

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HESKIN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 1ST AUGUST 2019**

**PRESENT Cllr Mrs Bamber  
Cllr P Lloyd  
Cllr E Forshaw  
Cllr M Holden  
Cllr K Mather  
Cllr AJ Singh**

**In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk; Two members of the public.**

**123.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

**The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair**

**123.2 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**a) Improvements to Wrightington St James Church Hall and request for financial assistance. This item was deferred to the December meeting when the Precept for 2020/21 was being considered.**

**123.3 Matters raised by residents.**

**Mrs Pilkington reported on the Village Picnic held on 30<sup>th</sup> June which was considered a success with a good number of people in attendance. The organisers hope to have made a surplus of £280 and expressed gratitude for Parish Council's contribution in paying for the hire of the Toilets.**

**123.4 Footpath Clearance.**

**Reference was made to the £250 grant from LCC which is included in the balances. The Clerk suggested 3 possible priorities**

**a) the path alongside The Farmers Arms linking Wood Lane to Stocks Lane.**

**b) the path known as Tram Road which runs from Stocks Lane to Park Hall Road.**

**c) the path on Wood lane which runs toward the Church on Church Lane.**

**It was agreed that the Clerk contact a local contractor to undertake work on priority (a) and then consult members when the balance available is known.**

### **123.5 Picnic on Town Lane 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

**Council discussed the event which had been referred to earlier. The Chair congratulated the organisers on their success. A Councillor noted that alcohol was being sold and asked if a license had been obtained. Councillor Holden confirmed that it had via The Farmers Arms pub. The Clerk was asked to write to CBC for confirmation for the Council's records.**

### **123.6 Planning Applications**

**a) 141 Wood Lane. Extensions and Entertainment Room.**

**Plans were circulated and Councillors expressed concern at the volume and size of the proposal, and also possible problems which could be caused to neighbours due to the "Entertainment Room". The Clerk was asked to write to CBC to clarify what exactly an Entertainment Room was, what soundproofing would be provided, hours of use etc, in addition to the size of the extensions.**

**b) Town Lane Farm Resiting of two properties,**

**The Clerk reported that the previous application upon which the Council had commented had been withdrawn and the plans of the new location were displayed. The Clerk was asked to obtain details of the large property that was to be relocated and to clarify if anything could**

**be conditioned that would prevent the “Barn” becoming a third property**

**c) Spencer House Farm Conversion of Coach House to Dwelling .  
Noted**

**d) Howebrook Farm. Listed Building consent for repair extension of derelict cottage.**

**Council asked the Clerk to obtain the plans for this derelict cottage.**

### **123.7 Authorisation of Payments**

**The following payments were authorised.**

**Heskin Village Hall hire of room £20.00  
A Whittaker Clerks salary and expenses £939.78  
J Donald Lengthsman wages £285.00  
Payment for Picnic Toilets £168.00**

**Balances at 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Current Account £9783.11  
Reserve Account £4064.27**

### **123.8 Correspondence from LCC and CBC**

**CBC Review of Polling Stations Noted  
LCC Information re Fraudsters Noted  
LCC Public Rights of Way Act Council to support LCC's efforts to oppose the proposed legislation.**

### **123.9 The Meadows Play Equipment Upgrade.**

**The Clerk reported that an application had been submitted to the Lancashire Environment Fund and work was ongoing with CBC's officer to finalise the details. A scheme is being developed and costings obtained. The Clerk reported that third party contributions were being pursued and that would determine the extent of the scheme. The**

**Parish Council have budgetted £2000 towards the cost and will be able to examine the project before orderes are placed.**

**123.10 Invitation from Lancashire Environmental Fund.**

**The Clerk reported an invitation he had received from the LEF to a discussion on their activities . Cllr Singh volunteerd to accompany him.**

**123.11 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine. Circulated.**

**123.12 Date of Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

**Exclusion of press and public. There followed an item of a confidential nature and the public were asked to leave.**