

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 27th
October 2021 at Heskin Village Hall**

Present Cllr Mrs Bamber Chair

Cllr E Forshaw

Cllr K Mather

Cllr M Holden

Cllr A J Singh

In attendance Mr A Whittaker Clerk, two members of the public

137.1 Apologies for absence. Apologies were submitted and accepted from Cllr P Lloyd.

137.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2021.

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

137.3 Matters arising from the minutes. The Clerk read the response from LCC regarding verges on Chisnall Lane. The correspondence was noted.

137.4 Best Kept Front Garden Competition

The results were announced and the Chair advised that the trophies had been presented to the winners

137.5 Finance

a) Authorisation of payments. A list of payments made is attached to these minutes.

b) External Auditors report. The Clerk presented the Auditors report and explained the comments made. Council noted the report and a cheque was signed made payable to PKF Littlejohn.

Finance (cont'd)

**Bank Balances Current A/C £10450.37
 Reserve A/C £4072.29**

137.6 Vandalism on Town Lane and alleged Drug Taking

The Clerk reported recent incidents and advised that the Police had been informed and were aware of some of the alleged culprits. Some repairs and improvement have been made to some of the furniture and a new waste Bin has been ordered.

137.7 Queen Elizabeth Platinum Anniversary 2022.

a) The Clerk reported on the situation regarding Jubilee China Mugs for children up to the age of 11 years who reside in Heskin. There are children in Heskin School who do not reside in Heskin and the school have indicated that they would purchase mugs for these children and perhaps do a presentation at the school. Also, there are Heskin children at other schools, Ecclestone, for example, and some residents have indicated a desire to purchase mugs themselves. The mugs are available in batches of 36 and the Council resolved to purchase 4 boxes (144)

b) There was also a suggestion that commemorative trees could be planted, perhaps adjacent to the Skate Park on The Meadows and also a commemorative plaque. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report to the next meeting

137.8 LCC, CBC, LALC and other public bodies correspondence.

The Clerk reported that any correspondence was circulated to members and if they wished to raise any issues regarding the contents they should reply to the Clerk

Any Other Business.

Two Items were raised

a) The need to obtain competitive quotes for work done or items requested. The Clerk reported that almost everything that was ordered was subject, to prior to approval by members, particularly the more expensive items. Reference was made to a neighbouring Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to include an item on the next Agenda with a suggested protocol for the Council to consider.

b) Chorley Borough Council. Neighbourhood priorities

The Clerk reported on a meeting recently attended by Cllr Singh and himself as a Borough Councillor. The Borough Council have made a TOTAL of £8000 available for all the western parishes, 8 in all. The Council agreed to consider any priorities and bring them to the December meeting. There will be an item on the agenda.

Date of next meeting. December on a date to be confirmed