

Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held by Zoom on 27th August 2020.

**Present by video Cllr Mrs Bamber Chair
 Cllr E Forshaw
 Cllr K Mather
 Cllr P Lloyd
 Cllr A Singh
 Cllr M Holden**

**In Attendance 1 member of the public.
 A Whittaker Clerk.**

There were no apologies for absence.

128.1 Minutes of meeting held on 6th February 2020.

**Cllr Holden had asked for an amendment to Minute 126.6 (d).
Cllr Holden suggested that he was not the person who asked for details, it was a concerned resident. Council accepted this without discussion and the minute was amended. The remainder of the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.**

128.2 Minutes of meeting held on 27th July 2020.

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

128.3 Items raised by the public

- a) A resident had complained about the speed of vehicles using Wood Lane, especially, but not exclusively, at the Southern end of Wood Lane and often in the early morning. Members concurred with the views expressed and asked the Clerk to write to Lancashire Police to ask for speed check to be undertaken and also write to LCC to ask if some sort of traffic calming measures could be undertaken eg red speed strips to alert motorists to the speed limits that applied.**
- b) A resident raised the issue of flooding at the rear of a property on**

Wood Lane which backed on the Meadows Car Park and skateboard area. Members noted the concerns and commented. Advice was given of some investigations that had taken place some years ago. The resident undertook to provide the Clerk with photographs and his suggestions and the Clerk will write to United Utilities and Chorley B.C. to seek some solutions.

128.4 The Meadows

a) Update. The Chair reported that the installation of equipment had been completed by the Contractor and had been subsequently inspected by the Council's inspector, "Play Inspection Company". The latter's report highlighted several issues which were categorised as low risk but never the less required attention. Two subsequent meetings had taken place between elected members and the Contractor and whilst most of the issues had now been resolved there was still the issue of some levelling and reseeded. Members agreed that once these issues had been done the Contractor could be paid.

b) Correspondence. Cllr Holden had written with some criticism of the installation and complained that he had not been invited to the meetings. Council noted his complaint.

128.5 Government Proposals on Changes to the Planning Process and correspondence from NALC and LALC

a) Correspondence had been circulated to members and the Clerk described in general terms what was being suggested. Members were invited to comment direct if they wished. In addition Chorley BC were hosting two advisory sessions and have invited two members from each Parish Council to attend. Cllrs Lloyd and Singh were elected to attend and it was agreed that they would report back so that the Parish Council could submit an official response.

b) The Chair reported that the recent application for two properties on Withington Lane had been refused by Chorley BC.

128.6 Finance.

a) Council confirmed the payments that had been made since the February meeting as circulated

b) Council agreed the following payments

I) A Whittaker salary and expenses £1007.17

II) Play Inspection Company £354.00

c) Council agreed that when the Contractor had completed the work on The Meadows his invoice be paid and the Chair was

authorised to finalise the grant claim to the Lancashire Environmental Fund.

- d) Council noted the income received, details of which had been circulated. The monies had been paid into the Council's accounts.**

128.7 Garden Competition.

The Chair reported that the competition judge had reported his decisions and details would be circulated as soon as possible.

128.8 Broadband and Telephone for the Village Hall and the possibility of Chorley BC in conjunction with Lancashire Adult Learning undertaking some training for adults in Heskin.

A conversation had taken place with the Village Hall Secretary and an estimate will be obtained from BT (without any commitment) of the cost involved.

128.9 The Chair wished to place on record her appreciation and the Council's appreciation for the work undertaken by the Clerk in obtaining the many benefits and grants the Council had received over recent years. The Council warmly endorsed the proposal.

128.9 Date of next meeting 1st October 2020