

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 4th April
2019 at Heskin Village Hall**

**Present Cllr Mrs A Bamber Chair
Cllr J Haworth
Cllr M Holden
Cllr K Mather
Cllr P Lloyd**

In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk ; 2 members of the public

120.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February

The minutes were agreed as a true record

120.2 Item raised by the public.

A resident from Wood Lane raised the issue of flooding on her property and described the involvement of United Utilities who had visited the site to investigate. Their findings suggested that a blockage was occurring on The Meadows field caused by tree roots corrupting the drain. Council instructed the Clerk to contact UU and establish a solution . It was pointed out that the field is only leased by the Parish Council from Chorley Borough Council and they may have some responsibility also.

120.3 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

I) Owl boxes had been purchased and one located on the Town Lane Field and one off Stocks Lane.

II) A new See-Saw had also been provided on The Meadows play area

III) Town Lane Orchard . Trees have been planted and an Information Board erected. Residents had made favourable

comments

- IV) Improvements to The Meadows Play equipment as requested at the last meeting has been undertaken within the budget identified**
- V) The provision of a Dog Waste Bin at Woodcock Lane had been ruled out because of possible traffic hazards .**

120.4 Provision of replacement bench on Town Lane field.

The Clerk described the background and Council agreed to provide a new bench to replace the existing bench which now represents a hazard. A sample of a bench is awaited from HM Prison Wymott

120.5 Planning Matters .

- i) The Clerk reported that the application for a large dwelling on Town Lane Farm had been withdrawn**
- ii) the Clerk also advised the Council that he had recently submitted an application for an extension on his property.**

120.6 Authorisation of payments . The following payments were authorised .

LALC Annual subscription £180.30
J Donald Lengthsman Wages March £285.00
Pole Green Nurseries Fruit Trees £399.75
DWG Groundwork Planting of trees £150.00
A Whittaker Clerks salary £800.00; Expenses £113.27
J Donald lengthsman Wages February £300.00
Woodstock Signs Information Board £300.00 inc £50.00Vat
K Langshaw Base for Bench 1 Town lane £185.00
DWG Groundwork The Meadows maintenance £700.00
Chorley BC lease of field the Meadows £238.00 + £47.00 vat
K Langshaw base for Bench 2 Town lane £185.00

Income received from Lancashire Environment Fund for trees £600.

Balance current Account at 29.3.2019 £ 1489.98
Balance business Account at 29.3.2019 £ 4062.25

120.7 LALC Newsletter which had been circulated .Noted

120.8 Admission to Bishop Rawstorne Academy.

The Chair invited the Clerk to give members the background and the recent admission policy . The result was that 15 children from the “foundation parishes” had not been granted admission in September. Council resolved to make representations to the school seeking more flexibility and increased capacity.

120.9 Information Commissioners Officer Complaint by a resident.

The Clerk reported the Commission's findings and the Council is not required to take any further action

120.10 Local Government Boundary Commission.

Council noted with satisfaction that the Commission had agreed with their suggestion that Heskin was once more to be combined with Eccleston in CBC's new electoral warding arrangements

120.11 Village Picnic 2019.

A discussion ensued about a possible repeat of the picnic which took place in 2018. Questions were raised about PC support and in principle the Council agreed to support an event in 2019. The venue was also discussed and it was agreed to put an item on the Council Agenda in May. Cllr Holden raised the question of toilet provision and was asked to provide the Clerk with details of last years contractor and costs

120.12 Parish Council Elections 2019

The Clerk advised the Council that only six people had submitted nominations and there would not therefore be a contested election. This was noted.

120.13 Request from Charnock Richard Parish Council to utilise the posts on Heskin's sign on Park Hall Road to erect a boundary sign of their own. Council agreed to this provided their sign did not exceed the existing signs perimeters.

120,14 Date of next Parish Council Meeting .

This will be held on 16th May 2019 at the same time as The Annual residents meeting.

120.15 Councillor Jim Haworth.

At the conclusion of the meeting Cllr Mrs Bamber announced that this was Cllr Haworth's last meeting as he was resigning from the Council. Mrs Bamber thanked Cllr Haworth for his outstanding service since 2008 and presented him with a small token of the Council's appreciation . Cllr Haworth expressed his gratitude