

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup>  
December 2019 at Heskin village Hall.**

**Present Cllr Mrs A Bamber  
Cllr K Mather  
Cllr AJ Singh  
Cllr E Forshaw  
Cllr M Holden**

**In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk, one member of the public.**

**125.1 Apologies for absence.**

**Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lloyd**

**125.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.**

**Cllr Bamber proposed an amendment to Minute 124.5 with reference to the underpayment of the Parish Lengthsman. Proposal “in relation to this payment the Clerk advised that due to an oversight on his part the lengthsman had been underpaid since April 2019 when the Minimum Wage had been increased. This has now been rectified and the arrears paid”**

**Council agreed to this proposal and the minutes will be amended.**

**125.3 a) Grant to Shopmobility Chorley.**

**The Clerk read a letter from Shopmobility asking for a grant to assist in the organisations operating costs. Councillors agreed that the work undertaken was very worthwhile and approved a grant of £50.00**

**b) VE Celebrations 2020**

**Cllr Bamber referred to conversations she had with the owners**

**of Heskin Hall regarding possible event(s) regarding the above. As yet there were no details and it was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair arrange a meeting with Heskin Hall and report back to the Council in 2020.**

#### **125.4 Public Participation.**

**The Chair welcomed a resident from The Warings who reported some difficulties he was experiencing due to vehicles being parked in the turning head outside his property. He also reported that large vehicles often have difficulty in turning and occasionally the road surface is damaged. The Clerk reported correspondence with LCC , who are the Highway Authority. The Clerk was asked to write to both LCC andCBC to see if some positive preventative action could be taken. (The resident left the meeting at this point)**

#### **125.5 Authorisation of Payments and Financial Statement.**

**The following payments were authorised**

**Royal British Legion £80.00 Poppies**

**J Donald October lengthsmen wages £377.66**

**J Donald Underpayments/Backpay £153.36**

**Rufford Printing Newsletter £110.00**

**A Whittaker Salary & Expenses £910.00**

**Chorley Council Replacement Bin £300.00**

**J Donald November wages £295.56**

**Balances Current A/C £4978.12**

**Reserve A/C £4067.71**

#### **125.6 Planning Matters.**

**The following applications were considered**

**a) 168 Wood Lane Extensions Noted**

**b) Kingsley House Farm Equipment Barn Noted**

#### **125.7 Correspondence**

**a) LCC Winter Briefing November Noted**

**The Clerk was also asked to write to LCC regarding a play**

**area sign on Town Lane which is not in an upright position**

**b) CBC A quotation from CBC for the cutting back of encroaching hedges and vegetation on Town Lane Field in the sum of £300.00 was discussed and agreed. The Clerk was also asked to request CBC to undertake some environmentally friendly weed control on the Town Lane paths.**

**c) CPRE A letter from CPRE regarding Green issues in the forthcoming election and the CPRE Newsletter were presented to the Council. The Clerk was asked to circulate them to members.**

### **125.8 Suggestions of items for the Precept in 2020/21**

**Members were asked to consider any ideas and bring them forward for the February meeting.**

### **125.9 Inspection of Play Equipment on The Meadows.**

**Council agreed to the quotation from the Play Equipment Company to inspect and report on the play equipment.**

**Reference was also made to the recent Council application for new equipment. The Lancashie Environmental Fund are due to consider this in January 2020.**

### **125.10 Wood Lane Vehicle Speeds**

**Cllrs Singh and Bamber reported conversations with a resident regarding the speed of vehicles as they leave Ecclestone and enter Heskin. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC to enquire if they would agree to a Speed Indicator Device (SPID) plate being fitted to an adjacent lampost**

**125.11 Parish Council Website. Cllr Holden reported that he had received complaints about the website. The Clerk was asked to clarify, for members, details of the Council's website to determine if any amendments are necessary.**

### **125.12 Possible event for pensioners in the New Year.**

**Consideration is being given in conjunction with a local charity for a small luncheon event in the New Year**

**125.12 Donation of Christmas Tree for the Village Hall**

**Cllr Mrs Bamber proposed and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Heskin Spar for the donation of a lovely Christmas tree which has been erected outside the Village Hall.**

**The Clerk reported also that Spar were considering the removal of the small rockery next to the Post Box and the possible replacement of the Notice Board**

**125.13 Correspondence from a resident regarding unequal treatment and inadequate performance.**

**The Clerk circulated to each member of the Council copies of all the correspondence received. The Chair asked the Clerk to read verbatim ALL the correspondence from the particular resident regarding his interpretation of unequal treatment regarding a member and that involving an employee of the Parish Council. This was done. The correspondence included emails regarding Freedom of Information legislation between the resident and the Clerk, correspondence between the resident and Cllr Mrs Bamber as Chair of the Parish Council with allegations of favouritism and risk to ratepayers. The Chair invited comments from members. A proposal was made that the Council note the correspondence and take no further action. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried by 4 votes to 1. The Clerk was instructed to notify the resident.**

**125 14 Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**