



# **HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7:30pm in Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma Goodier; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; (Chairman); Ron Tyson

No members of the general public were present.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs John Hunter; Paul Sergeant.

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 62/2017 Carried** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 are confirmed as a true record.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared

### **REPORTS**

#### **Cllr. Earles**

Members were advised of the members of the public to be presented with the annual "Love Hesketh Bank" awards.

Discussion was held regarding spring bulb and wildflower planting on the Council's land. It was agreed that specific areas should be looked at rather than general planting in grassed areas; the former 'Millennium Garden' at the Shore Road ground was particularly favoured.

#### **Cllr. Kirby**

Members were apprised regarding the latest meeting of the Local Access Forum and the Coastal Access initiative. It was confirmed that Mr Dai Parry of "Natural England" would make a presentation to the March Meeting of the Council.

The Council were also apprised regarding the meeting which Cllr. Kirby and the Clerk had attended in relation to the Local Plan; it was felt that this had been of little value.

#### **Cllr. Tyson**

Members were advised regarding the intention not to enter the "Lancashire Best Kept Village" competition this year. It was hoped to endeavour to raise interest from the whole village over the next twelve months.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

### **SHORE ROAD WORKS.**

It was confirmed that the installation of the new outlet drains had been completed. Excavation had confirmed that the wrong type of drain had been fitted previously that had led to the premature failure. To avoid any similar problems in the future, the Clerk had had all connecting drains inspected with a video camera and having seen the results was confident that they were in good working condition. Work on the new field drains is now being planned in conjunction with the Football Club. On completion, the whole car park will be resurfaced and lined out as much of it had deteriorated due to the wet substrate.

### **BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had a productive meeting with the Alty Directors at the end of January where discussions were held regarding the River Bank from Hesketh Bank through Tarleton; the Public Open Space and Biological Improvement Areas within the development and the various plots of land to the North of the development.

It was confirmed to Alty that the Council's wished to acquire as much of the land as possible to develop a free access public amenity.

A detailed report was given to Council by the Clerk which was to remain confidential due to the ongoing negotiations.

It was noted that Altys have now sold their Horticultural Business to "LS Systems" of Tarleton and they will not therefore be proceeding with their relocation to Moss Lane/Boundary Lane and that the Planning Application had been withdrawn.

### **CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING**

It was noted, as previously reported, that the cost of providing the planned lighting had substantially risen as for various reasons it was not possible to utilise the Bowling club electricity supply. However, the Council had now secured a further grant from WLBC, the scheme will now costing approx. £11,500 in total with a nett cost to the Parish Council of £2,800. The installation should complete in March.

### **CSG BOUNDARY**

With ownership and the future of the Sports Bar under apparent change, the Clerk had concluded after consultation with the Chairman that it would be prudent to define the Council's boundary on the north side of the site that was in dispute with the previous owner. The Clerk confirmed that he was arranging for this to be surveyed and marked with magnetic survey pins set in the tarmac and also arrange the tidying up of the overgrown area at the base of the Telefonica phone mast.

### **NURSERIES PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

The Clerk confirmed that he had now had discussions with the present owners of the POS strip on the Southerly side of the Nurseries from Station Road. He was hopeful that this land will be transferred to the Council in the near future.

### **HIGHWAY SURFACE FLOODING**

The Clerk confirmed that he had made further representations to LCC regarding several Blocked Gullies reported from Rankin Avenue to the Brow.

### **ROADS**

It was noted that some roads were now in a dangerous condition due to lack of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk would write expressing grave concern, initially regarding Moss lane where several vehicles had crashed or left the road in recent weeks. It was felt that severe injuries or deaths were inevitable in the near future unless repairs were undertaken.

### **HESKETH OUTMARSH EAST**

The Clerk confirmed that Richard Shirres would be addressing the meeting in March.

### **ALLOTMENTS WEB SITE**

It was noted that the Clerk had received further complaints re out of date (5 years) website and notice board. He had again asked the "Poor Marsh Pals" to look at this.

### **WASTE BINS**

Members were advised that in line with other authorities, specific "Dog Waste Bins" are being scrapped by WLBC and labels placed on general bins stating that the can be used for bagged dog waste. The Council had also secured the replacement of 2 old bins at the Recreation Ground and Chapel Road.

### **STREET SIGNAGE**

At the Council's request, LCC had now replaced the "No Cycling" notice at the top of the slope from Station Road to Cherry Vale.

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE GARDEN**

The area will be having its Annual overhaul during February

### **DR GULATI**

It was noted that the Clerk had received various papers from Dr Gulti regarding the Viran Medical Centre. He had been advised that the Council would not be discussing the matter or expressing any views.

### **DONATIONS**

It was noted that the Clerk had received letters of thanks from Hesketh Bank Silver Band and North West Air Ambulance and Queenscourt Hospice.

### **DEBTORS**

The Clerk confirmed that he had issued the annual invoices to the three sports club totalling £1,321.89; these are increased annually in line with RPI in the previous September which had been 3.9% on that occasion.

### **SECURITY**

It was noted that the installation of bollards at the Recreation Ground to prevent vehicular access from Delta Park is now in hand.

### **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)**

The Clerk confirmed that he had undertaken formal training in January and will now be preparing a Policy Document, and update to the CCTV Policy, for consideration by the Council.

**RESOLUTION No. 63/2017 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION No. 64/2017 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**

<b>LCC</b>	<b>Local Delivery</b>	<b>£250.00</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>January 2018</b>	<b>£0.62</b>
<b>Investment Interest</b>	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>£57.76</b>
<b>Hesketh Bank AFC</b>	<b>Loan repayment (2/10)</b>	<b>£149.00</b>

#### **INSPECTION REPORTS**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:36 pm.**