

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HESKIN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT HESKIN VILLAGE HALL**

**Present Cllr Mrs Bamber
Cllr P Lloyd
Cllr K Mather
Cllr E Forshaw
Cllr AJ Singh**

In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk

126.1 Apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Holden.

126.2 Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2019.

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

126.3 Matters arising from the Minutes.

- a) The Clerk presented a letter from Shopmobility thanking the Parish Council for the £50.00 grant**
- b) The Chair reported on her conversation with Heskin Hall regarding VE Day celebrations. Details are being sought for the supplier of a marquee.**

126.4 Matters raised by residents

a) Overgrown hedges on Stocks Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact the adjacent landowners to ask that the hedges be cut back

126.4 b) It was reported that cars were parking on the yellow lines outside the Spar store and obstructing residents driveways.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Spar and seek advice from the Authorities.

126.5 New Parish Council Website

a) Correspondence from Cllr Holden. In view of the Councillor's absence it was resolved to defer this item till the next meeting.

b) Correspondence from a resident.

The Chair asked the Clerk to give details of the residents complaint. Details were given including letters to Cllr Mrs Bamber to herself and also the Clerk regarding the old website. . The residents complaints were simply noted and it was resolved that no further action was necessary. The Clerk was asked to notify the resident.

Councillors received details of the new website and complemented Cllr Singh on his input

126.6 Authorisation of payments.

The Clerk presented the following invoices for payment.

a) Chorley BC Grass cutting £1161.52

b) Chorley BC Dog Bin emptying £172.30

c) J Donald Lengthsman wages £229.88

d) A Whittaker Salary and Expenses £920.35

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Cllr Holden about expenses and presented full details of the current expenses incurred and also ledgered expenses going back to 2009

The Clerk also reminded members that if they ever wanted to see details of expenses they had only to ask.

126.7 To Determine the Parish Precept for 2020/2021

Councillors considered details, presented by the Clerk, of current balances, proposed expenditure, and predicted balances at 31.3.2021. Councillors also noted that the Parish Precept had not been increased/alterd since 2015. After a full discussion the Council resolved to increase the Precept by £4.00 p.a. on a Band D property. Higher bands will pay more , lower bands will pay less.

126.8 Correspondence

a) From Chorley BC.

Two Planning Applications

I) Wilbeth House Farm Two properties Wrennalls Lane

Noted

II) 289 Wood Lane Two properties Noted

b) Lancashire CC

I) Budget Proposals 3.99% increase Noted

II) Town Lane Community Orchard. The Clerk reported a visit/ meeting with the LCC Arboricultural Officer and the purchase of tree ties, and the need for two replacement trees which are dead.

c) CPRE

I New National Constitution Noted

II LALC Annual Conference Noted

126.9 Parish Priority Programme

Chorley BC have reported that due to ward boundary changes in May 2020 the determination of Parish priorities will be delayed till after the Elections. It was also reported that the new bench for Town Lane will be delivered shortly.

126.10 The Meadows Play Equipment LEF Grant Update

The Clerk presented a financial breakdown of the scheme and illustrations of the items to be provided. It was agreed to hold a site meeting at 10.00am on Saturday 8th April to examine the proposals in detail.

126.11 Town Lane Field Gates Locking The Clerk was asked to look into the current arrangements.

126.12 “History of Heskin” Cllr Mather referred to Alan Marsden's recent publication. Members considered options for distribution of this publication and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.

126.12 Date of next meeting 2nd April 2020

Members agreed to the Exclusion of Press and Public

The following decisions are exempt from Public disclosure

Personnell Matters