

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 11th April 2022
at Heskin Village Hall**

Present Cllr Mrs Bamber, Cllr P Lloyd, Cllr E Forshaw, Cllr K Mather, Cllr A Singh. Two members of the public were also present.

1 Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted from Cllr M Holden

2 Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Mather questioned why Heskin Parish Council had not increased the precept and why the Council had not identified any priorities as othe PC's had done. Cllr Forshaw suggested that two replacement benches be requested a) outside the Village Hall b) opposite Kingsley House Farm on Wood Lane. The Clerk was asked to notify Chorley Council.

4 Authorisation of payments.

A list of payments made since the last meeting was detailed, cheques signed by three Councillors, and a number of further cheques were signed at the meeting.

5 Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDS)

The Clerk referred to the last meeting at which Cllr Lloyd and Singh were asked to determine the best options for the Parish Council to purchase from 3 obtained quotations. The Council had agreed one solar powered fixed SPID and one moveable battery operated SPID.

However a recent communication from LCC had been received

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which required any device to be moved within 6 months and nearby residents to be consulted. Council resolved that Cllrs Lloyd and Singh should clarify the situation, recommend suitable locations, and report back to a future meeting.

6 Planning Applications.

All planning applications are notified to Councillors by the Clerk and Councillors are able to comment.

Objections have been made to Chorley Borough Council about a 3 storey office block applied for at 81 Wood Lane.

7 Annual Audit by PKF Littlejohn.

The Parish Council Annual Audit will be undertaken in the summer.

8 Correspondence from other statutory Bodies LCC, CBC, LALC, CPRE.

Any correspondence from the above is circulated to all Councillors. Council resolved to acquire 2 High Viz jackets from LCC.

9 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

a) Cllr Mrs Bamber introduced this item and referred to a possible Pensioners Tea Party which could be held in the Village Hall. This had been notified to residents earlier and Cllr Bamber was in receipt of 15 possible attendees. Council agreed to the proposal. Cllr Bamber undertook to determine Village Hall availability, the date, a caterer, and an entertainer.

b) Jubilee China Mugs. The Clerk reported that of the 144 mugs that had been purchased 139 had been requested leaving only 5 available for any late requests. The question was asked if the Council should order more and the Clerk reported that a minimum of 36 would have to be ordered at a cost of £260. It was pointed out that residents had been asked some months ago and the local schools notified. Council resolved not to order any more at this time.

Date of next meeting 23rd May 2022