



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th December 2019 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
Community Support Volunteer John Williams
Ian T Cropper, Clerk.

Four members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr Jeff Christie

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2019/42 Carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th November 2019 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Earles, Ellis and Kirby declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 14.
Cllr. Plant declared an interest in Agenda item 11.

PUBLIC FORUM

Representations were received regarding Booths car parking arrangements and traffic on Shore Road.

REPORTS

Cllr Tyson updated Members with the report from the Best Kept Village judges which in general was very complimentary.
Cllr. Plant reported on activity at the Layfield Trust.

CLERK'S REPORT

WEST LANCS LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk confirmed that he would be attending future monthly meetings from January with Acland Bracewell and Tarleton Parish Clerk.

WAYSIDE SEAT

It was confirmed that an order for the installation of a wayside seat at Pardoe Close had been issued.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk confirmed that he and Cllr Ashcroft had held discussions with All Saints Church regarding the possibility of installing a large Christmas tree on the grassed area in front of the Rectory each Christmas. The church had confirmed that they are amenable to this in principle and if agreed permanent foundations to support such a tree could be installed during the year for the future use.

RESOLUTION No. 2019/43 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2019/44 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	Nov 2019	£2.35
Investment Interest	Dec 2019	£103.22
Current Account	Balance 5th Dec 2019	£11,848.73
Deposit Account	Balance 30th Nov 2019	£182,000.00

2020-2021 DRAFT BUDGET

It was agreed that provision would be made for the LHB scheme, refurbishment of the notice boards, Public footpath signage, Christmas tree foundations and improved illuminations.

WEST LANCS BOROUGH CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME

RESOLUTION No. 2019/45 Carried that an application for grant funding for CCTV equipment at the Glen Park Play Area be made.

WLBC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 2019/46 Carried that the Council cast their votes for Parish Councillor Richard Plant and Parish Councillor Justin Stopford.

BOOTH'S CAR PARK

RESOLUTION No. 2019/47 Carried that representations be made to EH Booth's Supermarkets that the restrictions on car parking be amended to allow up to 3 hours parking for customers of Booth's and other village businesses. Representations also to be made to WLBC Planning as it would appear that no approved scheme had been agreed as per the original planning consent.

GLEN PARK PLAY AREA

The Clerk outlined a proposed scheme for the total re-provision of the site including sustainable and mains drainage, removal of existing trees which generally in a poor condition, provision of grassed areas, ornamental trees and seating, refurbishment of existing play items and the provision of new items, replacement of all safety surfacing.

RESOLUTION No. 2019/48 Carried that the Council approve the scheme as presented and that the Clerk is authorised to proceed and include the capital sum in the 2020/2021 budget for the works.

COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDING

(Having a prejudicial interest, Cllrs. Earles, Ellis and Kirby left the meeting)

It was noted that the Clerk had been advised by the Community Centre Trustees that under their amended plan to rebuild a new hall on the existing site and footprint, they would not be able to meet the Council's Policy Document (*Grants, Gifts and Loans*) requirements in respect of own funding. An amended budget was provided.

Members considered that the Community Centre was fulfilling an ever increasing need in the village and that it was the duty of the Council to support this work wherever possible.

RESOLUTION No. 2019/49 Carried that the Clerk is authorised to enter into negotiations with the Trustees to purchase the area on the road-side of the front hall, including the community garden, as part of the Council's Open Space policy and consider the Council entering into an asset/equity agreement giving the Council a financial interest in the site.

It was further agreed that an access pathway to the Centenary Sports Ground Car-Park could be allowed to provide the Community Centre with additional parking.

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 8:35pm.