

Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 23rd June 2022 at Heskin Village Hall.

Present Cllr Mrs Bamber, Cllr Forshaw, Cllr Mather, Cllr Singh.

1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Cllr Holden and Cllr Lloyd.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 11th April 2022.

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

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Tall trees adjacent to The Meadows Field.

Reference was made to Cllr Forshaw's concerns regarding some trees on The Meadows that were very tall, and some branches were catching some vehicles. Council discussed options and agreed to consult residents who lived adjacent to the trees in question. The Clerk was asked to prepare a note for residents so that they could express their opinion. The note will be circulated to members before being distributed.

b) Parish Council meetings will be held on the third Thursday of August, October, December, February, April, June.

c) Outdoor exercise equipment for Adult use.

Cllr Forshaw had enquired about the purchase of some equipment similar to that at the Mossy Lea Village Hall site. The Clerk presented costings and Council agreed to defer this item till

3 (c) continued

later in the year when the Council's balances were known.

4 Items raised by residents.

Reference was made to the Best Kept Garden Competition. The Clerk advised members that Mr David Brown had again kindly agreed to judge the competition. Prizes will be presented at the August meeting.

5 Purchase of replacement Notice Board.

The Clerk presented costings and an illustration of the proposed notice board, details of which had previously been circulated to members. Council agreed to the purchase as specified and to the installation by Whiehill Direct .Co.

6 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Mrs Bamber described the very successful Tea Party event which had been well received by all those in attendance, and Councillors present endorsed those sentiments. The catering was excellent and many friendships and acquaintances were renewed and celebrated. The Parish Council along with the School Governors had provided each child at the school and pre school children with a china mug with an image of Her Majesty and an endorsement by the Parish Council. Cllr Forshaw congratulated Cllr Bamber on the very hard work she had undertaken in arranging the Tea Party event and presented her with a present on behalf of the Parish Council as a sign of their appreciation.

7 Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDS)

The Clerk referred to new guidance from LCC which of necessity meant that the purchases had to be deferred for the time being. Cllr Bamber suggested that the provision of “raised rumble strips” on the carriageway might be a way of slowing down traffic which was travelling too fast. The Clerk was asked to write to Lancashire County Council requesting provision of such strips located at either end of Wood Lane and at the junction of Park Hall Road and

7 Continued.

Wood Lane where accidents had occurred.

8 Planning Matters.

The Clerk reminded members that every application from Chorley BC was sent to each member for information and if they so wished they could comment direct to Chorley BC as a Councillor or contact the Clerk.

9 Correspondence from LCC, CBC, LALC, CPRE, POLICE.

**Any correspondence from the above is circulated to members.
Noted.**

10 Payment of Accounts and Bank Balances.

a) A list of payments made since the last meeting was circulated and is attached to the minutes on file. All cheques are signed by three Councillors.

b) The current balances were noted as was the anticipated balance at 31st March 2023.

c) The Clerk reported that with the agreement of the Chair the Council's current insurance policy had been extended on a fixed term basis for the next three years at a rate of £463.49 per annum with Gallagher Insurance. Council endorsed this action.

11 Annual Governance and Accountability Return AGAR.

The Clerk presented documents regarding the Annual Audit of the Parish Council's finances as required by the Government appointed auditor PKF Littlejohn LEP. The Council's financial transactions had been checked and approved by an internal auditor Mr Bernard Golding. The Clerk circulated copies of the documents to the members present for inspection and described the contents. Council agreed to the contents and they were signed and endorsed by Cllr Mrs Bamber.

12 Date of next meeting 18th August 2022

