

**Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council on 17th October 2024
at Heskin Village Hall.**

Present, Cllr Mrs Bamber (Chair), Cllrs Elphick, Forshaw, Lloyd and Singh.

In attendance Mr A Whittaker, Clerk, and two members of the public.

1 The Chair welcomed the members of the public and invited them to address the Council.

The residents explained that they were present to advise the Council of their concerns regarding two items.

- a) Planning Application 24/00628/PP Permission in Principle.
One Dwelling Barmskin Lane.**
- b) The speed of vehicles on Barmskin Lane.**

Regarding a) The residents expressed concern

I) The description of “Planning in Principle”. Does it imply, if approved, a foregone conclusion regarding what may follow?

11 Could it lead to an extended development of the larger site to the rear of the proposed location.

111) The vague description of the proposed dwelling.

1V The inaccuracy in the documents about the site location in relation to the village of Heskin Village.

Council discussed the issues raised and concurred with the concerns expressed. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Chorley Borough Council of their concerns and seek clarification and reassurance.

Regarding b) Speed of Vehicles on Barmskin Lane

The residents described correspondence with LCC the Highway Authority and the unsatisfactory outcome thus far. The residents suggested that there was some disagreement /about whether the road should have been determined as 60MPH in the first place or / more

appropriately 30 MPH.

The road is a narrow winding road with some blind bends with few pavements. It is popular with horse riders, cyclists, and walkers (a walker was fatally injured last year). By any reasonable definition it is a dangerous rural road.

Council discussed the points raised by residents and RESOLVED that the Clerk write to LCC asking for clarification and a reduction in the speed limit.

The Clerk was also asked to involve Wroughtington Parish Council and seek their support.

The Chair thanked the residents for their attendance.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2024.

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

3 Matters arising from the Minutes.

a) The Clerk reported that the hedges on Stocks Lane had been cut.

b) Bench and Waste Bin on Town Lane Field.

The Clerk reported that the bench had not been cleaned due to inclement weather and Council agreed after discussion to relocate the bin away from the bench.

c) Speed Indicator Device on Wood Lane.

3 (c) continued

The Clerk reported further information and Council agreed seek support from Chorley Council and neighbouring Parishes and asked the Clerk to write to local businesses asking for financial support towards the cost of the SPID which was in the region of £4000.

4. Dog Fouling on Wood Lane.

Council discussed the recent comments on social media which were challenged for their accuracy. The Clerk was authorised to erect two warning signs aimed at potential residents that allow their dogs to foul.

5 Payment of Accounts.

Council noted the list of payments made since the last Council meeting, a copy of which is filed with the minutes.

6 Remembrance Day Arrangements 10th November.

Council agreed that the Chair would lay the Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at St James Church and the Clerk was asked to purchase two Wreaths, one for the Church and one for the Silent Soldier Statue at the Village Hall.

7 Speed Indicator Device. See Item 3(c) above

8 Pensioners Christmas Party 7th December.

Council discussed and approved the leaflets and notice to be distributed around the Village.

9 Heskin Best Kept Front Garden.

The Chair reported the result and the presentation of trophies.

10 Trees for Town Lane Field.

The Chair brought forward a recent communication from Chorley Council offering to supply free trees to Householders and Parishes. Council agreed to request four trees to be planted at the western end of the field to replace a tree that had been removed and to supplement the ecology.

11 Date of Next Meeting 19th December 2024.