



# HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:30pm at The Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; Norma.M.Goodier; John Hunter; Steve Kirby; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson  
Ian T Cropper, Clerk.

One member of the general public was present.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Jeff Christie

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 2019/50 Carried** that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 are confirmed as a true record.

### **REPORTS**

Cllr Earles gave her recommendations for the 2020 LHB awards

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **HENRY ALTY WAY**

Acland Bracewell confirmed at the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January that the Lilford Estate have agreed to transfer the 2 isolated pockets of land on the banks of the River Douglas to the Council. A meeting of the Linear Park Working Group to determine the way forward was agreed for 2pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Booths. (Cllrs. Ashcroft, Christie, Ellis, Kirby and Plant).

#### **WEST LANCS LOCAL PLAN**

The Clerk confirmed that he had attended the first Acland Bracewell "Local Development" meeting with the Tarleton Parish Clerk on the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month. Updates with the Lilford Estates aspirations and Masterplan progress were provided. It was noted that a considerable amount of work had gone into this and it would seem sensible that if the Council as a joint Parish exercise with Tarleton, were to embark on a Neighbourhood plan, this should be considered as a starting point. Members confirmed that the Clerk should put together proposals and costings.

#### **CEO VISIT**

The Clerk confirmed that he was presently arranging a visit by the new WL CEO Jackie Sinnot-Lacey along with the Tarleton Clerk, the Parish Chairmen and Ward Councillors to the parishes and some of the important businesses in the area. The Clerk noted that there appears to be a total lack of understanding and comprehension of the

“Northern Parishes” within West Lancashire who see small insignificant villages with a few small farms. The Clerk felt that this could be an opportunity to correct this.

### **WAYSIDE SEAT**

It was noted that the Pardoe Close seat would be installed during the month.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

It was noted that following recent replacements, 15 lighting columns that can support Christmas illuminations are usable on Station Road from the Tarleton Boundary to the Nurseries. It was hoped that 7 further concrete columns would be replaced by April. On this basis it was noted that funding was provided in the draft budget for installing pole fittings on these columns. It was agreed to put on hold the provision of a large Christmas tree until full costings of both options were available.

### **BOOTHS**

It was noted that the requirement to be a “Booths” shopper to use the car park has been removed although the 2 hour time limit remains.

### **GLEN PARK PLAY AREA**

The Clerk noted that he had had difficulty in obtaining firms that will quote for the complete works as it embraces several different disciplines. The best option at present was with XXX managing the complete works, ways of reducing the costs were being pursued including significant amounts of grassed areas in an attempt to provide sustainable drainage rather than the cost of a main sewer connection as well as a significant improvement in appearance.

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING**

It was noted that the Clerk had placed an application with West Lancs for 75% (£6,000) funding of CCTV for Glen Park Drive Play Area.

### **CCTV**

Members were updated with issues that were coming to light following BTs decision to provide Fibre to the Premises (FTTP).

### **POWER OUTAGES**

It was noted that Cllr Tyson had made the Clerk aware of numerous momentary power outages on Shore Road in recent times which are just long enough to reset electronic equipment. Members confirmed similar instances

### **ABANDONED CAR**

An untaxed, uninsured car without a valid MOT certificate has been left on the CSG car park since the start of the year. It was noted that the Clerk had applied a notice to it confirming that it will be removed and scrapped if not moved within 14 days.

### **VILLAGE**

It was noted that an application to change Brentleys Hairdressers to a Café was being sought.

## MEETINGS

It was agreed, that in view of the lack of decisions required by Council at this time of year, a February meeting would not be held unless urgently required.

**RESOLUTION No. 2019/51 Carried** that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### PAYMENTS

**RESOLUTION No. 2019/52 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

Hesketh AFC	Additional Rent	£308.75
Electricity NW	Wayleave Shore Road	£149.31
Bank Interest	Dec 2019	£1.81
Investment Interest	Jan 2020	£114.49
Current Account	Balance 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	£5,814.38
Deposit Account	Balance 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	£182,000.00

### BUDGET OUT-TURN Qtr 3

**RESOLUTION No. 2019/53 Carried** that Budget Out-turn 2019-2020 (Qtr 3) is **Received and Noted** as presented

### BUDGET 2020-2021

**RESOLUTION No. 2019/54 Carried** that the Draft Budget 2020-2021, is ratified as presented, and that a Precept be set on West Lancashire Borough Council in the sum of £60,665

### DELEGATION

**RESOLUTION No. 2019/55 Carried** that expenditure under the Ratified Budget (Resolution 2019/54 refers) is delegated to the Executive Clerk.

### INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of the Shore Road complex, Station Road and Glen Park Play areas.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:55pm.**