

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council 15th December 2022
In attendance Cllr Bamber, Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Mather, Cllr Forshaw**

1 Apologies for absence.

**Apologies were received from Cllr Singh
and Cllr Holden.**

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October.

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

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

**The War Memorial plaques have been purchased and installed at
the Village Hall. They have been well received by residents.**

4 Matters raised by residents.

**A resident from Wood Lane raised 4 issues which he would like
the Parish Council to pursue.**

**a) at the junction of Wood lane and Park Hall Road the road
markings ie white lines, turning lines, have disappeared and
need remarking**

**b) There is a 40 MPH sign on Park Hall Road which distracts
motorists. Can it be moved nearer to Stocks Lane.**

**c) There is a need for more improved signing for the Woodcock
Lane Bridlepath Footpath which is well used and not easily
visible for motorists.**

d)The Hawthorn hedge opposite the Farmers Arms has been vandalised, destroyed.

5 Correspondence from a resident Wood Lane.

The Clerk presented several items of correspondence and complaints from a resident much of which had been already circulated to members. The correspondence was discussed in some detail.

The complaints included

- a) urgent items being discussed which were not on an Agenda,**
- b) Defibrillator,**
- c)LALC papers**
- d) the performance of the Clerk**

The Clerk read several items of correspondence regarding the above. The Clerk also referred to correspondence from Cllr Holden ie emails, dated 18th November and 31st October, which he considered offensive.

The members present simply agreed to note the correspondence and resolved that no further response was required.

6 Trees on The Meadows

The Clerk presented three quotations for work on the six trees on The Meadows. The work involves reducing the height and removing some of the lower branches. Council agreed to accept the quotation from Westfield Tree Services in the sum of £1900 plus VAT and the Clerk was asked to place an order.

7 Planning Matters

a) Planning applications from Chorley BC are circulated to members automatically by the Clerk.

b) The Clerk advised members of a Special meeting of the Borough Council earlier in the week which had agreed a new

Local Plan in conjunction with South Ribble BC and Preston BC

to meet targets set by Central Government regarding new housing sites. The plan will include possible sites which could be required over the next 15 years and will be controversial. There are to be public meetings across the Borough so that residents and Parish Councils can comment and express their views. The Clerk will circulate copies of two recent Press releases.

8 Finance Report.

Details of payments made since the last meeting were presented, along with the current balances, and an estimate of the anticipated balance at 31st March 2023.

9 Parish Council Precept 2023/2024.

The meeting to determine the precept will be held in February. Members were asked to notify the Clerk of any new proposals they might wish to bring forward so that they could be costed properly before the February meeting.

10 Correspondence from LCC, LALC, CBC , CPRE.

Already circulated to members.

11 Donation of Commemorative Bench for the Town Lane Field.

Councillors noted the donation and agreed to finance the installation.

12 Field opposite Farmers Arms.

This item was requested by Cllr Holden. In his absence it was deferred.

13 Date of next meeting 16th February 2023 Precept Meeting

