

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 7th
February 2019 at Heskin Village Hall**

**Present Cllr Mrs Bamber
Cllr E Forshaw
Cllr M Holden
Cllr P Lloyd**

**In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk, 3 members of the public.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Haworth and
subsequently from Cllr Mather**

119.1 Minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2018.

**A discussion ensued led by Cllr Holden about the content and
accuracy of the minutes. The Council resolved that the minutes were a
true record and were signed by the Chair.**

119.2 Minutes of meeting held on 14th December 2018.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

119.3 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Clerk reported that

- a) Chorley Council had refused the planning application for a 3 bay garage adjacent to Stocks Court.**
- b) Owl box details had been obtained and two boxes ordered.**
- c) The new see-saw for The Meadows had been received by CBC and would be installed in the near future.**

119.4 Public participation.

The Chair welcomed 3 residents and invited any comments

119.4 Continued

a) Cllr Holden reported that there was again a wish to hold a picnic on Town Lane Field in the summer and a discussion ensued involving Councillors participation and insurance. The 2018 picnic was also referred to. It was agreed to have this as an item on the April agenda

b) A resident questioned the location of the fruit trees proposed for the Community Orchard and the Chair described the location for the resident

119.5 Community Orchard Town Lane Field

The Clerk reported that a grant of £ 600 had been obtained from the Lancashire Environmental Fund and was accepted by the Council. The Clerk was congratulated on his submission. A quotation for 25 trees had been obtained from Pole Green Nurseries and was accepted. There followed a discussion about the location and siting of the trees and the Parish Council resolved that they would be located in the area of the field adjacent to the Car park area and up to the centre of the field.

119.6 The Meadows Play Equipment.

The Chair presented the Contractors estimates for the various items of work suggested by the Play Inspection Company, none of which were described as other than “low risk”. Council noted that £700 had been included in the 2019/20 budget and agreed that Cllr Bamber and Cllr Forshaw should examine the quotation in detail and determine exactly what should be done and spent.

119.7 Parish Precept 2019/20

The Clerk presented the details of the current balances, the movements of the Precept over recent years, the likely requirements in the 2019/20 financial year including possible Parish Election costs, and the likely balance at 31st March 2020. Councillors discussed the

desirability of a slight increase but resolved that the Precept should remain unaltered at £33.00 on a Band D property.

119.8 Authorisation of payments.

The following payments were authorised

- a) J Donald Lengthsman December £210.00**
- b) J Donald Lengthsman January £247.50**
- c) A Whittaker salary £900,00 Expenses £115.99**
- d) Chorley BC Grass cutting £1161.62**
- e) Chorley BC Emptying Waste Bins £172.30**
- f) D. Walmsley Planting Bulbs £55.00**
- g) Heskin Village Hall Room Hire £15.00**

119.9 LCC and CBC and LALC items

- a) LCC Consultation on Household Waste Recycling Centres.**

The Clerk was asked to write requesting no reduction in opening hours.

- b) CBC Consultation on Community Involvement. Noted.**

- c) CBC Minutes of Neighbourhood Area Meeting 10th January.
Noted**

- c) LALC Community Framework. Noted and circulated to Cllrs.**

119.10 Planning Matters.

The Clerk presented the plans for a relocation of an approved dwelling at Town Lane Farm. The plans were inspected by members and it was unanimously agreed that the Council should object on the grounds of size, location, and inappropriateness in the Green Belt location.

119.11 Additional Dog/Waste Bin.

Cllr Mrs Bamber reported a request for an additional bin at the junction of Park Hall Road and Woodcock Lane. The Clerk was asked to write and request one from CBC.

119.12 Date of next meeting 4th April 2019