPSTA

The Clerk apprised Members with regards to the on-going efforts by the ‘Ormskirk, Preston and Southport Travellers Association’ (OPSTA) with regards to the proposed withdrawal of the Southport-Manchester Piccadilly service. It was agreed that the Council should renew its lapsed membership of the group.

OVERGROWN HEDGES and MUDDIED PAVEMENTS

Concern was again expressed at the lack of attention by LCC as the Highways Authority to this perennial problem. Boundary Lane, Station Road and Shore Road were particularly highlighted. Cllr Ashcroft undertook to speak with Cllr Barron over the matter.

SUMMER RECESS

It was noted that the next Council meeting would be on the 12th of September.

RESOLUTION No. 27/2016 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 28/2016 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	June 2016	£0.54
Investment Interest	July 2016	£36.39

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

BUDGET OUT-TURN Qtr1

RESOLUTION No. 29/2016 Carried that the Budget Out-Turn report for the period to 30th June 2016 is accepted and noted as presented.

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road facilities. Cllr Hunter undertook to carry out future inspections at the Station Road Play Area.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.