



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby;
David Maughan; Richard Plant; Ron Tyson

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIRMAN

Cllr Ashcroft took the Chair.

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Earles, Sergeant, Hunter, Ellis

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 47/2017 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th November 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared

REPORTS

LHB/BKV Competition:- It was agreed that more effort needed to be put into the competition if the Village was to be successful. It was noted that the most successful villages had specific non-council groups organising such activities.

POPPYFIELDS:- It was noted that WLBC Planning/Legal were now pursuing the adoption of the Public Open Space and Play Area.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

It was noted that Cllr Kirby would be attending a forthcoming meeting with 'Natural England' with regards to the Coastal Path.

CLERK'S REPORT

CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING

It was noted that costs were considerably higher than anticipated. Now waiting further quotations from LCC and others

SHORE ROAD WORKS.

It was noted that Tree works would be carried out on Thursday/Friday 21st/22nd December. and that this would necessitate the closing of the car park and path from Delta Park Drive for much of both days. The school had been advised and details are on the WebSite

PAVILION GATED AREA

It was noted that the Football club were now reimbursing the Council at £149/month for 10 months.

WLBC CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Members had been apprised.

BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

A meeting had been planned for week commencing 8th January with the Alty Directors to look into options in respect of a) the former clay pit lake and adjacent area for ecological improvement and b) the river bank running south from the development site. In addition, a meeting with Persimmon regarding the on-site Public Open Space and Ecological areas was being arranged.

CCTV

The Clerk noted that he frequently received requests for copies of CCTV footage in respect of various incidents, including requests from Members. It was noted that Data Protection prevents him from releasing, or even commenting on, any video or stills. Members were advised that the information could only be released to recognised enforcement authorities such as the Police. If an incident occurs it should be reported to the Police who will seek video from either the Borough or Parish Council if they think appropriate.

DRINKING & GATHERING IN PUBLIC

The Clerk had again received a complaint of groups of men, allegedly migrant workers, congregating at the bench opposite Bargain Booze and on the steps of Bargain Booze. Clearly they aren't committing any offence and there isn't a public alcohol ban in place – however some see a group of men as intimidating. It was noted that Police, Members and the Clerk had found them to be friendly and agreeable

RESOLUTION No. 48/2017 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 49/2017 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	November 2017	£0.80
Investment Interest	December 2017	£38.63
Hesketh Bank AFC	Loan repayment (1/10)	£149.00

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

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 50/2017 Carried that the draft report (appended) of the Working Group is accepted as Council Policy subject to concerns as to Green Belt status of sites HB034 and HB036

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018

RESOLUTION No. 51/2017 Carried that the Clerk is appointed the Council's "*Data Protection Officer*"

HESKETH BANBK SILVER BAND

RESOLUTION No. 51/2017 Carried that a grant of £500 is made to enable the band to purchase a new instrument.

BUDGET 2018/2019

The Clerk was instructed to include funding for the following in the Draft Budget:-

- LHB/BKV Funding
- 50% Increase in the Lengthsman Scheme
- Provision of 2 further Wayside Seats in addition to the 2 already approved
- Purchase of 3 Speed indicating devices
- Further Funding for development of the Poppyfields Site
- Funding for 'HOME' heritage Walk
- Contingency Funds for Shore Road Drainage works
- Christmas Decorations

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of the Shore Road, facilities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Hesketh with Becconsall Working Group Meeting - Monday 27th November 2017

Members Present:-

Cllrs. Ashcroft, Ellis, Kirby, Hunter, Plant, Maughan

The twelve sites listed by WLBC, and put forward by local interested parties, were considered based on local knowledge and perceived benefits / adverse effects.

No further sites were proposed by Members.

Site HB013: Boundary Lane

No objection was raised.

Site HB014: Shore Road

This site is in the main a derelict former Chicken Broiler site. It is recommended that development be encouraged here.

Site HB016: Land Locked Site

The site is land locked with no apparent means of access – an opinion could not be established.

Site HB018: Station Road

Rejected as the land is currently designated Green Belt.

Site HB025: Chapel Road

It appears that this is the site of the former WLBC Allotments and as such is land locked – an opinion could not therefore be established.

Site HB034: Boundary Lane

Approved subject to access.

Site HB035: Shore Road

Rejected as the land is currently designated Green Belt.

Site HB036: Boundary Meanygate

Approved

Site HB037: Newarth Lane

Site rejected due to inadequate infrastructure

Site HB038: Boundary Lane

Approved subject to access

Site HB039: Boundary Lane

Site subject to a current Planning Application (Alty and Housing Assoc))

Site HB040: Becconsall Lane

Site approved