

Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 3rd October 2019 at Heskin Village Hall

Present Cllr Mrs Bamber (Chair)
Cllr E Forshaw
Cllr M Holden
Cllr P Lloyd
Cllr K Mather
Cllr A J Singh

In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk
One member of the public.

124.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019.

The minutes were accepted as true record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

124.2 Items raised by the public. There were none.

124.3 Picnic on The Town Lane Field.

Cllr Mrs Bamber invited the Clerk to give an update. The Clerk presented correspondence from the Borough Council which stated, categorically, that there had been no application to sell alcohol on the field on 30th June 2019. The Council also confirmed that the license provided by Cllr Holden only allowed the licensee to sell alcohol on the premises of the Farmers Arms. Cllr Forshaw challenged Cllr Holden regarding his statement to the Parish Council in August that a license had been granted. Cllr Holden denied any responsibility and referred to some correspondence from Fields in Trust. A discussion ensued after which the Chair proposed that Cllr Holden be reported to the Borough Council's Standards Officer for this episode and for previous incidents. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried by 4 votes to 2 and the Clerk was instructed to write to Chorley BC.

124.4 Planning Matters

The Clerk reported the following decisions:-

- a) Spencer House Farm. Conversion of Stable to dwelling Approved**
- b) Town Lane Farm. Amended application for two dwellings and a barn Approved**
- c) 141 Wood Lane Extensions and Entertainment room. Approved .**

The Parish Council expressed some concern at the officers report on this application and asked the Clerk to seek clarification about possible nuisance to neighbours regarding noise etc

124.5 Payment of Accounts

The following payments were authorised

Mr J Donald Lengthsman August £322.50
CPRE Subscriptions £36.00
Mr A Whittaker Clerks salary and Expenses £919.47
Mr A Richardson Footpath Clearance £220.00
LALC Course fees for new Councillor £66.00
Best Kept Garden Vouchers £200.00
Heskin Village Hall Room Hire £10.00
Chorley BC Election Costs £242.43
Mr J Donald Lengthsman September £320.19*

***In relation to this payment the Clerk advised that the minimum wage had been increased to £8.21 per hour with effect from from 1st April 2019 and this payment reflected this for the September hours worked.**

124.6 LCC and CBC items

a)LCC Cosy Homes Information re Grants. Noted. Poster to be placed on Notice Board

b) CBC Polling Place Review. Heskin Polling Station will remain in the Village Hall

c) NHS Chorley A & E Possible relocation to Preston.

The Parish Council noted the Borough Council's expressed objection and shared the concern. The Clerk was asked to write to Chorley BC supporting the stance taken.

d) Central Lancashire Local Plan Consutation.

Parish and Town Councils will be notified and consulted and asked for comments during the consultation period which will take place between November 2019 and February 2020.

124.7 Remembrance Day Poppies .

Council agreed that poppies would be again displayed on all lampposts on the main road and if necessary additional poppies would be purchased. Volunteers would be sought to erect them.

124.8 VE Day Celebrations 75th Anniversary of the end of WW11.

The Clerk reported an enquiry from Heskin Hall regarding possible activities. No further information was available at present . The Clerk was asked to follow it up and include an item on the December Agenda

124.9 Peter Lathom Charity Allocation of funds

Cllr Mather and the Clerk described the new limits on how the allocation could be spent. It was agreed that further enquiries be made and Councillors were asked if they knew of any other worthy recipients.

124.10 Overhanging hedges and field edges on Town Lane Field and The Meadows play area.

Cllr Forshaw raised this matter and the Clerk was asked to facilitate a meeting with CBC officers to arrange some remedial action.

124.11 Chorley Shopmobility:- This is an organisation that provides mobility equipment for those persons with walking difficulties in the Town Centre. The Council was asked to consider a grant. This will be an Agenda item for the December meeting

124.12 Scope. This is a Charity which collects clothing . The letter from the Charity asked for a site where they could locate a receptacle for unwanted clothing. The Clerk was asked to consult with the Village Hall Committee

124.13 Councils Insurance. The Clerk reported correspondence from Came and Company advising that in future the account would be administered by the Gallagher Group of companies following a merger. There will be no change to the Council's policy.

124.14 Date of next meeting 5th December 2019

