

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on 7th
February 2022 at Heskin Village Hall**

Before the meeting started the Chair Cllr Mrs Bamber referred to correspondence from a resident and Cllr Holden suggesting that the meeting should not be held because a) sufficient notice had not been given and b) some papers were not included on the PC website. Cllr Mrs Bamber enquired of Cllr Holden if, in view of his comments he wished to take part in the meeting. Cllr Holden indicated he wished to participate. Cllr Mrs Bamber then asked the members if they wished to continue and it was unanimously agreed to proceed.

Present Cllr Mrs Bamber
Cllr P Lloyd
Cllr S Holden
Cllr K Mather
Cllr E Forshaw
Cllr AJ Singh

In Attendance CBC Cllr H Heaton, 2 members of the public

138.1 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October were agreed and signed by the Chair.

138.2 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Clerk referred to discussions that occurred in October regarding the Queens Platinum Anniversary and a discussion ensued. The Clerk referred to various documents which had been circulated to members: a) British Legion Plaque: b) Commemorative Tree Planting: c) Street Parties; d) Tea Party for Senior Citizens. It was agreed that the Clerk make further enquiries and report back to members. With regard to (c) and (d) above some advice would be given to residents including an indication that permission would be

given to the use of open space on The Meadows and The Warings. The Clerk also advised that a commemorative mug would be given to each child in Heskin under the age of 11 and a presentation would be arranged for pupils attending Heskin School and to other children.

138.3 Chorley Councillor Heaton introduced himself and indicated his willingness to assist the Parish Council in any way he could.

138.4 Town Lane Field.

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting approval from the Council's insurers to replace the vandalised benches

138.5 Parish Precept for 2022/2023

A) The Clerk referred to papers which had been circulated to members indicating, current balances, items still to pay in 2021/22, estimated requirement for 2022/2023, and the estimated balance at 31st March 2023 if the Precept was held at the current level. A discussion ensued. There was a proposal that the Precept was increased which was seconded. The voting was 3 For and 3 Against. The Chair used her casting vote and the proposal was defeated. There was then a second proposal that the Precept remain at the same level as in 2021/22 . On being put to the vote that proposal was agreed.

B) Authorisation of payments made since the last meeting which had been circulated. The payments were authorised cheques having been signed by three members.

138.6 Protocol for purchases made by the Council.

The Clerk referred to a protocol which had been requested and which had been circulated to members. A discussion ensued regarding whether more competitive tenders were necessary for all or any items. The Chair asked members to vote and the proposed Protocol was approved without amendment.

138.7 Membership of CPRE.

It was agreed that the Council should continue its membership.

138.8 Correspondence

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Correspondence from LCC, CBC, LALC which had been circulated to members via email was noted.

138.9 Neighbourhood Priorities.

The Chair referred to previous discussions and asked for contributions. Cllr Holden suggested some form of floral display in a basket at the boundaries of the village. This suggestion was not supported because of ongoing maintainance costs. Any further suggestions should be sent to the Clerk.

138.10 Purchase of Speed Indicator Devices.

The Clerk referred to information which had been circulated. A member suggested that the purchases should not go ahead because they were not enforceable. Other members supported the purchases because they did deter speeding drivers and could save lives. It was agreed that Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Singh examine the best costings for 1 fixed Solar Panel indicator and 1 Battery Operated Indicator, also the best locations, and report back to a future meeting.

138.10 Community Infrastructure Levy

Details of the regulations were announced. Copies are available if members want them.

138.11 Reference was made to the Open Air Cinema at Camelot and the closure of Park Hall Hotel and its use for Asylum Seekers. The Clerk was instructed to investigate

138.12 Date of next meeting. To be arranged in June 2022