

MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF HESKIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2021

Cllr Mrs Bamber asked those present to hold a minutes silence in memory of HRH Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh.

132.1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Mather, Cllr Holden (Due to computer difficulties)

132.2 In Attendance Cllr Bamber, Cllr Forshaw, Cllr Singh.

A.Whittaker, a member of the public.

132.3 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2021.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes.

a) The Clerk reported that work on The Meadows Drainage would commence in early May.

b) Several other items were deferred until other members were present and could comment.

132.4 Item raised by members of the public.

The Chair proposed and it was agreed that standing orders be suspended so a member of the public could speak.

Cllr Mrs Bamber referred to two complaints made by a member of the public.

The first related to Councillor Lloyd and in his absence, it was agreed that this be deferred.

The second complaint related to the Clerk and the Chair invited the member of the public to repeat his complaint. He declined indicating his email could be clearly understood. The Chair read out his email. The Clerk responded

a) indicating that the information he had given was based on his understanding of the situation

b) He rejected, and was offended by, the suggestion that he had lied. The source of the complaint had led to the meeting scheduled for 1st April being deferred until 15th April. Councillors agreed and advised the member of the public that if he wished to take it further, he could report it the Chorley Borough Council's Officer if he so wished.

132.5 Planning Matters.

Details of any applications had been circulated to members.

Cllr Bamber referred to the application for two large houses adjacent to 81 Wood Lane and reported that a neighbouring resident had expressed concern about overlooking due to the large windows at the rear of the properties. The Clerk was asked to report this to Chorley BC.

132.6 Authorisation of Payments of Accounts.

The following payments were authorised.

**LALC Subscriptions £178.13
J Wane Lengthsman Feb £174.40
J Donald Lengthsman Feb £174.40
A Whittaker Salary £800.00 Expenses £110.85
Chorley BC Lease of The Meadows £282.00
United Utilities The Meadows Drainage £188.00
J Wane Lengthsman March £174.40
J Donald Lengthsman March £174.40**

Balance in Parish Council accounts at 30th March £4985.35.

132.7 Correspondence from Cllr Holden.

In view of Cllr Holden's absence this matter was deferred

132.8 Parking on Wood Lane.

Cllr Forshaw described the sometimes difficult situation regarding parking, access, and egress, to and from the Spar car park.

Reference was made to a previous suggestion that the rockery, post box, and notice board were to be relocated. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the owners and ascertain the current position.

132.9 Potential for pond on Footpath which runs from Wood Lane to Pyebrook Hall.

Cllr Forshaw described the situation of a large amount of water which regularly collects on the field and the potential for environmental enhancement. The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner and seek his views /permission so that if the response was favourable, issues such as funding, construction, could be explored.

132.10 Correspondence

a) LALC The Clerk read correspondence from LALC regarding remote meetings and the fact that they would not be permissible after 6th May and the legal challenges that are being made. The correspondence was noted.

Queens Award for Voluntary Service A letter asking for nominations will be circulated to members

b) LCC Temporary Road Closure Stocks Lane due to telephone work on 24th June. The contractor has been instructed to notify all residents on Stocks lane and Withington Lane

c) Consumer Alerts. Details circulated and published

d) Parish Council Audit

The Clerk presented a letter from the Auditors PKF Littlejohn who will undertake the Audit in June/July.

e) Royal British Legion Industries.

The Clerk presented details of the RBLI “Silent Soldier Tommies” literature. Details will be circulated to members.

132.11 Date of Next meetings.

In view of 132.10 (a) above the dates and venues of future meetings were discussed. Councillors have previously expressed a preference for “face to face” meetings in the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall to confirm that the premises met the Covid 19 requirements and if so it was agreed that the next meetings would be Annual meeting 26th May, Regular scheduled meeting 3rd June 2021.