



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 13th March 2017 at 7:30pm at Booths Café, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Diane Earles; Brian Ellis; Simon Kenyon; Steve Kirby; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson
Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

Three members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES Cllr. Norma Goodier;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 61/2016 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th January 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Ellis and Kirby declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 12 and 13 as Trustees of the Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were expressed regarding empty shops and the former bank. A query was also raised regarding the adoption status of the former route of Chapel Road.

REPORTS

LHB – Members were advised that the 2017 awards of ‘LHB’ pin badges had been presented. It was also noted that the completed entry for the BKV competition had been submitted.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - Members were advised regarding three more paths that had been walked.

CLERK’S REPORT

HENRY ALTY PARK

The Clerk was still waiting to be advised if Persimmon would be lodging a Planning Appeal.

HSBC TREE STUMP

This has now been removed along with the stumps at Glenpark Drive POS and the Becconsall Gardens POS.

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)

It was noted that the Clerk had written to WLBC requesting that the 'Station Road Play Area' be included in the list of proposed sites. However the officer concerned had stated that it would not be possible to amend the initial list and that it would be reviewed in 3 years-time. The Clerk had, along with other Parish Councils, lodged a complaint with WLBC as to how this has so called consultation had been handled.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that Tarleton Council are happy to have an exploratory meeting (3 Members) It was agreed that Cllrs Ashcroft, Ellis and Kirby would represent Hesketh Bank.

CHAPEL ROAD BUS SHELTER

It was noted that this has now been replaced.

STATION ROAD BUS SHELTER

It was noted that this was damaged beyond repair and the Clerk was now awaiting replacement quotes.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

It was noted that invitations to tender had been exhibited on the Council notice boards and the website; the Clerk had also contacted existing contractors and other firms that had expressed interest. Tenders had been received from 7 companies for various aspects of the Council's ongoing contracts.

The following Contracts were awarded:-

Grounds Maintenance:-	Brian Parkinson Maintenance
Lengthsman functions	Brian Parkinson Maintenance
Quarterly Play Area Inspections	Yates Playgrounds Ltd
Annual Play Area Inspections	The Play Inspection Company
Newsletter Printing	Rufford Printing Ltd
Tree Inspections	WLBC
Wireless Broadband	Virair Networks
CCTV Maintenance	Unity Wireless

VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS

It was noted that these are now on order for Hesketh Lane/Station Road and Marsh Road/Shore Road and should be installed during March.

AIR AMBULANCE

It was noted that the Council had received a letter of appreciation following the donation made.

WLBC

It was noted that the Clerk had submitted an application to WLBC for Grant Funding towards the cost of floodlighting the CSG car park.

LCC BUDGET CONSULTATION

It was noted that the Clerk had lodged a complaint with County Councillor, Malcolm Barron; the LCC Council Leader, Jennifer Mein and LCC Demographic Services regarding the impossible timescale of 5 days that was placed on a ‘so called’ consultation on the LCC planned Budget cuts.

SURFACE FLOODING

It was noted that Cllr Ashcroft and the Clerk had met with the Lead Officer at LCC and discussed various issues relating to surface water flooding and blocked gullies which had subsequently been cleaned out. The issue regarding the linear soakaway adjacent the Community Centre has been reopened.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that the Clerk had had a further meeting with the Trustees of the Community Centre where discussions for the closer integration of the Community Centre and the Parish Council were discussed along with options as to the development of the CC site.

WIRELESS INTERNET

It was noted that the Council had reached an agreement with the CCTV Wireless Internet Provider (Virair) to offer wireless internet to residents of Hesketh Bank with free installation. This is referred to in the current newsletter.

RESOLUTION No. 62/2016 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 63/2016 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

BT	Wayleave Payment PCO	£20.00
WLBC	Capital Grant	£1,923.50
HB Bowling Club	CSG Rent	£657.57
LCC	VAT Refund	£90.00
Bank Interest	Jan/Feb 2017	£0.07
Investment Interest	Feb/Mar 2017	£43.45

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

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYCLING STRATEGY

The consultation was noted.

WLBC ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY 2107

RESOLUTION No. 64/2016 Carried that Members would make their own responses.

GP SERVICES

Cllr Ashcroft updated Members on meetings he had had with NHS England, West Lancs CCG, the Constituency MP and other Councillors.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLUTION No. 65/2016 Carried that The Council accept the request to become “**Custodian Trustee**” with respect to the land and buildings at the Station Road site.

CIL FUNDS

RESOLUTION No. 66/2016 Carried that the Council resolves to underwrite the agreed costs of a “**Pre Application Planning Enquiries**” and the preparation of an “**Outline Application**”, subject to the Council’s agreement, for the redevelopment of the site financed from, and limited to, CIL monies in hand.

WLBC DESIGN AWARDS

Members considered as to whether any development should be submitted. No suggestions were forthcoming.

INSPECTION REPORTS

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.