



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7:30pm at The Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Iain Ashcroft; Jeff Christie; Diane Earles; Mike Ellis; John Hunter; David Maughan; Richard Plant; Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Ron Tyson
Ian T Cropper, Clerk.

Twelve members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Norma.M.Goodier; Steve Kirby.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2019/29 Carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th September 2019 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Earles and Ellis declared a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda item 16 as trustees of the Community Centre.

PUBLIC FORUM

Representations were received supporting the need for a new Community Centre.

REPORTS

Cllr Earles updated Members with regards to the “Best Kept” results and outlined her proposed changes for next year.

CLERK’S REPORT

EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had again received a clear Audit Report for 2018-2019 without query. This was made available for Members inspection and posted on the Council’s Internet Site.

HENRY ALTY WAY

It was noted that the Clerk was still awaiting confirmation from Acland Bracewell regarding the isolated pockets of land in the ownership of the Lilford Estate.

LAND REGISTRY TRAINING

It was noted that the Clerk had attended a training session.

WAYSIDE SEAT

Members were reminded that there was provision in the budget for a further wayside seat.

CSG WALL

The cracking of the wall has continued to be monitored; it is still experiencing slight movement.

SCHOOL CCTV

It was noted that the school had now agreed to the Council's continued use of the camera equipment located within the school premises for monitoring the Council's Recreation Ground and associated Play Area.

STATION ROAD SPID

It was noted that this has been re-located outside the Centenary Sports Ground.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II GARDEN

It was noted that work on the garden had been completed.

CIL

Members were advised of the imminent receipt of a further £11,442.69 consisting of £9,347.47 attributed to the Alty development and £2,102.22 attributed to the development at 32 Moss Lane. Monies now held amounted to £17,230.10 against the Alty development and £37,141.70 against other small developments.

OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

It was noted that the bulk of the work was completed and held on file ready for use.

SLCC CONFERENCE

It was noted that the Clerk had attended the SLCC Annual Training event at Northwich.

BANKS ROAD CLOSURES

It was noted that, the route to Southport via Banks will be closed at various locations in Banks for roadworks 8th – 15th November.

RESOLUTION No. 2019/30 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2019/31 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
Bank Interest	Sept 2019	£1.42
Investment Interest	Oct 2019	£106.52
WLBC	Precept 2nd Tranche	£29,451.00

WLBC	Concurrent Grant	£1,423.00
Tarleton CPC	OOP Allotment Fees	£120.00
North Meols CPC	OOP Allotment Fees	£36.00
Current Account	Balance 5th Oct 2019	£5,013.26
Deposit Account	Balance 30th Sept 2019	£182,000.00

HALF-YEAR BUDGET OUT-TURN REPORT

RESOLUTION No. 2019/32 Carried that the Report is Received and Noted.

COUNCIL POLICY DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2019/33 Carried that the Council's Policy Documents are ratified as existing for continued use until 31st December 2020.

WEST LANCASHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 2019/34 Carried that Cllr. Richard Plant is put forward as a nominee for the forthcoming election.

COMMUNITY CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION No. 2019/35 Carried that Cllr Ellis substitutes Cllr Earles forthwith.

GLEN PARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

RESOLUTION No. 2019/36 Carried that, whilst noting that the Council does not have any liability, the Clerk is authorised to install a suitable temporary bund to prevent surface water from the Play Area draining to adjacent property. The Clerk was requested to obtain quotations and costs for permanent remedial works.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

RESOLUTION No. 2019/37 Carried that the Council's Community Champions are provided with identification cards and mobile devices subject to discussion with the LCC Community Engagement Officer.

COMMUNITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Mr Mike Ellis (Trustee) gave a presentation on the various options being proposed prior to consideration by the Council of financial support.

Having declared Prejudicial Interests, Councillors Ellis and Earles left the meeting whilst the next Agenda Item was considered.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

RESOLUTION No. 2019/38 Carried that the Council allocate up to £50,000 from CIL funds received towards the redevelopment plans for the Community Centre as detailed in, and subject to, their presentation and "Application for Funding" and subject to the Council's Policy Document "Grants, Gifts and Loans". It was noted that Members considered the value of the existing land to be understated and that the amount of the Grant could be reduced based on an increased sale price but no lower than non-Alty CIL funds allocated to the scheme as at 31st March 2020.

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 8:40pm.