



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th September 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Jeff Christie; Mike Ellis; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson

One member of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllrs Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 27/2017 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th July 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

A query was raised regarding speeding vehicles on Moss Lane.

REPORTS

LHB – Members were updated.

CLERK'S REPORT

EXTERNAL AUDIT

Members were advised that for the 14th year in succession, the Council had received a fully clean audit without any issues being raised.

HENRY ALTY BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that the amended application was not ready in time for the WLBC Planning Committee meeting in September and is now scheduled for the October meeting.

STREET SCENE

It was noted that the improved Lengthsman scheme and weed control had proved very worthwhile although the last 6 weeks of intermittent rain had compromised some weed spraying; The Clerk confirmed that he would pursue the possibility of devolved funding from WLBC for next year.

BUS SHELTER

It was confirmed that the new shelter at the westerly end of Chapel Road had now been installed at a total cost including accessories of £1,500.

SEATING

The Clerk confirmed that he was looking into more robust seats for use on the outmarsh, probably of stainless steel and recycled plastic.

CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING

The Clerk confirmed that he was working up two alternative schemes for the car park lighting and CCTV system in conjunction with the Bowling Club and/or Viair

CSG NUISANCE

The Clerk confirmed that CCTV monitoring had revealed drug use and that images had been passed to the police; 2 concrete fence panels had been broken through vehicle impact; these had now been replaced.

STATION ROAD PLAY AREA NUISANCE

It was noted that problems with children using the Play Area for ball games still persisted. The Clerk had arranged for two further signs to be erected alongside the fence to Beconsall Gardens. The faulty automatic gate closer has been replaced.

BOUNDARY SIGN

It was noted that an order had been issued to erect the final Boundary Sign on the southerly side of Moss lane approx. 150yds from the junction with Taylors Meanygate.

MARSH ROAD

In response to a request, the Clerk had requested that LCC consider a road sign marking the end of the public Highway which is approx. 150yds from the junction with Shore Road/Station Road. A request had also been placed to replace the illegible 'No Cycling' sign at the top of the pathway from Station Road to Cherry Vale.

PAVILION ELECTRICITY

It was noted that the Clerk had agreed a new contract with E-on at an estimated annual cost of £300 which includes a standing charge of £100. This includes the power for the CCTV system there.

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk had renewed the Council's registration at an annual cost of £35.

CALLENDER/DIOMEDS FUND

Whilst the Council had only provided bank rolling facilities, in the interests of transparency, the Clerk confirmed that the total collected had amounted to £4,732.07 of which all but £366.03 had been distributed.

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

It was noted that the Annual session, as previously advised, would be held at the Borough Council Offices on Wednesday 20th September 2017. It is expected that all Members would attend.

PAVILION

In order to provide safe storage of two sets of goal posts, the Clerk had agreed with the football club to install gating to make a secure compound at the rear of the pavilion at a cost of £1,490 which the football club agreed to pay; Members agreed with the proposal that the Club reimburse the Council at a rate of £200 pm. (8 months)

POST OFFICE

As previously advised via email in the interregnum, the Clerk had undertaken negotiations with the Post Office regarding the use of the Pavilion as a 2 hour, one morning per week facility. Proposals are now awaited for the Council's consideration.

SHORE ROAD DRAINAGE

It was noted that as Members are aware, a major scheme to tackle the constant flooding of the Shore Road recreation ground is scheduled for the current financial year. Initial inspections have revealed a much greater problem than first envisaged with virtually all outlet drains fully blocked with tree roots and the field land drains collapsed. The Clerk had therefore commissioned a full technical survey so that realistic tenders can be obtained. He now anticipated the work being divided into two tranches; initially repairing/replacing the outlet drains from the field to the main drain followed by the field itself – probably next April/May.

Decisions regarding the future of the Crack Willows on the embankment at the rear of the carpark may have to be taken.

RESOLUTION No. 28/2017 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 29/2017 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

Bank Interest	July/Aug 2017	£0.20
Investment Interest	Aug/Sept 2017	£40.11

The Bank and Investment balances were noted and the Statements signed as correct by the Chairman. It was noted that within the bank balance, a sum of £366.03 was attributable to the local Manchester atrocity fund.

WLBC MEET THE BUDGET CONSULTATION

RESOLUTION No. 30/2017 Carried that Members submit their individual views to the Clerk who would correlate a response.

BOUNDARY LANE DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION No. 31/2017 Carried that members support the scheme as presented.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.