

Minutes of a meeting of Heskin Parish Council held on Thursday 18th December 2025 at Heskin Village Hall

Present Cllr Mrs Bamber (Chair) Cllrs Woodroffe , Singh , Forshaw.

Apologies were presented and accepted from Cllrs Elphick and Lloyd.

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October.

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

2 Items raised by residents

Flooding on Town Lane. Members referred to recent correspondence from a resident. The Clerk reported that this matter had been referred to LCC Highways for urgent attention.

3 Heskin Parish Council Precept for 2026/2027.

The Clerk presented a report on the requirements from Chorley Borough Council. Copies had been circulated to all members. Councillors discussed a) last years increase of £2 on a Band D property, higher Bands pay more, lower bands pay less and b) the likely requirements for the 2026/2027 Financial Year. Councillors also considered the anticipated balance at the end of the Financial Year involved. Councillors resolved unanimously not to increase the precept this year. The Clerk was instructed to advise CBC.

4 Planning Matters

The Clerk presented details of 3 Applications

- a) 24 The Warings Noted**
- b) 25 Wood Lane Noted**
- c) Permission in Principle. Up to 5 Dwellings Land North of Wood Lane.**

Council discussed this item in some detail. Councillors were concerned about Highway Safety, Sewage, and the type of buildings to be erected. Council resolved to object to the application and asked for a more detailed application to be submitted, rather than an “Application in Principle”.

The Clerk was asked to notify the Borough Council Planning Department.

5 Payment of Accounts.

Councillors noted the payments. Details attached to these minutes.

6 Correspondence

- a) CPRE, Membership Renewed**
- b) LCC/CBC, Local Government Reorganisation.**

Councillors noted Government proposals and the various options which were being submitted. Councillors resolved to support the proposal for a Unitary Authority comprising Chorley BC, South Ribble BC, and West Lancs BC.

7 Update on Speed Indicator Device SPID

The Clerk presented correspondence from CBC and reported that a resident had objected to the provision. LCC are considering if the SPID can be moved slightly in the location. Councillors confirmed their desire for the SPID to be located as soon as possible

8 Lengthsman Vacancy

It was noted that one of the Lengthsmen had indicated his wish to finish at the end of December. Another Heskin resident has indicated his desire to take on the duties and member agreed that he could take on the work with effect from January for 3 months whilst enquiries are mad as to whether the post needs to be advertised.

9 Date of next meeting 19th February 2026