

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF HESKIN PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER  
2020**

**PRESENT** Cllr Mrs Bamber, Cllr Singh, Cllr Mather, Cllr Forshaw, Cllr Holden, Cllr Lloyd (..by telephone.)

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr A Whittaker Clerk, 3 members of the public

**130.1** The Clerk reported that he had entered into a 12 month contract with Zoom to avoid the 40 minute limit on meetings. The Contract can be terminated if normal meetings are possible.

**130.2** Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

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

**130.3** Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Flooding, House on Wood Lane / The Meadows.

The Clerk updated the Council referring to

i) CBC have been unable to find the lease signed in the 1960's which would determine who should be liable for resolving the problem, ie CBC or Heskin PC

ii) Details of a local contractor's estimate based on a day rate

iii) The issue of trees which may have corrupted the culverted drain. It was suggested that the watercourse regularly flooded and should be left. A discussion ensued and it was agreed on the Chairs suggestion that the matter be deferred until the February meeting when hopefully the responsibility will be established.

#### **130.4 Items raised by residents**

**Mr A Marsden and Mr D Nelson presented a suggestion and a request that they put together a “History of Heskin” with illustrations for inclusion on the Parish Council website. Cllr Mrs Bamber thanked them for the presentation and members warmly endorsed the proposal.**

#### **130.5 Traffic Speeds on Wood Lane and Park Hall Road**

**The Chair reminded members of previous discussions regarding this matter and the temporary installation of a mobile traffic sign at the southern end of Wood Lane. Reference was also made to police presence on occasions to try and apprehend speeding vehicles.**

**Council resolved to**

- i) request LCC to install red rumble strips across the carriageway on Wood lane and**
- ii) to seek similar traffic calming measures on the approach to the junction of Park Hall Road and Wood lane.**

#### **130.6 Planning matters**

**The Clerk reported that any Planning applications were distributed to Parish Councillors and comment requested. None had been forthcoming. Reference was also made to a newspaper article regarding the Camelot site but Council were advised that no application had yet been made.**

#### **130.7 Payment of Accounts**

**The following payments were authorised.**

<b>Employee 1</b>	<b>Wages September</b>	<b>£205.25</b>
<b>Employee 2</b>	<b>Wages September</b>	<b>£213.46</b>
<b>Employee 1</b>	<b>Wages October</b>	<b>£164.20</b>
<b>Employee 2</b>	<b>Wages October</b>	<b>£192.92</b>
<b>Employee 1</b>	<b>Wages November</b>	<b>£164.20</b>

**Employee 2 Wages November £ 172.41**  
**Employee 1 Uprate of Minimum Wage £73.95**  
**Employee 2 Uprate of Minimum Wage £79.56**

**DWG Groundwork Bulb Planting £85.00**  
**CPRE Annual Subscription £36.00**  
**A Whittaker Salary £900.00 . Expenses £92.18**  
**Zoom Contract £143.88**

### **130.8 Comments from a member**

**The Chair referred to an email request by Cllr Holden. In it he stated that residents have asked him some forthright and pertinent questions. The Chair responded to all eight questions individually and asked members for comments and they endorsed her responses. (Details of the questions and the Chairs responses will be on the Council's website) Councillor Holden did not accept the responses and said that the questions related to the pandemic. The Chair pointed out to questions like**

- a) Are there vacancies for younger, more active Councillors**
- b) What will happen at the next election?**
- c) Is the makeup of the Council representative of the village?**

**The Chair stated that this type of question had nothing to do with a pandemic. The Chair went on to list the efforts made by members during the pandemic and applauded them for their dedication to residents. On a personal note the Chair showed fellow Councillors the letter she had personally recieved from the High Sherriff of Lancashire for her work during the pandemic. (This is shown as an addendum to these minutes).**

### **130.9 Parish Council Website Compliance**

**The Clerk referred to recent legislation which sought to ensure that all Council websites were available to everyone. Two local Parish Councils had made slight alterations. Council agreed that Cllr Singh should liaise with the Clerk regarding possible changes which may be needed and report to the February meeting.**

**130.10 Cllr Lloyd raised the issue of cars being parked on the pavements in the village, blocking pavements completely and forcing people, with trolleys or prams to go into the road. Members agreed to report any culprits to the Clerk or if possible bring it to the culprits attention in person.**

**130.11 Date of Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.  
This meeting will determine the Precept for 2021/2022**

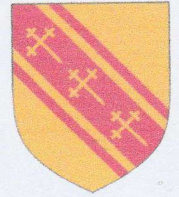
#### **Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

**Pursuant to section1(2) of the Public bodies (admission to meetings) Act1960, the exclusion of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government act 1972 is exempt from public disclosure.**

**Resolved due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, members of the press and public were excluded for the following item. Two members of the public left the meeting.**



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26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*Dear Angela Bamber*

The Covid-19 pandemic has presented us all with many challenges. My role as High Sheriff has also been different. I had hoped to get out and about to meet Lancastrians in all parts of the county, to see for myself the difficulties being faced by people in all walks of life. Sadly this has not been possible because of the current public health restrictions.

I am grateful, however, that people have made me aware of many individuals and organisations who have been utterly selfless and looked out for others and the community during this difficult time. Some were already established, others were set up to deal with the pandemic. Your name has been given to me as one of those people.

On behalf of the people of Lancashire – **THANK YOU** – for putting others before yourself and helping those in the county who were facing such difficulties.

*With every good wish  
Catherine Penny*