



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

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

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES All members were present.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 37/2017 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th of October 2017 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Ellis and Kirby declared an interest in Agenda item 18.

REPORTS

LHB/BKV Competition:- It was noted that the village had not been successful.

POPPYFIELDS:- It was noted that WLBC Planning was now looking into the delay in adoption of the POS.

ONE WEST LANCS – TRANSPORT THEMATIC GROUP:- It was reported that very little progress was being made.

CLERK'S REPORT

CSG CAR PARK LIGHTING

It was noted that the Clerk was still working up alternative schemes to either work with the Bowling Club on a joint scheme or a bespoke system with 'Virair' to provide a secure supply to the lights and CCTV equipment.

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL – CIVIC SERVICE

Members were advised of an invitation to this event on Sunday 26th November at Bescar Lane Methodist Church at 11am – No member was available.

VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

It was noted that as recommended by the Council and as previously advised, this has now been listed as a Grade II Building/Structure.

ASHBROOK CLOSE / BECCONSALL GARDENS POS

Members were notified of the conclusion the transfer of POS at Glen Park Drive, Ashbrook Close and Becconsall Gardens from the Borough to the Parish. The total commuted funds transferred in respect of the last 2 parcels amounted to £38,500; the whole matter will not be legally complete until the transfer is recorded by the Land Registry which is currently running considerably in arrears.

SPEED INDICATING SIGN

It was noted that Lancashire County Council now have a ban on installing Speed indicators, or other attachments, on concrete lighting columns. However, agreement had been reached with LCC that a “Smiley SPID” plate will be installed in Moss Lane and we will go on the rota for periodic deployment; this would give the Council an opportunity to access the perceived speeding problem.

RESOLUTION No. 38/2017 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 39/2017 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

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| WLBC | POS Funds | £38,500 |
| Bank Interest | October 2017 | £0.08 |
| Investment Interest | November 2017 | £23.52 |

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

POLICY DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 40/2017 Carried that the Council Policy Documents (listed below) are ratified as drawn for continued use:-

- Training – Policy Document
- Risk Assessment – Policy Statement
- Community Engagement – Policy Statement
- Freedom of Information (FOI) Scheme – Policy Statement
- Internal Audit Testing Schedule – Policy Statement
- Effectiveness of Internal Control – Policy Statement
- Play and Recreation Ground Inspection – Policy Statement.
- Public Forum – Policy Statement
- Financial Regulations – Policy Statement
- Standing Orders – Policy Statement
- Members’ Code of Conduct

RECREATION GROUND COPSE

RESOLUTION No. 40/2017 Carried that works in line with the WLBC Arboriculturist's report are undertaken.

RECREATION GROUND DRAINAGE

RESOLUTION No. 41/2017 Carried that the Council undertake works in line with the report prepared by "Duncan Ross".

POST OFFICE

RESOLUTION No. 42/2017 Carried that the Council is unable to accept the proposed terms of an agreement to accommodate an out-reach Sub-Office within the Shore Road Pavilion.

ALTY/BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION No. 43/2017 Carried that the Clerk seeks to open negotiations with the Developers to undertake the management of the POS and the Ecological Improvement Areas in line with the S106 obligations.

WLBC LOCAL PLAN

RESOLUTION No. 44/2017 Carried that Cllr Kirby is appointed, along with the Parish Clerk, to represent the Council at the forthcoming development meetings with WLBC. It was further resolved to hold a Planning Meeting of the Council at 7:30pm on Monday 27th November to determine the Council's view in respect of the potential Development sites with the Parish.

COASTAL PATH

Members were apprised of a forthcoming Drop-in session at the Community Centre which would cover development of the Coastal Path from Cleveleys to Liverpool. **It was Resolved** that initially this would form part of discussions with Alty in respect of the western bank of the River Douglas. A working Group comprising Cllrs Ashcroft, Christie, Kirby and Tyson will be formed.

MEMBERS' SUBSISTANCE & TRAVEL

RESOLUTION No. 45/2017 Carried that the existing provisions be extended for a further year.

LAYFIELD CHARITY

It was noted that Cllr Goodier had resigned from the Charity; **RESOLUTION No. 46/2017 Carried** that Cllr. Plant is appointed in her stead.

BUDGET 2018-2019

No Proposals were submitted for consideration.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Report was received in respect of the Shore Road, Glen Park Drive and Station Road facilities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 pm.