

Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 18th August 2022 at Heskin Village Hall.

1 Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Mather

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2022

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

3 Matters arising from the Minutes.

1) Trees on The Meadows. The Clerk read out a previously circulated draft of a proposed letter to residents seeking their views. A discussion ensued. It was agreed that the letter be sent to residents asking for their views on a) reducing the height by some 20' and b) raising the crown so that the lower branches are removed.

4 Items raised by residents. Mr Elphick , a resident, expressed his appreciation to the Council for expeditiously allowing a commemorative bench to be located on The Meadows.

**5 Pan Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022
Noted.**

6 Introduction of Neighbourhood Watch.

This had been requested by a member but after a discussion it was agreed that the Council would not be pursuing the idea.

7 Road Markings on Wood Lane and Park Hall Road.

The Clerk read out the latest response from LCC Highways which the Council found unacceptable. Members commented on accidents which had occurred at the junction of Wood Lane

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and Park Hall Road, the speed of vehicles at the junction of Withington Lane and Wood Lane adjacent to a residential estate, a supermarket, and a school access and resolved that the Clerk should respond to LCC asking them

a) to reconsider the provision of rumble strips on Park Hall Road near the junction with Wood Lane and also on Wood Lane approx. 800 m south of the Withington Lane / Wood Lane junction.

b) To undertake a speed survey on Wood Lane to ascertain accurately the speed of vehicles.

c) to renew the speed limit signs on the road surface which have now virtually disappeared.

8 LCC Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme.

The Council agreed to opt in to the scheme for the current financial year.

9 Footpath behind Farmers Arms PH.

Council confirmed the payment to a contractor to strim and clear the footpath.

10 Payment of Accounts.

Details of the payment made since the last meeting were read out and approved. A copy of the payments is attached to the minutes on file.

11 Parish Notice Board.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the new Notice Board will be provided and installed during week commencing 29th August.

12 Picture Album of Heskin past and present.

The Clerk displayed a sample from a neighbouring village and was asked to liaise with a local historian to see what pictures are available.

13 Wild flower Verges on Wood Lane.

Members expressed appreciation of the wildflower provision

13 Continued

on Wood Lane by Chorley Council and asked the Clerk to write to Chorley requesting two further strips to the south of Wood Lane.

14 War Memorial outside Village Hall.

Members discussed the possibility of providing some indication of those that lost their lives in the two World Wars outside the Village Hall . (At present the memorial panels are in the local Church where they will remain). The Clerk was asked to investigate and discuss with the Church and others.

15 Audit of Parish Council Accounts.

The annual audit of Parish Council Accounts was discussed following the expiry of the SAAA contract with PKF Littlejohn.

Council resolved to continue to opt in to the procedure with whoever was appointed by the Central External Auditor.

16 Defibrillator Outside the Spar Shop.

The Clerk reported that he was advised that the defibrillator needed attention regarding batteries /pads etc. Cllr Holden had accepted responsibility for this in 2018 and he indicated that he would follow up the matter and advise the Clerk when it was resolved.

17 Best Kept Garden Competition.

The results were announced and the prizes will be presented to the winners

18 Heskin Village Hall Frontage.

A local resident, Mrs Ainscough, was praised for her work in planting some flowers at the front of the hall which was much appreciated

19 Date of next meeting 20th October 2022