

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on
15th August 2024 at Heskin Village Hall.**

**Present Cllr P Lloyd Chair, Cllrs Elphick, Forshaw, Mather,
Singh.**

**Apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from
Cllr Mrs Bamber.**

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2024.

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

2 Item raised by a resident.

**The Chair welcomed a resident to the meeting. The resident raised
an issue following a notification from the Clerk, about hedgecutting
on Stocks Lane opposite Bimsons Farm belonging to her family.
The resident pointed out that hedges should not be cut until after
31st August but indicated that they would be cut thereafter. The
resident also pointed out that another resident on Stocks Lane had
already cut the hedge opposite his property illegally and without
permission. The Clerk was instructed to write to the offender and
advise him not to do it again. Reference was also made to other
hedges adjacent to Bimsons Farm which overhang the road
(perhaps in separate ownership) and asked if these could be
trimmed back at the same time.**

3 Bench on Town Lane Field.

**Reference was made to a bench on the Town lane field which,
because of its damp environment had shown signs of mould.
The Clerk was asked to arrange for it to be treated.**

3 Continued.

It was also agreed that the waste bin adjacent to the bench should be relocated to The Meadows on a site to be agreed.

4 Speed of vehicles on Wood Lane

Council discussed concern about the speed at which vehicles use Wood Lane which is now used extensively by vehicles accessing the M6 and the M61 and Charnock Richard Services. Cllr Elphick referred to an undertaking the Police had made in Coppull which involved police using Speed measuring devices and also involving local schools. Cllr Elphick undertook to consult the Police and advise the Clerk if a similar activity could be undertaken on Wood Lane. The Clerk was also asked to enquire if Chorley Council or Lancashire Council if grants could be obtained for a permanently mounted Speed Indicator Device and also ask local busbusiness to ascertain if they could help financially.

5 Prospective Planning Rules Changes.

Council noted the proposed Government changes to planning legislation and agreed to monitor the issue.

6 Town Lane Orchard.

The Clerk reported that the trees had borne fruit and was asked to put a notice on the Notice Board advising residents.

7 Pensioners Christmas Party.

Council agreed in principle to host a party for Heskin residents of pensionable age. This will be on the October Agenda.

8 Payment of Accounts.

The Clerk presented a list of payments that had been made this year, a copy of which is filed with the minutes. All payments are authorised by three Councillors.

8 Continued

The Clerk also reported that the 2024 Best Kept Garden Trophies had been engraved and a cheque was signed for £40 to pay for the engraving.

9 Ulnes Walton 3rd Prison Update

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council Planning Department had advised that the application was still awaiting a decision by HM Government.

10 2024 Best Kept Front Garden Result.

The Clerk circulated the results to members a copy of which is filed with the minutes. The four 1st Prizes will be presented by Cllr Mrs Bamber.

11 Village Hall Update.

The Clerk reported on many improvements that had been made to the Village Hall , which of course is independent of the Parish Council. These include new central heating, new lighting, WIFI provision, external weed clearance, and improved exit lighting. Much of the work had been undertaken by Cllr Singh in a voluntary capacity and the Council unanimously resolved that he should be thanked and congratulated for his efforts.

Date of next Meeting 17th October 2024