



**Heysham
Neighbourhood
Council**

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**Executive Meeting
Wednesday 24th October 2018
St Peters Church Hall, Heysham Village
Start: 19.30**

In The Chair: Peter Whaley

Secretary : Rob Kitchen

Members Present: Keith Browne, Mick Coffey, David Wilcock, Phil Keenan, David Brayshaw, Kath McVernon

Others present: Cllr Colin Hartley, Stuart Hale

1. **Apologies** – Cllr C Brayshaw, Sylvia Welberry, Allison Thomas
2. **Minutes of the meeting – 26th September 2018** at St Peter’s Church Hall, Heysham Village were accepted as a true record and were proposed by Mick Coffey and seconded by Keith Browne.

3. **Matters Arising**

A water fountain to be installed outside Heysham Village Institute – Peter to install

4. **Correspondence**

- (a) Email from Emma Gore regarding memorial benches – actioned ok
- (b) Letter from the Royal Mail regarding scan mail, asking local Councils to make the public aware
- (c) Email from Liz Holmes regarding Remembrance anniversary and whether any new roads in the Heysham area could be named in connection with the 100th anniversary – to be forwarded to Cllr Carla Brayshaw by the Chairman.
- (d) Email from David Brayshaw seeking funding for the draining work costs (£600) for the Bay Cottages Play area. The committee voted unanimously to agree to the funding.
- (e) Coastal Communications Team have invited the committee to a meeting on 12th November – Peter Whaley and David Brayshaw to attend.

5. **Finance**

Latest figures:

Current account	£7695.67
Facilities account	£2431.30
Reserve account:	£2108.03

6. Parish Council status

Cllr Hartley talked through the Parish Council outcome:

- Doorstep canvassing – 743 residents were ‘for’ and 418 were against
(719 residents ‘didn’t know’ as they were unaware what they were voting for or against)
- Written responses – 31 residents were ‘for’ and 54 were against

To summarise it was felt that the process was flawed as the Lancaster City canvassers were not clearly briefed on the benefits that a Parish Council would bring to Heysham – namely the costs for the village toilets, part-funding an anti-social behaviour officer, dog warden and a lengths man for an amount of £15 per year based on a Band D property.

Lancaster City Council did not allow the Parish Council status to go ahead, even after Cllr Hartley had put a good case forward on behalf of HNC – but it should be noted that an amendment was placed in the report for possibilities of HNC to go out to partition (suggestion of e-partitioning, Phil Keenan to investigate)

2018 Meeting Dates

Nov 28

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

