

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH APRIL 1982

PRESENT:-

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)

Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Handley, Harding, Iddon & Trippier

Apologies were received from Messrs Benson and
Molyneux and one member of the press was present
for part of the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Council stood in silent tribute
to the memory of Miss E M Cropper, former Chairman of the Council, who died ~~at~~ on the
Easter 8th April 1982.

180. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March 1982 be confirmed
and signed by the Chairman.

181. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area The plans promised by the District Council were
still awaited.
2. Repairs to seat, Hundred End A letter had been received from Barbican which
stated that the Excess was an All Sections Excess and therefore applied to third
party claims. The Clerk was asked to respond on the lines that their original
acceptance of the price was made in an open letter and the Parish Council expected
payment in full, it being for Barbican to reclaim the Excess from the Insured.
3. Tarleton County Primary School - Appointment of Governors

A further letter had been received from the Chief Education Officer concerning
the change in the constitution of the Governing Body. The Clerk was requested to
point out that the original letter had been sent to the Parish Council after
the first meeting of the new Governors and also that the Council did not accept
that it was impossible to advise all Governing Bodies.
4. Correspondence to Parish Council A further letter from the Assistant Chief
Executive Officer of the District Council concerning wrongly addressed mail was
noted.
5. Water Supply, Recreation Ground The Clerk reported that the North West Water
Authority had now agreed to reduce the charge by half the cost of the road crossing
and a cheque for £114 would be forwarded. It was further reported that this
reduction meant that the charge levied had been reduced to below the original
quotation. The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's appreciation to the Water
Authority and to inform Mr Watkinson of the outcome and thank him for his assistance
in this matter.

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6. Mortuary, Marsh Road The Clerk had forwarded the complaint to the District Council but had not received any response.

7. Aughton Parish Council - Playing Field Development The Chairman reported that Aughton was not really comparable with Hesketh-with-Becconsall as they had 14 acres of land which was being run as a going concern as against the 1.9 acres in this Parish. With regard to the Sports Council Grant it seemed as though the maximum grant had been allowed in view of the fact that four different sports were catered for on one site.

182. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Layfield Charity A letter from the Secretary of the Over Sixties Club requesting consideration for a grant from the Layfield Charity monies was noted and the Clerk was asked to place it on the file until the distribution for 1982 was being considered.

2. Good Neighbour Scheme The Council had been notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Good Neighbour Scheme was to be held on Friday the 30th April 1982 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. All Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils A letter detailing the amended programme for the Spring Conference had been received.

4. Red Rose Rambler A poster and leaflets outlining the scheme had been received. Mrs Birkby undertook to advertise the scheme in the next Newsletter and place the leaflets in a local shop. The Clerk undertook to put the poster on the Shore Road Notice Board.

5. West Lancashire District Council Agendas There were no items affecting the Parish.

183. FINANCE

1. Parish Precept The precept of £2,450 had been paid to the Council's bankers.

2. Receipt The cheque for £114 had been received from the North West Water Authority.

3. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) North West Water Authority - Standing Charge - £4.09

(b) Municipal Mutual Insurance - Third Party Insurance - £15.00

4. Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme A copy of the District Council Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme had been received.

184. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no members of the public present.

185. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Application No 8/82/151 - Development at Hundred End Lane Hesketh Bank

The District Council had confirmed that this development was within North Meols.

2. Application No 8/81/801 - Development at 38 Shore Road Hesketh Bank The District Council had informed this Council that compliance with the Enforcement Notice had

been extended from 12 months to 24 months following a suggestion by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That copies of the correspondence be forwarded to the Chairman of the Planning Committee with a request for justification of the grounds on which he made his suggestion to the Committee.

3. Weekly Lists

Application No 8/82/295 - Replacement cricket pavilion for Hesketh Bank Cricket Club

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer be informed that the Parish Council supports this application.

4. Planning Agenda - 29th April 1982 There were no items affecting this Parish.

186. RESOLUTIONS FROM ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY The following resolution had been passed at the Annual Assembly on the 29th March and had been referred to the Parish Council for further action:-

'That this Assembly gives consideration to ways of improving the environment of our Parish which has deteriorated considerably in recent years.'

RESOLVED: That the matter be taken forward in connection with the next item of business on the agenda.

187. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

(a) 1982 Competition Details had been received of the 1982 competition. Discussion took place on a number of items including the untidy state of the bottom of hedges, the work to be done on Station Road Bridge during the coming year, street cleansing generally and the possibility of arranging a yearly contract with a local man to carry out the duties formerly carried out by lengthsman.

RESOLVED: (1) That the village do not enter the 1982 Best Kept Village Competition.

(2) That the residents of the village be encouraged to keep the village tidy with a view to entering the competition next year.

(3) That the District Council be asked for the latest position with regard to street cleansing in rural areas.

(b) Schoolchildren's Photographic Competition Details of this competition had been received. Children were to be asked to photograph the best and worst features of the village. The Ormskirk Advertiser were interested in giving coverage to this competition.

RESOLVED: (1) That Mrs Birkby be requested to publicise the competition in the next Newsletter.

(2) That the Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE Primary School be asked to run the opening round in conjunction with the Parish Council.

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188. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Sewer Connection

RESOLVED: That Mr Watkinson be asked to bear in mind the need to carry on with the connection of the sewer when suitable.

(b) Hard Play Area The Chairman referred to the Aughton Parish Council Playing Field and the hard play area they had provided. The District Council had also mentioned this sort of provision. The members of the Recreation Committee were asked to look for a possible site for a hard play area when they next visited the Recreation Ground.

189. PLAY AREA SOUTH OF BECCONSALL HOTEL Reference was made to the comments made by the Planning Officer following this Council's response to the Written Statement of the Northern Parishes District Plan. It appeared that the District Council were concerned about future maintenance costs.

RESOLVED: That the District Council's Amenity Manager be approached concerning the provision of play areas envisaged in the Northern Parishes District Plan.

190. HIGHWAYS MATTERS It was reported that repair work had been carried out in Moss Lane and Station Road, that some work had been done on The Brow and work had started on the widening of Guide Road.

191. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Chairman had attended a meeting of the Area Committee and reported the following matters:-

1. Bus Helper Scheme A talk on this scheme had been given by Mr Morgan of Ribble Motors.
2. National Conference A report on the conference would only be sent to those Parishes who had sent donations to offset the cost.
3. Ormskirk Community Health Council Mr L Watson had been nominated for appointment and this was ratified. Councils were asked to forward nominations if requested.
4. Parish Precepts Scarisbrick had only precepted for $\frac{1}{2}$ p but the residents were being charged an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ p special precept. The Chairman reported, that this Council had now reverted to its previous position whereby we paid our own loan charges.
5. 'C' Schemes Suggestions had been requested for the next five years by the 15th May 1982. It was reported that it was not possible to comply with this request.
6. LDS Schemes 1982/83 Parishes had been asked about progress on schemes.

With regard to the provision of a bus shelter in Chapel Road near to Cropper Gardens several residents had indicated that they did not wish one to be erected there. It was reported that representations about bus shelters had been made about all three stops on the Preston to Southport side of Chapel Road.

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RESOLVED: That consideration be given to changing the site of the proposed bus shelter from Cropper Gardens to the stop by Charles Close subject to Mr Handley obtaining the views of residents who may be affected by the erection of a shelter at that place.

192. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II There were no items under this heading.

193. RATE DEMAND It was reported that the rate demands had been received and the option of two payments and the discount had been discontinued and that each demand had been manually altered. The District Councillor for the Parish had no knowledge of the changes.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance be requested to explain the changes which had caused a great deal of concern and distress to the Parish.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 24TH MAY 1982

PRESENT:- Mesdames Baxter, Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Aspinall, Handley, Harding, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr Benson and three members of the press and public were present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Mr P J Handley, seconded by Mrs N Blundell and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Mrs M Baxter be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1982/83.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mrs M Baxter formally signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Parish Council.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Mr S Iddon, seconded by Mr M Trippier and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Mr P J Handley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1982/83.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th April 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Page 1 In the reference to the death of Miss E M Cropper the words 'at Easter' be deleted and the words 'on the 8th April 1982' be inserted.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area The District Council had indicated that the site had been visited by a Landscape Architect from the Planning Department and suggestions would follow.

2. Repairs to seat, Hundred End A reply was awaited from the Insurance Company and the Clerk was asked to send them a reminder.

3. Tarleton County Primary School - Appointment of Governors A reply was awaited from the Chief Education Officer. Mrs N Blundell had received an invitation to attend a course for school governors although she was no longer a Governor of Tarleton School. Mr Iddon, the Council's representative, had not received an invitation. Mrs Blundell was advised to return the invitation to the Education Department.

4. Good Neighbour Scheme Mrs Trippier handed out copies of the sixth Annual Report of the Good Neighbour Scheme. The AGM had been attended by ten people who had been addressed by a speaker from Age Concern, Lancashire. A new Chairman would be elected at the next meeting of the Committee. Both the Luncheon Club and Handicrafts Club were prospering. Mrs Trippier was thanked for her report.

5. Red Rose Rambler A new poster indicating a special offer for Spring Bank Holiday had been affixed to the Moss Lane Notice Board and a supply of leaflets was given to Mrs Birkby for distribution.

6. Best Kept Village - Schoolchildren's Photographic Competition

The Chairman reported that Mr Shackleton, Headmaster of the local school had organised the competition in the school but had heard from a member of staff that the competition had been cancelled. The Clerk undertook to ask the Community Council of Lancashire by phone if the rumours were correct and notify the Chairman accordingly.

7. Play Area, South of Becconsall Hotel The letter from the Parish Council about this matter had been passed to the Assistant Director of Leisure Services for attention.

8. Rate Demand The Chairman indicated that prior to the last meeting she had misinterpreted information received from Mr Benson who apparently knew of the decision to withdraw the concession to allow payment in two instalments but did not know that all the rate demands would be manually altered by the staff of the Finance Department.

A letter had subsequently been received from the Director of Finance setting out the reasons for the changes in the method of payment of rates and pointing out that people could pay in two instalments for the current year only.

After discussions it was agreed that this was a short sighted policy which penalised those who wished to pay in two instalments against those who would not pay whatever the arrangements. It was suggested that the two payment option should be extended to future years. The Clerk was requested to forward these views to the Director of Finance.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
Layfield Committee

RESOLVED: That the Chairman (ex officio), Mrs N Blundell, Mrs D M Trippier and Mr M Trippier be appointed to serve on the Layfield Committee for a period of two years to the next Parish Council elections in 1984.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Council for the Protection of Rural England A conference was to be held at Samlesbury Hall on Monday the 14th June 1982 entitled 'Rural Housing and Employment Initiatives'. It was decided that the Parish Council would not be represented at the conference.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

(1) West Lancashire Area Committee

(a) Bus Helper Scheme A small supply of leaflets had been received and were distributed.

(b) Job Creation Programmes Comments were required on a proposal for the Parishes, as a body, to become a sponsor under the Job Creation Programme.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree in principle to the Parishes becoming a sponsor under the Job Creation Programme but has no schemes to put forward at present.

(c) 'C' schemes Details were required from Parishes of proposals for 'C' schemes.

RESOLVED: That the Area Committee be informed that the Parish Council have no such schemes at present.

(2) County Association

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(a) Paper by Chairman - Councillor J Peet

The Council had been asked for comments on a paper prepared by the Chairman of the County Association.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk forwards the following observations on the Chairman's paper to the County Association:-

- (1) Finance
- (1) Do not support rating reform which embodies a poll tax
 - (2) Would prefer to leave the charges for the Spring Conference and Training Courses as at present
 - (3) Agree to progressive increase in financial contribution to the CCL
- (2) Activities
- (4) Agree to experiment with training courses based on Area meetings. Suggest the courses be integrated into the meetings.
 - (5) Agree to repeat in 1982 the experiment of afternoon training session at the AGM.
 - (6) Do not agree to setting up of bursary fund to subsidise attendance at conferences etc by small parishes.
 - (7) Do not consider training pamphlets audio and video cassettes would be of much practical use.
- (3) Organisation
- (8) No comment on structure of Executive Committee.
 - (9) No comment on review of Sub-Committees.
 - (10) Support strengthening of Area Committee structure.

(b) Newsletter This included an item by Mr L Watson on purchasing a building which was passed to the Chairman.

3. West Lancashire District Council Council and Committee Minutes and Agendas had been received. There were no items affecting the Parish, It was noted that Mr Benson had been appointed to the Housing and Leisure Services Committees.

4. Lancashire Playing Fields Association An Agenda for the annual meeting and a copy of the annual report had been received and were handed to Mrs D M Trippier.

8. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid:-

(1) Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils - Annual Subscription etc - £82.35.

(2) Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Fidelity Guarantee - £10.00.

2. Bank Mandate

RESOLVED: (a) that any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr M Trippier be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council.

(b) that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to issue to the Bank requests and receipts for the delivery of securities, papers or other property.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parking on Station Road Bridge and speeding along Hesketh Lane/Station Road

Mrs Taylor and Mrs McLeod attended and voiced their concern at the problems caused by vehicles parking near the brow of the bridge and speeding vehicles at that point. Concern was also expressed about holes in the footway where it crosses the bridge.

10. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Application 8/81/801 - Development at 38 Shore Road

Councillor Clayton had responded to the Council that in his opinion and taking into account the applicants present circumstances a further period of time beyond that recommended by the Director of Planning was not unreasonable. Councillor Clayton's comments were noted.

2. Land at junction of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive

The Chairman reminded the Council that this matter had been raised but not resolved in 1980. The land was still used as a tip and further action appeared to be necessary.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Planning be requested to bring pressure on the proposed developer to tidy up the site.

3. The Green A letter had been received from a resident in the Green complaining about the parking of a 40 ft articulated vehicle partly on the footpath and also of an unauthorised business. The complainant had also written to the District Council and the local District Councillor.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council write to the Director of Planning in support of the complaint and requesting action to be taken.

4. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED: (1) That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 8/82/332 Details for replacement bungalow with garage, Clover Dene Farm, Shore Road
2. No 8/82/348 Conservatory extension at side of 67 Moss Lane.
3. No 8/82/370 Extension at rear of 4 Charles Close.

(2) That in respect of application No 8/82/362 Re-alignment of railway track, siting of water tank, and erection of toilet block the Director of Planning be informed that this Council have no objections to the toilet block and water tank but that whilst welcoming the raising of standards to a proper safety level they have reservations about the re-aligned track being located nearer to the rear of gardens in Beconsall Lane than at present.

(3) That in respect of application Nos 8/82/375 and 8/82/376 arrangements be made for the plans to be available for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

5. Planning Agenda 27th May 1982

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the following applications :-

1. No 8/82/231 Outline for detached house and garage with new vehicular access at rear of 125 Chapel Road.

2. No 8/82/295 Replacement cricket pavilion at Station Road.
3. No 8/82/348 Extension at side of 67 Moss Lane.

11. RECREATION GROUND

1. Swings etc It was reported that repairs were required to the swings.

RESOLVED: (1) that Mr N Marsden be requested to carry out necessary repairs to the swings as soon as possible.

(2) That the Clerk be requested to obtain information from the Director of Leisure Services about possible replacement swings made from heavy duty plastic or similar material.

2. Boundary Fence and Hedge

RESOLVED: That the Recreation Committee be requested to inspect the boundary fence and hedge as soon as possible and report back to the next meeting of the Council with appropriate recommendations.

12. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpath from Church Hall Gate to Becconsall Lane

A letter had been received from the Parochial Church Council who had approached the Divisional County Surveyor about the straightening of this footpath.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be requested to inform the Divisional County Surveyor that the Parish Council supports the request made by the Parochial Church Council.

2. Footpath 46 ~~(Becconsall Lane)~~ to Boatyard *at the W/Sa P*

The Parochial Church Council had written to the owner of the boatyard about rubbish deposited on the banking along this footpath. The action taken by the Parochial Church Council was noted.

3. Station Road Bridge

1. Proposed footway

RESOLVED: That the County Surveyor be asked for the up-to-date position in respect of the proposed footway together with a copy of the latest plan and that the County Surveyor's attention be drawn to the current state of the footway and fencing on the bridge.

2. Speeding of vehicles Station Road/Hesketh Lane

RESOLVED: That the Police be requested, in spite of the valiant efforts of local officers, to pursue a more active policy of policing the stretch of road in the vicinity of Station Road Bridge perhaps utilising radar.

13. STREET CLEANSING

1. District Cleansing Scheme The Director of Technical Services had indicated that a District Scheme was still under consideration and he was unable to divulge any details at present.

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2, Hedgerows

RESOLVED: That the Divisional County Surveyor be asked who is responsible for clearing out brambles and other weeds which grow out of the base of hedgerows.

14. USE OF PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS

1. West Lancashire District Council - Publicity Material

The Director of Leisure Services had requested permission to use village notice boards for the display of publicity material.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Director of Leisure Services be informed that the Council has no objection to the use of the three Parish Council notice Boards for the display of publicity material.

(2) That the Clerk be authorised to receive and display such material subject to it being convenient and at his discretion.

2. Youth Club

RESOLVED: That the Youth Club be given permission to use the three Parish Council Notice Boards to publicise this years Country Market and Fair which will be held on the 7th August 1982.

15. STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

16. BUS SHELTER CHAPEL ROAD Mr Handley had spoken to the house holders who would be directly affected by the erection of a bus shelter at the junction of Charles Close and Chapel Road, none of whom had any objections.

A petition had been received from residents of Cropper Gardens against the provision of a bus shelter at Cropper Gardens.

RESOLVED: That the bus sheltered to be provided in Chapel Road from the LDS allocation for 1982/83 be located at the junction of Charles Close and Chapel Road and not at Cropper Gardens as previously decided and that the County Surveyor be informed as soon as possible.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

18. PLANNING MATTERS PART II

Planning Committee - 27th May 1982

Application No 8/81/1126 - Outline for agricultural Workers dwelling at 157 Moss Lane

(Mrs N Blundell declared an interest in this item)

RESOLVED: (1) That no comments be made on this application.

(2) That the Clerk be authorised to request from the Director of Planning details of the mechanics of serving and enforcing Enforcement Notices.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 21ST JUNE, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Aspinall, Handley, Harding, Iddon and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr Benson and Mr Rimmer (Clerk)
and no members of the press and public were present.

19. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th May, 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Page 2 Minutes Nos 9 and 10 to be renumbered 6 and 7 respectively.

Page 5 Minute 12(2) "Footpath 46 Becconsall Lane to Boatyard" to read "Footpath 46 at the Boatyard."

20. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. REPAIRS TO SEAT, HUNDRED END A cheque for £45.25 had been received from Barbican Insurance which represented full and final payment of the Council's claim.

2. TARLETON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNORS A reply was still awaited from the Chief Education Officer.

3. BEST KEPT VILLAGE - SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION It had been ascertained and the school notified that the competition was definitely on. It was agreed that judging of entries prior to the best ones being forwarded to the Community Council of Lancashire should be done by the full Council, if a meeting date is convenient, or by calling a special meeting of the Recreation Committee.

4. PLAY AREA SOUTH OF BECCONSALL HOTEL

A reply was still awaited from the District Council.

5. RATE DEMAND The Director of Finance had indicated that a report would be made to a future meeting of a committee of the District Council about the Rates etc for 1983/84 and the Council's correspondence would be picked up at that time.

6. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS A receipt had been received in acknowledgement of the annual subscription for 1982/83.

7. PLANNING MATTERS - (a) LAND AT GLENPARK DRIVE AND SHORE ROAD The Director of Planning had indicated that his department were trying to find the present owner of the land and would keep this Council informed of progress.

(b) THE GREEN A reply was still awaited from the District Council.

(c) APPLICATION NO 8/82/362 - EXTENSIONS TO LIGHT RAILWAY
The Council's comments had been forwarded to both the Director of Planning and the Light Railway members.

8. USE OF PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS FOR PUBLICITY MATERIAL The first batch of material had been received and in the temporary absence of the Clerk would be dealt with by the Chairman.

9. BUS SHELTER CHAPEL ROAD The County Council had been notified of the change of location and Mr Ashcroft had been informed of the decision not to proceed with a shelter near to Cropper Gardens.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS The Chairman referred to the recent circular and brought several points to the attention of the Council including the appointment of Mr J M Topping to liaise with Parish Councils. It was reported that the bus stop sign at Hundred End for passengers travelling to Preston was 20 yards away from the shelter.

RESOLVED: That Ribble Motors be requested to reposition the bus stop sign by the bus shelter.

2. LANCASHIRE VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION The presentation of awards was to be held at Much Hoole on Saturday the 3rd July. Mrs Birkby was attending on behalf of the Youth Club and would report back to the Parish Council.

3. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEES There were no items directly affecting this Parish.

4. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE A copy of the agenda and minutes for the meeting held on the 10th June had been received and were noted.

22. FINANCE

1. MAINTENANCE OF RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED: That Mr Norris be paid £1.10 per hour for work for the Parish Council.

2. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid

- (a) B W Rimmer Esq - Clerks Salary and expenses £139.41
- (b) W Norris Esq - Work at Recreation Ground 8 hours at £1.10 per hour £8.80
- (c) North West Water Authority - Standing charge for water meter £6.00

3. RECEIPTS Barbican Motor Policies - Seat at Hundred End £45.25

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

24. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. ENFORCEMENT NOTICES A letter had been received from the Director of Planning setting out the procedures adopted by the District Council in respect of the service and enforcement of enforcement notices.

2. APPLICATIONS NOS 8/82/375 AND 8/82/376 - CONVERSION OF BARNS, SHORE FARM, SHORE ROAD, HESKETH BANK The plans for the development had been obtained and were considered by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the following observations be made to the Director of Planning:-

- (1) The Council have strong reservations on the possibility of more traffic using this access point.
- (2) Whilst not objecting to the conversions as such the Council believe that if it is permitted then no further farm buildings should be built on this farm area.

3. WEEKLY PLANNING LISTS

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (1) No 8/82/415 - Extensions to club room, Hesketh Bank, Bowling Club
- (2) No 8/82/480 - Change of use from living accommodation to office use at 7/9 Station Road.

4. PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA - 24TH JUNE, 1982

1. PLANNING APPEAL DECISION - HENRY ALTY LTD, DEVELOPMENT AT NEWARTH LANE The application was dismissed but the Inspector pointed out that the District Council Officers had indicated that the Council might be disposed to give sympathetic consideration to a revised application.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council are very alarmed at the suggestion made in the decision that a revised application may receive sympathetic consideration by the Council for the following reasons:-

- (a) The Northern Parishes District Plan indicates that no more estates should be built in the Parish.
- (b) The pressure on existing over used services would be intolerable.

Furthermore the Council would like to see the **Planning Director's comments**, as mentioned in the item at an early date and the District Council should be reminded that the Parish Council are currently in correspondence with the District Council regarding a play area.

2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (a) No 8/82/370 - Extension at 4 Charles Close
- (b) No 8/82/332 - Details of replacement bungalow, Clover Dene Farm, Shore Road
- (c) No 8/82/415 - Extension to Hesketh Bank Bowling Club

25. GLENPARK DRIVE - PLAY AREA

The District Council had submitted three possible solutions to the problems at this play area as follows:-

- (1) Ignore the complaint and leave situation as at present.
- (2) Sell off the whole area to a builder for development.
- (3) Sell off a section of the area to adjacent houses and develop remainder as a small recreation area to include a toddlers play area.

A plan of option (3) had been provided.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be informed that this Council favours option (3). Furthermore it is assumed that the District Council would provide screening and then the provision of play equipment could be discussed between the two Councils.

26. RECREATION GROUND

The Recreation Committee had met to inspect the ground, a report was given and the suggestions made by the Committee were considered.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) Mr Iddon be authorised to ask Mr Bond to cut the grass edges and the hedges.
- (2) Mr Iddon be authorised to ask Mr Norris to weedkill the car park area.
- (3) The Boys Football Club be asked if they will paint the hut provided the Parish Council provide the paint.
- (4) Mr Iddon be authorised to purchase replacement mesh for the parts of the fence which are damaged.
- (5) Mr Iddon be authorised to try to obtain a large pipe to be utilised as play equipment.
- (6) The Clerk be requested to obtain literature about play equipment.
- (7) Steps be taken to ascertain the ownership of the trailer (OTD 98OK) which is permanently parked on the car park.

27. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. HEDGEROWS The Divisional County Surveyor had indicated that he was responsible for the cutting of verge growth on the highways side of hedges. It was noted that work had been done in Shore Road.

RESOLVED: That the Divisional County Surveyor be:-

- (1) thanked for attending to the hedge growth in Shore Road.
- (2) asked to look at Shore Road again in one months time.
- (3) requested to look at Boundary Lane, The Brow and Titmouse Brow.
- (4) asked to look at the problems caused by long grass at the junction of Charles Close and Chapel Road.

2. STATION ROAD BRIDGE - SPEEDING PROBLEMS The Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale was to look into the problems.

3. FOOTWAY CHURCH HALL GATE - BECCONSALL LANE The Divisional County Surveyor had asked for details of the ownership of the land.

RESOLVED: That the Divisional County Surveyor be informed of the name and address of the Secretary to the Parochial Church Council.

4. STATION ROAD BRIDGE - FOOTWAY, FENCING ETC A reply was still awaited from the County Surveyor.

28. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II PLANNING COMMITTEE 24TH JUNE, 1982

APPLICATION NO 8/82/27 PLACE OF WORSHIP, REAR OF 45 MOSS LANE

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on this application.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 19TH JULY 1982

PRESENT:

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mrs D Trippier
Messrs Benson, Handley, Harding, Iddon
Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mesdames Birkby and Blundell and no members of the press or public were present.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st June 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Tarleton County Primary School - Governors

A letter from the Chief Education Officer apologising for the cross lines that occurred between his office and the calling of the first Governors meeting and giving an explanation of how that appeared to have happened was noted. It was agreed to let the matter rest.

Mr Iddon was asked to find out who acts as Clerk to the Governors at this school.

2. Play Area South of Becconsall Hotel A reply was still awaited and the Clerk undertook to send a reminder.

3. The Green (Planning Problem) A reply was still awaited and the Clerk undertook to send a reminder.

4. Bus Shelter - Chapel Road The Clerk was requested to inform the County Surveyor that the shelter should be on the pavement not the grassed area and that the Council would wish to be represented at a site meeting.

5. Bus Sign - Hundred End The Clerk was requested to suggest to Ribble Motors that the bus stop sign could be placed on the shelter.

6. Lancashire Village Ventures Competition Mrs Birkby had not been able to attend but it was reported that the presentation followed the programme already mentioned.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Committee Meetings

It had been reported to the Technical Services Committee that work was due to start on Station Road Bridge in September 1982 and also that Shore Road east of Dib Lane was to be reconstructed.

2. District Council Committee Minutes

It was reported that planning application No 8/81/1126 - Agricultural Workers Dwelling at 157 Moss Lane had been approved by the full Council.

3. Local Council Review

The summer edition had been received.

4. Electricity Consultative Council (North West)

A copy of the annual report had been received.

32. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid:-

West Lancashire District Council - Repayment of loan charges - £332.98
J & C Bond - Hedge Trimming - £36.80

2. Parish Council Finance The Clerk undertook to seek the advice of the Director of Finance of the District Council regarding the availability of the 1 pence precept.

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no items under this heading.

34. PLANNING MATTERS PART I

1. Place of worship - Moss Lane It was reported that this application had been approved with conditions but that problems still existing with regard to the proposed access from Moss Lane.

2. Planning Application No 8/80/1152 - 120 dwellings at Newarth Lane The Director of Planning was still considering the remarks made by the Appeal Inspector and would write again at a later date.

3. Planning Application No 8/82/593 - 78 dwellings at Sydney Avenue

This was a revised application made in the light of the Appeal Inspector's comments on No 8/80/1152.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's objection to the application be registered with the District Council utilising the same reasons as put forward in objecting to the previous application with the addition of the following extra reasons:-

1. Lack of employment opportunities
2. Traffic problems which would be caused at the junction of Station Road and Rankin Avenue
3. In the region of 1/5 of the housing stock of the parish is already for sale.

4. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED: that no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 8/82/500 Continuance of use of dwelling without compliance with condition 2 imposed on application 8/6/14/05 - 37 Beconsall Lane.

2. No 8/82/504 First floor extensions at 78 Moss Lane

3. No 8/82/509 Amendments to previously approved plan for bungalow and garage - "Gracelands" Anchorage Avenue.

4. No 8/82/531 Alterations at 62, Moss Lane

5. No 8/82/557 Amendments to previously approved plan for detached house and garage - Plot 2 Granville Avenue.

6. No 8/82/565 External chimney breast at 19 Cropper Gardens.

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5. Planning Committee - 22nd July 1982

It was reported that applications Nos 8/82/504, 8/82/509, 8/82/565, 8/82/531 and 8/82/557 detailed above were all recommended for approval.

6. Business Premises

RESOLVED: (1) That the Director of Planning be requested to investigate the business being conducted at 211 Moss Lane.

(2) that members of the Council monitor the situation at 56 Moss Lane.

7. Caravans in Rural Areas

RESOLVED: That the Clerk requests a reply to the letter sent in March concerning caravans in Boundary Lane.

35. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk requests that the annual rental of £3 per plot be paid before the next meeting of the Council.

(2) that Mr O'Brien be given notice to quit his allotment on the grounds that it has not been cultivated since he took possession in February 1982.

(3) that the tenants be notified that the rental will be increased to £5 per plot with effect from the 1984/85 growing season ie when the rents are due to be paid in August 1983.

(4) that Mr E Iddon be allowed to continue his tenancy of two plots on the grounds that he is now living within 1 mile of the Parish.

36. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Play Equipment A letter from the District Council concerning the repair of equipment was noted. The Clerk reported that the Lancashire Playing Fields Association had money available for grants and that the Association's Technical Adviser was the Director of Leisure Services at West Lancashire District Council. It was suggested that the timber equipment was suitable for the Glenpark Drive area.

2. Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: (1) That Mr Iddon be requested to ask the Pigeon Club to keep the car park entrance clear when the transport van is picking up baskets.

(2) that Mr Iddon purchases a roll of chain link fencing from Mr Ashcroft and arranged for Mr Norris to fix same to fence alongside Shore Road. W/S

(3) that Mr Marsden be requested to repair the roundabout and cut down the swing that has been left wrapped around the top bar.

(4) that the County Council be asked if they would keep the slope at the Shore Road end of the ground mown, by carrying out the work with the small mower they use at the school.

(5) that the District Council be asked if they could assist this Council be mowing in between the trees planted near the edge of the ground.

In addition to the above it was reported that Mr Iddon had booked a large concrete pipe which would be supplied when one was available, that the Clerk had still to approach the Football Club about painting the hut and that a complaint had been received following the hedge trimming by Mr Bond. Mr Bond

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had stated that he did not clear up himself as he usually relied on someone being with him to do that task. It was agreed that in future Mr Norris would be asked to be available when hedge trimming was being carried out.

37. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge

(a) New footway etc A plan had been received which showed that the bridge was to be filled in and the existing footway widened with a new fence provided as well as a sloped footway being constructed from Cherry Vale to the bridge. The County Surveyor expected the work to start in October. With regard to parking restrictions, they could only be considered if a car park was provided adjacent to the shops.

(b) Traffic Problems The Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale had made some recommendations to Hutton Headquarters and would write again at a later date.

2. FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The District Council had asked the Council to indicate possible locations for new footway lighting. Mr Benson had already suggested the far end of Guide Road as a possible site.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Technical Services be informed that this Council could suggest up to five sites but would wish to pinpoint the places which seem to be the most dangerous and would forward a list in about a months time.

3. LITTER BINS

RESOLVED: That Mr Benson takes up the question of the emptying of the Moss Lane litter bin with the District Council.

38. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

A report was given on the Annual Meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee. All officers had been re-elected and discussion had taken place on the engaging of lengthsman by Parish Councils subject to the District Council making funds available and also about 'C' schemes ie large parish projects.

RESOLVED: (1) That this Council agree in principle to co-operating with the idea of engaging a lengthsman in the Parish subject to the District Council supplying sufficient funds.

(2) That the Clerk be requested to look back in the records to ascertain what 'C' schemes were submitted when the subject was last raised.

39. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SCHOOL CHILDRENS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

RESOLVED: That the photographs submitted by Gareth Edwards be submitted to the Community Council of Lancashire.

40. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II

Planning Committee - 22nd July, 1982

Application Nos 8/82/375 and 376 Conversion of barns into dwellings at Shore Farm, Shore Road.

RESOLVED: That no further comments be made on this application.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 16TH AUGUST 1982

PRESENT

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Harding, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Messrs Benson and Handley and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

41. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That subject to the correction of the following minor errors the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1 The date amended from 9182 to 1982
Page 2 Minute 34(1) 'Existing' in line 2 to read 'exist'.
Page 3 Minute 36(2)(2) 'arranges' in line 2 to read 'arrange'.

42. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Bus Stop sign, Hundred End It was reported that the sign had been placed on the telegraph pole alongside the bus shelter.

43. CORRESPONDENCE

1. T.V. Licence Refunds A letter had been received from the Director of Finance which indicated that late claims would be accepted for this year only. Parish Councillors were requested to inform as many eligible people as possible. Mrs Birkby agreed to mention it in the next Parish Diary.

2. District Council Minutes It was noted that the Policy and Resources Committee had confirmed the allocation of £400 to Aughton Parish Council as the final allocation from the £10,000 Parish Council Capital Allocation for 1982/83.

44. FINANCE

1. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid:-

- (a) M Marsden - Repairs to swings £80.47
- (b) W Norris - Work on recreation ground £8.80

2. Audit of Accounts It was reported that the annual audit would take place at Ormskirk on Wednesday the 8th September at 11.00 am. The accounts would be on deposit at 79 Station Road from the 27th August to the 2nd September 1982 inclusive between 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm.

3. Precept The Clerk explained availability of the precept. The following items were to be charged against the parish precept:-

- 1. All general expenses
- 2. Concurrent expenses
- 3. Loan charges
- 4. Concurrent expenditure incurred by District Council on maintenance of public open space.

If there was any money left after all that expenditure had been accounted for then the balance could be kept by the Parish Council. If any part of

items 2, 3 and 4 above brought the cumulative total above the total precept then any remaining costs would be borne by the District Council.

45. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no items under this heading.

46. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Caravans in rural areas. The Director of Planning had indicated that no planning permission was required for the caravan at 10 Boundary Lane whilst further information was awaited about the one at 4 Boundary Lane.

2. Business use of premises

(a) Moss Lane The Director of Planning had indicated that there was no evidence of a material change of use at 211 Moss Lane.

(b) The Green The problem of parking on the footway had been referred to the Director of Technical Services and the complainant informed that the Police may be able to help. The use of the land for business purposes could continue even if the land were sold or the owner left the locality. Consideration was being given to action in respect of the untidy condition of the site.

3. Application No 8/80/1152 - Development at Newarth Lane

The Director of Planning had forwarded a copy of a letter he had sent to the Department of the Environment requesting clarification of statements made by the Inspector who determined the Appeal against the refusal of this application.

4. West Lancashire Light Railway A letter had been received from the Light Railway together with a revised plan and an explanatory memorandum to the Director of Planning.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Planning be informed that the Council wishes to re-iterate its previous remarks, suggests that the current application be not considered pending compliance with the conditions attached to the previous approval, and requests the Director to keep a close watch on the situation in future to ensure compliance with all conditions.

5. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED: (1) that no comment be made on the following applications:-

(a) No 8/82/589 Demolition of porch and erection of extensions at Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane.

(b) No 8/82/594 Extensions at 64 Shore Road.

(c) No 8/82/606 Extensions at 45 Shore Road.

(d) No 8/82/624 Full application for detached bungalow with garage and access at 115 Station Road.

(e) No 8/82/652 Erection of garage at 'Sunnybank' Guide Road.

(f) No 8/82/664 Erection of garage at 18 Cherry Vale.

(2) that no further comments be made at this stage on the following application:-

No 8/82/593 Outline application for 78 houses at Sidney Avenue.

6. Planning Committee 19th August 1982

It was reported that applications Nos 8/82/589 and 8/82/594 outlined above were included on the agenda for the meeting of the Planning Committee.

47. ALLOTMENTS The Clerk reported that following the last meeting letters had been sent to the tenants requesting payment of the rental for 1983/84 at £3 per plot and notifying the tenants of an increase in rental to £5 per plot for 1984/85. Mr O'Brien had been given notice to quit on the 31st January 1983. Mr Iddon reported that he had received payment for 17 plots ie £51 and Mr Harding had received payment from Mr E Iddon for 2 plots ie £6. There had been no response from Mr O'Brien and no complaints about the increase in rents to £5 per annum.

Mr Iddon reported that Mr Taylor, although paying his rental for next year had said that he would be giving up his plot on the 31st January 1983.

Consideration was given to the allocation of the vacant plots in the light of the current waiting list which was as follows:-

1. Mrs S J Whiteside
2. Mr R Aughton Jnr
3. Mr J Buck
4. Mr W J Moss
5. Mr M H Baxter

RESOLVED: (1) that the Clerk be requested to obtain confirmation in writing that Mr Taylor wishes to vacate his plot.

(2) that Mrs Whiteside's name be deleted from the waiting list.

(3) that the vacant plot (vice Mr O'Brien) be allocated to Mr Buck and the Clerk be requested to ask Mr Buck to confirm his acceptance in writing and forward the annual rental of £3.

(4) that the Clerk be requested to ask Mr Moss to confirm in writing if he is still interested in a plot.

(5) that the allocation of Mr Taylor's plot, if it is to become vacant, be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

48. RECREATION GROUND

1. Car Park Entrance Mr Iddon had told the Pigeon Club that the Council would be obliged if the transporter did not block the car park entrance.

2. Chain Link fencing - Shore Road Mr Iddon reported on the type of fencing he could obtain.

RESOLVED: that the fence be patched up using the fencing mentioned by Mr Iddon, who would also arrange for Mr Norris to carry out the work.

3. Play equipment It was reported that Mr Marsden had repaired the roundabout and the swing that had been wrapped around the top bar.

4. Grass Cutting

(a) County Council The Chairman had met a representative from the Playing Fields Department regarding the area around the equipment and the slope to the car park. The area between the path and the boundary hedge was also mentioned. The Chairman had been told that the County Council would send a hand mower to cut the grass to see if the ground was suitable for the gang mower.

(b) District Council The Chairman had met a representative of the Leisure Services Department who was optimistic that approximately 16,000 sq metres behind the trees could be looked after by that department.

5. Changing Hut

(a) Painting by Boys Football Club No reply had been received to the Council's suggestion.

(b) Planning permission for new building The Boys Football Club had indicated that it would cost £200+ to obtain planning permission and they requested the Council to give further consideration to meeting that expense.

RESOLVED: That the Boys Football Club be informed that the Council considers that the Club should show their support for the project by putting some financial input into the scheme.

6. Use of recreation ground by organisations The Boys Football Club had informed the Council that they would be using the facilities on most Saturdays and Sundays during the forthcoming football season.

RESOLVED: (1) that the Boys Football Club be informed that use of the facilities is granted at the discretion of the Council on a yearly basis.

(2) that use for the 1982/83 football season be granted on the same terms as in previous years.

(3) that in future years any application must be received at the end of the season for use for the following season.

(4) that in the event of the application not being received by the date specified then permission may be withheld.

7. Completion of sewer connection

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be requested to ask Mr Watkinson when he expects to carry out the work and also to give an explanation as to why the work has not been carried out already.

8. Recreation area to the south of Beconsall Hotel A letter had been received from the Assistant Director of Leisure Services which did not answer the basic question put by this Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be requested to ask the Assistant Director to say why the scheme had not been progressed during the past four years.

49. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footway lighting

RESOLVED: That the following locations be suggested as possible sites for new footway lights:-

- (a) Guide Road - By Westgate Farm
- (b) Marsh Road - Between Sunnydale and Rosedale
- (c) Boundary Lane, Hundred End(2) - Between Heath Farm and Briarfield and at the boundary of the parish adjacent to West Point, Boundary Meanygate.
- (d) Shore Road (2) - Interspersed between existing lights on the stretch of road between Ribble View Farm and Hundred End Lane.

2. Footpaths The Chairman referred to footpath 26 where it had been interrupted by two indentations and reported that there was no way that the path could be reinstated on its original line.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be requested to ask the County Surveyor what steps are being taken to secure reinstatement of footpath 26.

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It was reported that the bin at the corner of Moss Lane was being emptied but the area around the bin was untidy with litter all over the place.

4. Station Road Bridge It was reported that unofficial tracks had been made in the banking of the bridge by persons seeking a short cut from Cherry Vale to the summit. It was further considered that this practice would continue even when the new footway had been provided.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be requested to ask the County Surveyor to consider providing a footwalk of steps from Cherry Vale to a point nearer to the summit of the bridge than the point where the new footway will meet the existing footway on Station Road.

5. Traffic problems on Station Road Bridge The recommendations of the Chief Constable were still awaited.

50. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

1. Bus Shelter - Chapel Road A letter had been received from the County Surveyor which had crossed in the post with one sent by the Clerk. The County Surveyor had suggested that the new shelter should be sited on the grass verge. This was unacceptable to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reaffirms this Council's request to be present at a site meeting to explain the proposals and indicates to the County Surveyor the type of shelter envisaged.

2. Maintenance of bus shelter

RESOLVED: That Mr Marsden be requested to submit an estimate for the following work:-

(a) Bus shelter outside church - Repair and replace back panels and repair roof. In addition suggestions to be requested as to how the back panels could be fixed more firmly to prevent them being lifted out.

(b) Bus shelter outside Recreation Ground car park - repair roof.

3. Discover Lancashire by bus The County Council in conjunction with the Community Council of Lancashire were to prepare a leaflet listing places of interest which could be reached by bus. It was agreed that there were no suitable places in the parish which could be included in the leaflet.

51. PRESCRIPTIONS Concern was expressed that prescriptions requested from Tarleton Health Centre were automatically left at the chemist in Tarleton. It was pointed out that the patient should have the choice of which chemist to use and that people using the doctor in Hesketh Lane were asked at which chemist they wished the prescription to be left.

It was suggested that the next time a request for a prescription was made to the Health Centre, then the patient should ask the Centre to leave the prescription at the chemist in Hesketh Bank.

52. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II

Planning Committee Agenda - 19th August 1982

1. Application No 8/82/376 - Conversion of barn into dwelling at Shore arm, Shore Road

RESOLVED: That no further comments be made on this application.

2. Application No 8/82/500 - Continued use of dwelling without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition - 37 Becconsall Lane

RESOLVED: That no comments be made in respect of this application but the Director of Planning be informed that this Council hopes that no further development will be allowed on the North side of Becconsall Lane to the east of this property.

53. STANDING ORDERS During consideration of planning application No 8/82/500 it was

RESOLVED: that the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1982

PRESENT

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)

Mesdames Blundell and Trippier

Messrs Aspinall, Benson, Handley, Harding, Iddon ~~and~~ Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mrs Birkby and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August, 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

55. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No matters were raised under this heading.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Becconsall Old Church Burial Ground. A letter had been received from All Saints Parochial Church Council requesting payment of the annual grant towards the upkeep of the burial ground at Becconsall Old Church and also asking for consideration to be given to an increase in the grant. The Clerk reported that £50 was included in the Annual Estimates for this purpose. It was agreed to discuss the item under 'Finance'.

2. Best Kept Village Competition. A copy of a press notice issued by the Community Council of Lancashire had been received which set out the results of this years competition together with the results of the school childrens photographic competition. The Clerk was requested to write to the entrant from the parish to thank him for his entry and to let him know the results.

3. District Council Committees. There appeared to be no items affecting the Parish.

57. FINANCE

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:-

- (1) All Saints PCC - Grant for burial ground - £50.00
- (2) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription - £5.00
- (3) B W Rimmer - Clerks salary and expenses - £136.38.

58. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. There were no items under this heading.

59. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Caravans in rural areas. The Director of Planning had now indicated that planning permission was not required for the caravan at 4, Boundary Lane as the caravan was considered to be incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house.

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2. Application No 8/80/1152 - Newarth Lane - H Alty Ltd. The Director of Planning had forwarded a copy of a reply from the Department of the Environment with regard to the decision of the Appeal Inspector.

RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be thanked for the letter but that the Council are disappointed with the content and find it difficult to understand why the Department could not be more enlightening. The Director was also to be reminded about the continuing sewer problems.

3. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED that no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (1) No 8/82/726 - Extensions at side of 1A Mill Lane
- (2) No 8/82/757 - Extensions at rear of 90 Moss Lane

4. Planning Committee Agenda - 16th September 1982

RESOLVED that no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (1) No 8/82/664 - Detached garage at 18 Cherry Vale
- (2) No 8/82/652 - Attached garage at 'Sunny bank', Guide Road.

60. ALLOTMENTS. The Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had requested Mr Taylor to confirm he was giving up his allotment, offered an allotment to Mr Buck and asked Mr Moss if he was still interested in an allotment. No response had been received from Mr Taylor, Mr Buck had accepted the terms of the allotment and forwarded £3 as payment for 1983/84 and Mr Moss had indicated his interest and forwarded a cheque for £3.

RESOLVED (1) that a further letter be sent to Mr Taylor, to be delivered by Mr S Iddon, requesting confirmation that he was giving up in January 1983.

(2) that the question of whether ~~an~~ allotment be allocated to Mr Moss be deferred pending confirmation being received from Mr Taylor.

61. RECREATION GROUND

1. Changing hut. The Boys Football Club had declined to paint the hut even with the Council supplying the paint as they thought it was the Council's responsibility. The policy with regard to the use of the building was discussed together with possible solutions to the painting problem.

RESOLVED (1) that starting with the current football season a rental be charged for the use of the changing hut and the Boys Football Club be notified of this with the actual amount to be decided at the next meeting of the Council.

(2) that Mr S Iddon be authorised to approach Mr Ball to see if he would paint the hut for the Council, the Council to buy the paint and pay Mr Ball £30 for his services.

2. Sewer Connection. Two letters from Mr Watkinson were read which indicated that no contractor would give an estimate for the work required to complete the job although one firm would be prepared to consider the contract at day work rates.

RESOLVED that the Director of Technical Services of the District Council be approached for advice and assistance to secure completion of the project.

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3. Glenpark Drive Play Area. The District Council were proposing to offer the area at the rear of the play area to adjoining householders with any money received being used for landscaping work. The Leisure Services Department were to cost the playground equipment for their proposed scheme.

4. Use of football pitch. The Boys Club would only be using the pitch on average on two occasions each weekend.

5. Chain link fencing. Mr Iddon was awaiting delivery of the fencing and Mr Norris had agreed to fix it in place.

6. Grass Cutting. The Chairman was annoyed that a letter had still not been received from the Playing Fields Department at Preston.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to send a reminder to the County Council.

7. Recreation Ground South of Beconsall Hotel

Mr Benson reported that the Director of Leisure Services would be writing in the near future about this proposed scheme.

62. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge. The County Surveyor had thanked the Parish Council for their constructive suggestion concerning a stepped footway at the bridge and he would cost the scheme to see if it could be done in addition to the ramped footway. Mr Glover from Ormskirk had also been approached by the Chairman and he had also thought it was a good idea and he would try to arrange a site meeting once the work on the footway had started.

2. Footpath 25 and 26. A copy of a letter to the County Surveyor from Mrs T Hornby concerning these footpaths had been received. The letter described an incident which happened on Sunday when a party of walkers had been accused of trespassing when they tried to walk around those parts of the footpaths which had been removed.

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RESOLVED (1) that a letter be sent to the County Surveyor supporting the representations made by Mrs Hornby and requesting action to secure reinstatement of the footpaths.

(2) that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive/ Clerk and County Councillor Miss S R Taylor.

(3) that Mrs Hornby be informed of the action being taken by the Parish Council.

(4) that the County Surveyor be requested to inform the Council of the latest position with regard to a footpath being provided on the new bank constructed by Mr Crook.

3. Litter bins. More complaints had been received about the bin at the junction of Moss Lane and Station Road.

RESOLVED that Mr Benson be requested to ascertain from the District Council exactly what they do with regard to emptying, providing and replacing litter bins.

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4. Sewer Problems. Complaints had been received about raw sewage in gardens in Guide Road and in the open ditch opposite the former Northern Developments development in Shore Road.

RESOLVED that the Director of Technical Services be requested to investigate the complaints and take any action necessary to alleviate the problems.

63. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Joint Liaison Committee. It was reported that the meeting due to be held on the 2nd September 1982 had been cancelled, the next meeting would be on 2nd December 1982 unless the Chairman considered it necessary to call a special meeting.

2. Annual General Meeting. This would be held on Saturday the 6th November, 1982 at 11.00 a.m. at County Hall, Preston. Delegates would need to be nominated at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Newsletter. The following items were noted:-

(a) Amenity Cleaning. A report on an experiment in Fylde Borough whereby Parishes employed a man to carry out amenity cleaning was read to the Council and noted.

(b) Sub Post Offices. Attention was drawn to Sub Post Offices which issued Motor Vehicle Licences and requesting support in order to keep that facility available. The post office in Hesketh Lane issued such licences and it was agreed that Mrs Birkby be requested to include an item to that effect on the next newsletter.

64. BUS SHELTER CHAPEL ROAD. Mr Handley reported on the site meeting held to discuss the Council's proposal to site a new shelter at the junction of Chapel Road and Charles Close. The Council had been requested to forward a site plan and details to the County Surveyor when official approval would be given together with any conditions required by the County Council.

RESOLVED (1) that the Clerk be requested to forward the necessary information to the County Council.

(2) that Mr Marsden be requested to supply an estimate for the provision of the shelter.

65. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II
Planning Committee 16th September 1982

RESOLVED that no comments be made on the following applications:-

(1) Report No 2 No 8/82/362 West Lancashire Light Railway

(2) Report No 7 No 8/82/376 Conversion of barn into dwelling, Shore Farm, Shore Road.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 11TH OCTOBER, 1982

PRESENT

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Handley, Iddon and Trippier

Apologies were received from Messrs Harding and Molyneux and seven members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

66. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that, subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September, 1982, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1. Mr Trippier being added to the list of members present

Page 3 Minute 62(2) the words "the 5th September 1982" being added after "Sunday" in line 3 of the minute.

Page 4 Minute 63(3)(b) "Mrs Birlley" being amended to read "Mrs Birkby"

67 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Planning Matters The two applications submitted to the Planning Committee on the 16th September 1982 in respect of the West Lancashire Light Railway and the conversion of a barn at Shore Farm were both approved as recommended by the Director of Planning.

68. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District - Parish Review

The Secretary of State for the Environment had now decided to make an Order giving effect to the creation of four new Parishes (Burscough, Lathom, Newburgh and Up Holland) in the District and the proposals would be implemented in full on the 1st April 1983.

2. Southport and District Spastic Society

A letter from the Chairman of the Society requesting information about local physically handicapped had been received. The Clerk was requested to reply mentioning the Handicapped Club and asking if facilities for mentally handicapped were available.

3. Clerks and Councillors Training Course

The Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils were holding a training course at Barrowford on Saturday the 30th October 1982 at 2.00 pm. No members expressed an interest in attending.

4. West Lancashire Leisure

A leaflet giving details of events in the District had been received and copies were handed to a number of Councillors.

5. Local Council Review The autumn issue had been received and was available for any member who wished to read it.

6. District Council Committee Minutes

(1) New Parishes It was noted that the Policy and Resources Committee had considered a report on the four new parishes. The first elections would take place on the 5th May 1983 and the Parishes would receive a rate poundage of 0.25 pence in the first year to meet expenses. In addition the new Parish Councils would be invited to enter into the existing arrangements with Parish Councils in connection with capital and revenue expenditure.

(2) Restructuring of administration It was noted that the Assistant Chief Executive Officer (Administration) was being granted early retirement and voluntary redundancy and that consequent upon his retirement the post would be deleted from the establishment. Mr Parker, however, would be retained on a "consultancy" basis for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years from that date.

7. Erection of 78 houses, land at Sidney Avenue

A petition had been received signed by 99 residents of the vicinity of this development. The Clerk was requested to pass the petition onto the Director of Planning.

69. FINANCE

1. Parish Audit The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed with only one minor point raised by the District Auditor.

2. Grants The Parochial Church Council had acknowledged receipt of the grant of £50 towards the upkeep of the Old Becconsall Church Grounds and had asked if they were eligible for a grant to remove two dying trees.

RESOLVED: That the Parochial Church Council be informed that the Parish Council cannot make a further grant during the current financial year.

3. Poppy Wreath

RESOLVED: That a wreath be ordered from the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday.

4. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:-

- (1) Department of the Environment - Audit Fee - £71.30
- (2) N Marsden Esq - Repairs to swings etc - £29.30
- (3) NWWA - Standing charge for water meter - £6.25
- (4) H Alty Ltd - Painting materials - £30.67
- (5) R Bond Esq - Painting changing hut - £30.00

5. Final Accounts 1981/82 The District Council had requested information on the actual expenditure for 1981/82 as against the approved estimates. The Clerk had supplied the information which showed total expenditure of £1,361 against an estimate of £1190.

6. Annual Estimates 1983/84 The District Council had asked for the annual estimates for 1983/84 to be submitted by the 12th November 1982. The Clerk reported that consideration could be given at the next meeting of the Council.

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70. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Use of changing hut, Recreation Ground Mr Gautrey Secretary of the Boys Football Club addressed the meeting about the changing hut. The club did not mind having to pay a rental for the facilities but required definite information as to what facilities were available and whether other organisations would also be charged. The club had no knowledge of any agreement entered into by Mr Slater. Mr Smith the Club Treasurer indicated that they had spent over £600 last year in providing football for boys of the village. Mr Wignall asked if it would be possible for the Boys Club to meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the matter in more detail.

71. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED: (1) That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (a) No 8/82/780 Renewal of temporary permission for detached garage, 3 The Brow
- (b) No 8/82/807 2 hen cabins and agricultural building, 138-140 Moss Lane
- (c) No 8/82/808 Full application agricultural workers house, 138-140 Moss Lane
- (d) No 8/82/843 Demolition of boiler room and extensions, "West Point", Boundary Meanygate

(2) That the following comment be made in respect of application No 8/82/821 - Removal of floodbank, North of Hundred End Farm:-
The Council should ensure that no flooding will occur if the bank is removed and information be sought as to what has made the bank redundant.

2. Planning Committee - 14th October 1982

RESOLVED: that no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (a) No 8/82/780 Renewal of temporary permission for detached garage, 3, The Brow
- (b) No 8/82/807 2 Hen cabins and agricultural building, 138-140 Moss Lane
- (c) No 8/82/757 Part demolition and erection of extensions, 90 Moss Lane

3. Consideration of weekly lists Mr Handley reported that at the last meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP & TC members had been notified of a change in the system of dealing with planning applications.

In future if no objections were received to minor items within 14 days of the list being issued then the application would be put on the list of approvals for the earliest committee.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to look at the weekly lists when received and acquaint the Chairman of any application which the Council may wish to comment on, and that the Chairman be authorised to make representations to the Director of Planning as necessary.

72. RECREATION GROUND

1. Maintenance of Ground The Chief Education Officer had now agreed to closely cut the grass, remove the cuttings and debris and gang mow the area adjacent to the car park in subsequent seasons. The initial work would be carried out in late autumn.

The District Council had still not responded following the meeting on the Recreation Ground and the Clerk was requested to send a reminder to the Director of Leisure Services.

The fence had still not been repaired and Mr Iddon agreed to speak to Mr Norris about this matter.

2. Changing Hut

RESOLVED: That the Recreation Committee meet the Boys Football Club to discuss the changing Hut on a date to be agreed at the conclusion of this meeting and that a report be presented to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Play area at South End of Village

A further letter had been received from the Director of Leisure Services concerning this proposed scheme which had been caught by Government restrictions on expenditure. The Clerk was requested to write again to the District Council about the possibility of the scheme being progressed.

4. Sewer connection

No reply had been received to the Clerk's letter and the Clerk was requested to ask for an urgent response from the District Council and to inform Mr Watkinson of the latest position.

73 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpaths 25 and 26 The County Surveyor had written two letters explaining the current situation with regard to the footpaths in the vicinity of the new embankment at Hundred End. The Chief Executive/Clerk would be writing in respect of the legal position. County Councillor Miss Taylor had also raised the matter with the County Surveyor and was awaiting a reply.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted and that if the Parish Council are consulted on a rationalisation scheme then a public meeting be called to ascertain the views of the Parish on any proposals.

2. Street seats

(a) The Brow The question of the provision of a seat on the Brow was again raised and the Chairman undertook to obtain some prices.

(b) Chapel Road/Shore Road

RESOLVED: that an estimate for repairing the seat be obtained from Mr Marsden.

74 BUS SHELTERS

1. Repairs

RESOLVED: that the estimate from Mr Marsden for repairs to two shelters at a cost of £98.60 be accepted.

2. New Shelter, Chapel Road The County Council had now agreed to the siting of the shelter near to Charles Close.

RESOLVED: that Mr Marsden be requested to provide an estimate for the provision of the shelter.

75. ALLOTMENTS Mr W Taylor had now confirmed that he would be giving up his tenancy on the 31st January, 1983.

An application had been received from Mr Andrew Aughton of Guide Road.

RESOLVED: (1) That Mr Taylor's allotment be allocated to Mr Moss with effect from the 1st February 1983.

(2) that Mr A Aughton be placed on the waiting list.

76. LAYFIELD CHARITY

RESOLVED: (1) that consideration of the allocation of the money be deferred until the amount has been notified by the Trustees.

(2) that Mr and Mrs Trippier be authorised to assist Mrs Blundell in arranging the drawing up of the list of recipients and the distribution.

77. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

RESOLVED: That consideration be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

78. FLOODING It was reported that during the recent heavy rain part of Moss Lane had been flooded and a fire engine had been called to pump out one house and the sewers had been overflowing. It was also reported that the garden of the property in Guide Road, already reported by this Council, had been under a foot of water which included raw sewage.

RESOLVED: that the recent events be reported to the Director of Technical Services and that the Director of Planning be informed that this was an added reason against the provision of further development.

79. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

Mr Handley had attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:-

1. Amenity cleaning Further discussion had taken place and it was reported that a report would be presented to the Joint Liaison Committee on the 2nd December 1982.

2. New Parishes This had been mentioned and it had also been explained that only a rate of 0.25 pence was required in the first year as it was unlikely that all the services currently supplied by the District Council would be taken over in that year.

3. AGM This was to be held on Saturday the 6th November 1982.

4. Spring Conference This would be held in St Annes on the 8th, 9th and 10th April, 1983.

5. Finances of Association It was reported that the Association was running out of money and moves may be taken to join with the Merseyside and Greater Manchester Associations in order to save money.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Baxter and Mr Handley be nominated to attend the AGM of the LAP & TC.

(2) that Mr Handley be nominated to attend the Joint Liaison Committee on the 2nd December 1982 and subsequent meetings in place of Mr Harding.

80. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

81. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II

RESOLVED: that no comments be made on the following applications:-

(1) No 8/82/624 Full application for detached bungalow etc, 115 Station Road.

(2) No 8/82/606 Dormer extensions, 45 Shore Road.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 8TH NOVEMBER, 1982

PRESENT:

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)

Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier

Messrs Aspinall, Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr Benson and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

82. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October, 1982, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1 Minute 68(2) "Handicapped Club" in line 3 of the minute being amended to read "Handicraft Club".

83. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Southport and District Spastics Society The clerk had forwarded the required information and asked about facilities for the mentally handicapped. A reply was still awaited.
2. Allotments The clerk had formally offered an allotment to Mr Moss and informed Mr A Aughton that his name had been placed on the waiting list.

84. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council

(a) Chairman's Office The Chairman's lady had organised a charity event for the 4th November, 1982. The Clerk had put an advertising poster on the Moss Lane notice board.

(b) Leisure Services Department Notification had been received about a festival to be held in March, 1983 incorporating, amongst other events, a poetry competition. Details ~~and~~ been placed on the Moss Lane notice board and copies were handed to Mrs Birkby for inclusion in the newsletter provided space was available.

(c) Committee agendas Agendas for various District Council committees were noted. The only item directly affecting the parish concerned the play areas, south of the Becconsall Hotel which would be dealt with later in the meeting.

85. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:-

- (a) Mr W Taylor - refund of allotment rent - £3.00
- (b) Royal British Legion - Poppy wreath - £7.20
- (c) Mr W Norris - work on recreation ground - £26.40

2. Parish Diary The clerk reported that he had requested £10 from the Ormskirk Advertiser in respect of the Parish Diary.

3. Insurance Policy The clerk reported that it would be beneficial to the Council to rationalise the insurance policies into one policy with the existing insurers. A proposal form had been obtained and it was suggested that the form ~~be~~ completed, a quotation obtained and an appropriate amount included in the/estimates for 1983/84.

RESOLVED: that the clerk be authorised to complete the proposal form and submit it to the Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd for a quotation to cover the following sections:-

Liability to the public, employers' liability, fidelity guarantee, money, shelters and street furniture, fire and perils and motor contingent liability.

86. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no items under this heading.

87. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly lists

RESOLVED: that no comments be made on the following applications:-

(a) No 8/82/880 Extensions at rear of 125, Chapel Road

(b) No 8/82/932 Outline for detached bungalow, land adjacent to 11 Becconsall Lane.

2. Planning Committee Agenda 11th November 1982

There were no schedule items on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Planning Committee.

3. Other matters

(a) Application No 8/82/821 Floodbank north of Hundred End Farm

The clerk had asked the Director of Planning why the bank was to be removed but had not received a reply.

(b) Erection of 78 houses, land at Sidney Avenue The clerk had forwarded the petition to the Director of Planning but no response had been received to date.

In connection with this proposal the clerk had also forwarded a copy of a letter about flooding in the village to the Director of Planning in an effort to show that the problem should be resolved before further development is allowed. No response had been received but the Chairman had spoken to a member of the Technical Services Department who gave the impression that the development may well be allowed, on appeal if not by the District Council. He had said that the sewerage system would be adequate if surface water could be kept away from the system. In respect of the proposed development, the surface water would flow along the line of the old railway line into the River Douglas whilst the sewerage would go into the existing system.

88. RECREATION GROUND

1. Changing hut A report was given on the meeting with representatives of the Boys Football Club who now appreciated the problems experienced by the Parish Council in funded projects of the type envisaged by the club. The club had indicated that they would be prepared to continue assisting with the maintenance of the hut and were considering purchasing timber to build an extension on the end to house a toilet initially with the possibility of a shower being added later. Both sides had thought that it was sensible to meet occasionally rather than utilise the public participation time at council meetings.

A report was also given on the meeting with a representative of the Technical Services Department to discuss the completion of the sewerage connection. The outcome was that the sewer was not in the position indicated on plans being at least ten feet down and in the centre of the road. Any connection would have to be done at day work charges and could cost thousands of pounds. The only suggestions were that a connection may be feasible into another pipe or that a wet pail be used in lieu of a flush toilet.

The question of the users of the hut being charged a rental was discussed in the light of the above two reports.

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RESOLVED: (1) that the reports be noted

(2) that the Boys Football Club be charged a rent of £1 per annum for the use of the hut with effect from the 1st September 1982

(3) that the Pigeon Club be charged a rent of £1 per annum for the use of the hut with effect from the 1st January 1983.

(4) that the Boys Football Club be informed of the problems being experienced in completing the sewer connection.

(5) that Mr Iddon investigate the possibility of connecting the sewer to a manhole in Shore Road.

2. Maintenance of ground The District Council had offered to cut the grass at the edge of the field and between the trees as part of a YOP scheme. However it was noted that the work had already been done by the County Council including the slope from the car park.

Mr Norris was still awaiting the delivery of the fencing material but would be able to carry out further works as necessary. It was suggested that a square meter of grass should be cut out from around the trees and Mr Iddon undertook to ask Mr Norris to do this work.

It was reported that there was a gap in the hedge behind an empty building plot on Delta Park estate and this would need to be watched. Also cars were entering the field from School Fold and the Chairman and Mr Iddon undertook to look at the situation with a view to taking appropriate steps to stop this practice.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area The District Council had now indicated that they did not own the site and so could not sell it off at this moment in time.

4. Recreation Area - South of Beconsall Hotel

The Chief Executive of the District Council had written pointing out the difficulties experienced by the District Council in carrying out all the projects in the capital programme. He undertook to put the scheme before the new Member/Officer Working Group set up to consider Parish Schemes and also to see that the project was considered for the District Council Capital Programme.

The matter had also been raised at the Leisure Services Committee by Councillor H Benson but again it had been agreed to refer the scheme to the 'Liaison Committee' which is probably the Member/Officer Group referred to by the Chief Executive.

89. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpaths A letter from the Chief Executive/Clerk of the County Council concerning the action being taken in respect of footpaths 25 and 26 was noted.

2. Street seats

(a) New seats The Chairman reported that H Alty no longer made street seats.

(b) Repairs

RESOLVED: that the estimate of £29.50 from Mr Marsden for the repair of the seat at the junction of Shore Road and Chapel Road be accepted.

3. Station Road Bridge

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be requested to ask the County Surveyor for the latest position with regard to the footway at the bridge.

4. Highways cleansing A copy of a comprehensive report considered by the Technical Services Committee of the District Council was handed to all Parish Councillors. The report was on the agenda for the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee and would be on the agenda for the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAPTC.

RESOLVED: (1) that the Council are interested in principle to undertaking highways cleansing subject to further information on the amount of money available.

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(2) that further consideration be given to the matter when the Director of Technical Services requests Parish Councils to state their intentions.

5. Rubbish Containers

RESOLVED: (1) that the Chairman asks Councillor Benson about the response to his original representations to the Director of Technical Services.

(2) that the Clerk informs the Director that the containers at the corner of Moss Lane and outside the Recreation Ground are missing.

6. Hedges

RESOLVED: that Mr Iddon be requested to contact Mr Glover concerning the hedges at the junction of Boundary Lane and Moss Lane.

7. Road Markings

RESOLVED: that representations be made to the County Council that the zig-zag markings in front of the Tarleton County Primary School be continued to a point in line with the Water Tower on Hesketh Lane.

8. Flooding problems It was reported that the District Council were hoping to carry out a full inspection of the sewerage system and the NWWA had hinted that money may be available for repairs.

90. BUS SHELTERS

1. New shelter-Chapel Road

RESOLVED: That Mr N Marsden be requested to make and fix a new shelter in Chapel Road at an estimated cost of £348.00

2. Repairs Mr Marsden had been unable to carry out the repairs to two shelters but the work was still in hand.

91. LAYFIELD CHARITY

Mrs Blundell reported that the annual Trustees meeting was to be held on the 9th November 1982.

92. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY The wreath would be laid by Mr P Handley, Vice-Chairman of the Council and Councillors attending the service were requested to meet in front of the church hall. Spaces would be reserved in the church for the council representatives.

93. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Annual General Meeting

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported on the meeting held on the 6th November 1982 as follows:-

- (a) subscriptions will be increased for 1983/84
- (b) the officers were elected as proposed
- (c) the resolutions were dealt with as follows:-

- (1) Parish Councils should be represented on Community Health Councils by elected representatives of Area Committees - approved
- (2) District Councils be urged to consider Agency Agreements with Parishes for highways cleansing - approved.
- (3) the Association meet the District Councils Association to discuss agency agreements for other services - approved.
- (4) The AGM be combined with the Spring Conference - not approved
- (5) a series of meetings to educate the public in how to stand for election and what parish councils can do - not approved

(d) Discussion groups were held on Finance; Chairmanship; dealing with the media and Village Appraisals.

2. Newsletter

The national allocation for loan sanction had not been taken up and bids were invited by the 11th November 1982.

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94. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The following items on the agenda were noted:-

Highways cleansing, planning applications - new system, capital allocations to Parishes 1982/83, Parish Council Member/Officer Working Group, Precepts 1982/83 etc.

The Clerk reported details on schedule 'D' to the Agenda which were disturbing as regards the financial position of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to seek clarification from the Director of Finance of the figures shown in the schedule and to notify the Area Committee of the LAPTC of this Council's concern at the situation.

95. STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: that the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

96. ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1983/84 AND REVISED ESTIMATES 1982/83

1. Revised Estimates 1982/83

The Clerk reported the latest position with respect to revenue expenditure in the current year.

RESOLVED: (1) that the revised estimates as detailed in the appendix to these minutes be approved for submission to the District Council.

(2) that Mr Iddon be requested to arrange for Mr Norris to carry out any necessary work to the allotments ditch.

2. ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1983/84

The Clerk reported that the District Council had requested the submission of estimates for revenue expenditure for 1983/84. A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee giving notification of a proposed increase in charges to £3.50 per session. The Council also had regard to the earlier decision to rationalise the insurance cover and the requirement in standing orders to review the clerk's salary.

RESOLVED: (1) that the clerk's salary be increased to £540 per annum with effect from the 1st April 1983.

(2) that the estimates suggested by the Chairman and detailed in the appendix to these minutes be approved for submission to the District Council.

97. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED (1) that meetings of the Parish Council be held in 1983 on the following dates:- Tuesday 4th January, Monday 31st January, Monday 28th February, Monday 28th March, Monday 25th April, Monday 23rd May, Monday 20th June, Monday 18th July and Monday 15th August.

(2) that the Annual Parish Assembly be held in the Village Hall on Monday the 28th March 1983 at 8.00 pm and that the Parish Council meeting on that date be held at 7.00 pm.

98. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II

PLANNING COMMITTEE 11TH NOVEMBER 1982

RESOLVED: that no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. Application No 8/82/808 Full application, agricultural works house etc 138/140 Moss Lane.

2. Application No 8/82/480 Change of use of first floor flat to office use 7/9 Station Road.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6 DECEMBER 1982.

PRESENT: Mrs M Baxter (chairman)

Mesdames Blundell and Trippier.

Messrs Handley, Iddon and Trippier.

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs Birkby and Mr Benson and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

99. MINUTES.

RESOLVED: that subject to the following amendment the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 November 1982 be confirmed and signed by the chairman:

Page 1, Minute 84 (1) (b) "ahd" in the third line of the minute to read "had".

100 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

1. SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT SPASTICS SOCIETY.

No reply had been received to the Clerk's letter about facilities for the mentally handicapped and the Clerk was requested to send a reminder.

2. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

The chairman commented that she was disappointed at the poor turn out of Parish Councillors at the annual Remembrance Day Service with only two Council members occupying the reserved seats.

3. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE.

A reply was still awaited from the Director of Finance concerning the published figures in respect of Parish Council Finance.

101. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. WEST LANCASHIRE LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A request had been received for the Council to participate in "Action Sport" which was being promoted in conjunction with the North West Council for Sport and Recreation. A meeting was to be held in Ormskirk on the 13 December 1982. It was agreed to note the contents of the letter but to take no action thereon.

2. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS.

A newsletter had been received and the following items were noted:

- a) The annual subscription for 1983/84 was likely to be £83. An amount of £90 had been included in the Annual Estimates.
- b) It was not possible to pay chairmen of Parish Councils travelling expenses for duties carried out within their area but it is proper for a Council to make allowance to the Chairman which is sufficient to meet such travelling costs.
- c) A Bill was to be introduced in the current session of Parliament to revise the law on Sunday trading.

3. BUS SHELTER-MOSS LANE /STATION ROAD.

Ribble Motor Services Ltd had asked why they were paying £4 per annum towards the up-keep of the bus shelter at the junction of Moss Lane and Station Rd. The long serving members of the Council indicated that when the shelter was originally provided a wooden shelter was necessary to meet objections ^{from Council} adjoining premises and as this was more expensive to maintain than the standard concrete shelters utilised elsewhere in the Parish the Company had agreed to pay the £4 to assist in its up-keep.

The Clerk was requested to pass the information on to Ribble Motor.

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Services Ltd.

4. REGISTER OF ELECTORS 1983.

The District Council had requested the Parish to display a notice about the new register on a convenient notice-board. In addition a list had been received by Councillor Benson which detailed properties for which no information had been received. The Chairman asked the Councillors present to stay behind for a short while after the meeting to see if they could assist in obtaining the relevant information.

5. NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY.

Five copies of the shortened version of the Authority's annual report had been received and were available for any Councillor who wished to read it.

6. WEST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Agendas and minutes of various meetings of the District Council and its Committees had been received which included the following;

1) LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

- a) The decision in respect of the play area to the South of the Becconsall Hotel was noted and would be referred to again later in the meeting.
- b) It was noted that the Committee were to consider making a grant to the Village Hall Youth Centre.

2) PLANNING COMMITTEE.

The following decisions were noted:

- a) NO.8/82/808. Agricultural worker's house at 138/140 Moss Lane - refused.
- b) NO .8/82/480. Change of use of first floor at 789 Station Rd- deferred to enable members to visit the site.
- c) NO.8/82/624. Detached bungalow at 115 Station Rd -approved.
- d) No.8/82/606. Dormer extensions at 45 Shore Rd-approved.

3 COUNCIL MEETING.

The revised arrangements in respect of Mr T.G.Parker's early retirement were noted. In this respect the Clerk and chairman had both received a letter from Mr.L.Watson, Chairman of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP and TC requesting small contributions from all Clerks and Councillors towards a presentation to be made prior to the next Area Committee meeting. The Chairman suggested that members left their contributions with the Clerk at the end of the meeting.

102. FINANCE.

1. RECEIPTS.

The following monies had been received:

- a) CHANGING HUT.
Annual rental of £1 from Hesketh Bank Boys Football Club.
- b) PARISH DIARY.
Contribution of £10 from "Ormskirk Advertiser".

2. PAYMENTS.

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:

- a) B.W.RIMMER Clerk's salary and expenses to 6 Dec.1982-£137.95
- b) West L.D.C.-half yearly loan charges-£360.57.
- c) W.Norris-work to allotments and recreation ground-£27.50

103. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There were no items under this heading.

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104 PLANNING MATTERS PART ONE.

1. WEEKLY LISTS.

RESOLVED: that no comments be made on the following applications:

- a) NO.8/82/1037. Formation of one plot out of two and substitution of a bungalow by the erection of a house-Plot one, Belsfield Dr.
- b) NO.8/82/1038 .Erection of 3 hem cabins -138/140 Moss Lane.

2. PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA 9 Dec. 1982.

It was noted that the following applications had been approved under delegated powers:

- a) NO.8/82/880 .Extensions at 125 Chapel Rd.
- b) NO.8/82/843. Demolition of boiler room and extensions at "West Point", Boundary Meanygate.

3. APPLICATION NO.8/82/821. Redundant flood embankment, Hundred End.

The Director of Planning had indicated that the bank was redundant consequent on the construction of the new defences constructed across Hundred End gutter, and parallel to Shore Rd. The application would be determined by the County Council and no objections had been received to date.

105. HIGHWAYS MATTERS.

1. Footway Lighting.

Mr. Handley reported on a meeting held before the last meeting of the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee when it was reported that there were twice as many requests as money available. With regard to this Parish, the Shore Rd request had been deleted as highway lighting and the other requests put in the following order:

1) Boundary Lane 2) Marsh Lane 3) Guide Rd. It was not known which had been approved for the next financial year.

2. Station Rd Bridge.

It was reported that work was expected to start early in the new year and that the Highways and Transportation Committee were to be asked to approve additional expenditure for the provision of the steps requested by the Parish Council. Mr. Iddon was requested to remind Mr. Glover that he had agreed to meet the Chairman on the ~~site~~ site to discuss the steps when work commenced.

3. Footways.

It was reported that the dip in the footway adjoining the telegraph pole near the shops at Station Rd/Chapel Rd had re-appeared. Mr. Iddon undertook to report the matter to Mr. Glover.

4. Hedges.

Mr. Iddon had not yet spoken to Mr. Glover about this matter but he would do so in the near future.

5. Road Markings Outside Tarleton County Primary School.

There had been no response to the representations made by the Clerk.

6. Iron Railings. The Brow.

The Clerk was requested to ask the County Surveyor when the railings would be replaced.

7. Street Lighting.

The Clerk was requested to report that the following lights had been reported previously but had not been attended to:

- a) O/S the Village Hall against the Rectory hedge.
- b) O/S No. 55 Moss Lane.
- c) O/S NO. 407 Moss Lane.

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106 .RECREATION GROUND.

1. Changing Hut-Sewer Connection.

The Boys Football Club were to consider the situation at their next meeting and then write again to the Council.

The Director of Technical Services had set in a letter the information given verbally to the Chairman.

Mr. Iddon reported that the sewer connection for the terrace of houses opposite the Recreation Ground ran along the rear of the property and the nearest point for a possible connection was therefore in the grounds of the ~~County Primary School.~~ ^{ALL SAINTS C of E School}

The Chairman reported that Mr. Watkinson was still of the opinion that given good weather it should be possible to make the connection in one day but he did not think that the highway authority would allow the road to be closed.

RESOLVED: that no further action be taken at this time pending the receipt of the views of the Boys Football Club.

2. Maintenance.

Mr. Iddon reported that Mr. Norris had completed the work around the base of the trees and was waiting to do the fencing repairs at Shore Rd. The chain link was no longer available but Mr. Iddon was investigating an alternative supply.

It was also reported that the gap in the hedge appeared to have been caused by the building contractor who was also driving vehicles across the ground.

The Chairman reported that the problem of vehicles entering off School Fold was not serious.

RESOLVED: 1. that Mr. Iddon be authorised to obtain chain link fencing at reasonable cost to enable the fence to be repaired.

2. that Village Construction Co. be requested to replace the hedge along the boundary of the ground and to stop taking vehicles onto the Ground.

3. that the situation with regard to cars entering off School ~~Rd~~ Fold be monitored.

3. Playing Area-South of Beconsall Hotel.

A letter had been received from the Chief Executive of West Lancashire District Council which set out the decision of the Leisure Services Committee that the project should be pursued through the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee's Working Party.

The Clerk reported that the Leisure Services Committee's Capital Programme included one parish scheme for the purchase of land at Banks at a cost of £35,000.

RESOLVED: that further representation be made with regard to this play area and that the District Council be asked why the Banks Scheme is included in The District Council programme and not being processed through the same channels that this Council has been told to use.

107. LAYFIELD CHARITY.

Mrs Blundell reported that the allocation was £537 and £43 was available as the balance of last year's allocation. The list had been brought up-to-date by Mrs Blundell with the help of Mr and Mrs Trippier and currently totalled 123 people. The Clerk reported the letter received earlier in the year from the Over Sixtys Club requesting consideration for the making of a donation to the Club from the Charity.

RESOLVED: 1. that payments of £4 be made to pensioners on the electoral register who are living on their own.

2. that the balance of the money remain as a contingency fund to be utilised at the discretion of Mrs Blundell and Mr and Mrs Trippier if it is found that anyone has been left off the list in error.

3. that the Over Sixtys Club be informed that due to the number of recipients it will not be possible to make a donation to the Club funds.

4. that members of the Council assist in the distribution of the monies in the week before Christmas.

5. that the kind offer of the Chairman of the Council to provide the envelopes be accepted with thanks.

108. INSURANCE POLICY.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a quotation from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd in the sum of £55.80 which would be ~~reduced~~ reduced to £50.22 if the Council entered into a 5 year Long Term Agreement. An amount of £60 had been included in the Annual Estimates for 1983/84. The existing fire insurance policy could be extended to the 1 April 1983. RESOLVED that the Insurance Quotation from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd be accepted in the sum of £50.22 and the Clerk be authorised to request the Company to draw up the appropriate policy document.

109 .PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE.

1. Meeting on the 17 Nov. 1982.

Mr. Handley reported that most of the meeting was taken up by a discussion on the new procedures for highways cleansing. Despite the lengthy discussion it was still not clear as to how much money each parish would receive if they under take to carry out their own cleansing.

2. Capital Bids for L.D.S. Monies.

Bids were required by the end of December if possible as they would be discussed at the next Area Committee meeting in January 1983. RESOLVED: that consideration be deferred over to the next meeting but that the Area Secretary be informed that this Parish wish to make a bid for finance but require more information before making an estimate of the amount required.

110. HIGHWAYS CLEANSING.

A letter and questionnaire had been received from the Director of Technical Services and replies were requested by the Christmas period. RESOLVED: 1. that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Council and to enable members to reach conclusions a copy of the questionnaire be forwarded to each member along with the agenda for the meeting.

2. that the Director of Technical Services be informed of the situation and that a full response will be forwarded following the next meeting.

111. SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS.

The Director of Technical Services had confirmed the information given verbally to the Chairman that the North West Water Authority were giving consideration to the allocation of funds in 1984/85 to tackle deficiencies in the existing system. A closed circuit television survey would be carried out to determine the present state of the main sewer runs. Investigations of pollution from Delta Park and Glenpark Estates had been completed and remedial action was to be taken in the near future. With regard to the development of 78 houses off Sidney Ave., the Director was recommending rejection of the application as premature pending remedial measures to the foul sewer being completed.

Mrs Trippier reported correspondence with the Director which indicated that responsibility for surface water ditches had passed to the riparian owners when the main foul sewer had been laid.

112. PLANNING MATTERS-PART TWO.

Planning Committee Agenda -9 Dec. 1982.

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RESOLVED:that no comment be made on the following applications:

- 1.NO.8/82/932.Outline for detached bungalow adj.to 11 Becconsall Lane.
2. NO.8/82/480 . Change of use of first floor of 7/9 Station Rd.

113.CHRISTMAS.

In closing the meeting the Chairman wished all members of the Council the season's greetings which were reciprocated by the members present.

W/S at 4/11/82

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH JANUARY 1983.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Baxter (chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier.
Messrs Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier.

APOLOGIES: Councillor H. Benson and B. Rimmer Esq. (clerk).

One member of the press was present for part of the meeting. The chairman explained that Mr. Rimmer was unwell and that Mr. Handley had agreed to take the minutes.

114. MINUTES.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 1982 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

115. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. STATION ROAD BRIDGE FOOTPATH.

The chairman reported that Mr. Glover had told her that he was awaiting the Lancashire County Council plan and would contact her again re a site meeting.

Mrs. Trippier told the meeting that the footway would be $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide.

2. STREET LIGHTING.

Mr. Trippier said the light close to 407 Moss Lane was still not working and the chairman undertook to request action.

3. LAYFIELD TRUST.

Mrs. Blundell reported that 121 people had received donations and that a total of £96 remained, including the residue from Christmas 1981. The meeting recommended that the bank account be changed to a deposit account.

Mrs. Blundell agreed to supply the clerk with a list of recipients for 1981 and 1982, for the parish records.

One member of the public had sent thanks to the Council for her Layfield gift.

The Council thanked the sub-committee for all their work.

4. SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS.

The chairman reported that Councillor Benson was taking up the matter of the new gates at Dib Drain only being open two hours a day.

116. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. County Councillor Miss Taylor had forwarded correspondence received by her in connection with footpath 26. It was of a similar nature to that already received by the Parish Council.

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2. There was to be a meeting on the 14th January for parish council representatives to discuss the new bus services operating in certain parishes and also the community bus scheme.

3. A letter had been received from Ruttle Plant Hire offering to tender for work on the Station Road Bridge Footpath.

4. The Parish was in receipt of the West Lancashire District Council abstract of accounts for 1981/82.

5. An agenda of a meeting of the District Council Policy and Resources Committee for 22nd December 1982 had been received but had no matters relating to Hesketh - with - Becconsall.

6. The minutes and proceedings of the District Council and its Committees presented to District Council on the 5th January 1983 referred to a recommendation by the Director of Leisure services that £200 be given to the Village Hall Youth Centre.

117. FINANCE.

1. RESOLVED: that £6.25 be paid to the North West Water Authority as a quarterly metre charge for the changing hut on the Recreation ground.

2. Council noted receipt of £1, being the annual rental of the pigeon club.

118. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There were no matters raised under this heading.

119. PLANNING MATTERS.

1. Weekly Lists.

RESOLVED: that no comment be made on the following application:
No. 8/82/1103. - display of two illuminated fascia signs at 2, Station Road.

2. The District Council was composing its views on the Rossendale System.

3. Mr. Trippier reported the commencement of work on the site on which the Christian Fellowship had been given planning permission for a church. The building under construction was thought to be of a temporary nature.

RESOLVED: that the District Council be asked (a) whether the question of access had been resolved in relation to planning application 8/80/355 (rear of 45 Moss Lane) and (b) whether the building now under construction there was in line with the planning application.

120. HIGHWAYS.

1. RESOLVED: that the County Engineer be contacted re the condition of the footpath in ~~Station~~^{Chapel} Road where new houses are being built and he be informed that the two entrances to the field provide a most unsatisfactory ~~service~~^{surface} for pedestrians, that the whole length of the footpath is in a poor state, and that the hedge is overgrowing the footpath considerably.

2. RESOLVED: that the County be informed of the way that the hedge has overgrown the footpath at the New House Nurseries, both in Moss Lane and in Boundary Lane.

3. RESOLVED: that the County be informed that brambles and other growth is obstructing the footpath on the Brow.

121. RECREATION GROUND.

1. Mrs. Trippier reported the dumping of rubbish near the play equipment. Council anticipated that Mr. Norris would move it.
2. Mr. Iddon reported that new chain link was expected soon in Alty's.

122. AMENITY CLEANSING.

Council had received a series of questions on the above from District Council and prepared answers to some of the questions. The other questions were inapplicable to the Parish. In particular, Council stated a preference for option three for cleansing, namely, the option where the District Council would send cleansing teams to the Parish.

123. WEST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL A AND B SCHEMES.

1. RESOLVED: that the £500 loan for use before 31st March 1982 and intended for the provision of a foul sewer be used for the extension of a footpath from the swings on the Recreation Ground to a point as near as possible to Delta Park Drive.
2. RESOLVED: that the Recreation sub-committee be mandated to use the most economical means of getting the footpath extended.
3. RESOLVED: that permission for change of use of the loan be obtained from the J. L. C.
4. RESOLVED: that the Parish seek a loan of £750 for provision of a different foul sewer to serve the changing hut on the Recreation Ground in financial year 1983/84.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31st JANUARY 1983

PRESENT :- Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Benson, Handley, Iddon and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr Aspinall and two members of the press were present for part of the meeting.

124 MINUTES

RESOLVED that subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 1983 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman -

Page 2 Minute 120(1) Line 2 'Shore Road' to read 'Chapel Road' and line 3 'service' to read 'surface'.

125 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Layfield Charity A letter had been received from Mrs Ogden of the Over Sixty's Club requesting information about the Charity. It was agreed that Mrs Blundell as Trustee should reply to the letter. Mrs Blundell handed the Clerk a copy of the Trust Balance Sheet for 1981/82.

126 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Southport & District Spastics Society; A letter & brochure explaining the work of the Society had been received.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils.

(a) West Lancashire Area Committee A circular had been received which mentioned the retirement gift for Mr T G Parker, enclosed information about social car sharing schemes and the West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau and requested nominations for President of the Lancashire Association. The contents of the circular were noted.

(b) Lancashire Association Newsletter The newsletter included information on the Spring Conference, Parish Elections, New Parish Councils, Loan Sanctions, Legal Topic Notes, an adventure playground at Appley Bridge, the Heskin Parish News, a new schoolchildrens competition in conjunction with the 1983 Best Kept Village Competition, payment of allowances at sub-post offices and amenity cleansing in rural areas. The items were noted and the Clerk requested to obtain a copy of the legal advisory note 'Private access to Council's Recreation Ground', send details of the schoolchildrens competition to the local school and place the notices about the payment of allowances on the notice board. The information about the Heskin Village News was passed to Mrs Birkby.

(c) Lancashire Association Circular This contained details of the Spring Conference to be held in St Annes from the 8th - 10th April 1983. It was agreed to raise the question of attendance at the next meeting of the Council.

3. West Lancashire District Council.

(a) Committee Meetings Agendas for committees did not appear to contain items of interest to the Parish.

(b) Town Twinning The Clerk reported that the Chairman and himself had been invited to a reception held on Sunday the 30th January 1983 at the Civic Hall, Ormskirk in connection with the Town Twinning with Cergy-Pontoise France. The invitation, which included husbands/wives and friends had been accepted and both the Chairman and the Clerk had been accompanied. The Chairman explained briefly the ways in which it was hoped the links would develop.

(c) Parish Councils The Chairman and the Clerk had been invited to a reception at Derby Street, Ormskirk on Tuesday the 1st February 1983 at the invitation of the Chairman of the District Council and both would be attending.

4. Lancashire County Council A copy of the County Council's Annual Report for 1981/82 had been received and was available for members.

5. Local Council Review The Winter 1982 edition had been received and was available for members.

127 FINANCE

1. Insurance

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:-

(a) Additional fire insurance premium 26/2/83 - 1/4/83	£5 - 00
(b) Combined policy premium	£50 - 22

2. Request for donation

RESOLVED that in recognition of the fact that the Association are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee a donation of £10 be made to the Lancashire Youth Clubs Association for the current financial year only.

3. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:-

N Marsden Esq. - Repairs to seat (£29-50), repairs to bus shelter (£111-30), & provision and erection of new shelter (£375-90)	£516 - 70
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4. Receipts It was noted that the annual wayleave in the sum of £33 - 74 had been received from NORWEB.

5. Precept 1983/84

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of 1 pence for parish purposes for the year 1983/84 and that the necessary request be signed by the Chairman and two other members of the Council.

128 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

129 PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Application No 8/82/27 - Place of worship rear of 45 Moss Lane The Enforcement Officer had indicated that the site hut was permitted development and there was no limitation as to its size. Action could only be taken if the hut was used for other purposes. It was agreed that Mr Benson should keep an eye on matters.

2. Application No 8/82/821 - Removal of redundant floodbank Hundred End The application had been approved by the County Council subject to no adverse comments being received from the District Council.

3. Weekly Planning Lists

(a) Application No 8/83/40 - Outline for detached house etc. adj. 117a Chapel Road The Parish Council had been asked by letter to send comments on this application direct to the County Planning Officer.

RESOLVED that no comment be made on the proposal to erect a house but attention be drawn to the application approved in May 1982 in respect of a house at the rear of 125 Chapel Road and to the need for a turning point at the end of the roadway

(b) Application No 8/83/42 - Retention of residential caravan at rear of Shore Farm Shore Road.

RESOLVED that no comment be made.

130 HIGHWAYS

1. Station Road Bridge The County Surveyor had indicated that work had started but that the additional approval of money may not cover the cost of the barrier.

2. The Brow The railings were undergoing repair at a local blacksmiths and would be replaced in the near future.

3. Street lighting The County Surveyor had indicated the faults had been remedied. The Chairman agreed to report certain faulty lights in Moss Lane and Mr Benson was asked to bear in mind that should more lights be offered then additional lights were required in Moss Lane.

4. Tarleton County Primary School - Zig Zag markings Mr Iddon said that steps were being taken by the Governors to bring their request for an extension of the markings to the attention of Tarleton Parish Council and the appropriate department of the County Council.

5. Footways Mr Trippier reported that nothing had been done in respect of the hedges which were overgrowing footways. The Clerk was asked to inform the Divisional County Surveyor of the problem.

131 RECREATION AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Sewer connection The Boys Football Club had considered the position with regard to the sewer connection and would await the completion of investigations for a connection to be made across the road or at the school. The Chairman agreed to approach the School Managers about a connection into their sewer.

(b) Extension of footpath Messrs Iddon, Trippier and Handley had met on the site to discuss the situation and put forward two possible suggestions.

RESOLVED that authority be given to Mr Handley and Mr Iddon to arrange for 180 3' x 2' flags to be laid by Messrs Ball & Bond on the understanding that the work be completed and paid for before the end of March 1983.

2. Area South of Beconsall Hotel A reply was still awaited from the Chief Executive Officer of the District Council and Councillor Saunders had told Mr Handley that he would speak to the Director of Planning about the scheme although he advised the Council to make a formal request for it to be considered as a 'C' scheme.

RESOLVED (1) that without prejudice to any action that the Council may wish to take in the light of the replies awaited from the Chief Executive & Councillor Saunders, the Clerk be requested to make formal application to the District Council for the project to be included in an early programme as a 'C' Scheme.

(2) that further consideration be given to the project at the next meeting of the Council.

and (3) that such consideration shall include the possibility of combining the scheme with the provision of a car park on land adjacent to the Bowling Green.

3. Glenpark Drive The Clerk had been informed that the cost of a timber built play area for this site would be £ 700 - £ 800 to which must be added site preparation costs.

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132 FOOTPATHS NOS 25 & 26 HUNDRED END

The Clerk had been informed that the County Council had, on the 6th January 1983, made a temporary footpath diversion order in respect of these footpaths, the alternative route being along the access track to the east of the embankment. Comments were requested on a proposed permanent diversion to the same route.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree to the proposals and make no observations thereon.

133 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED that the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

134 GAS SUPPLY

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to write to North West Gas about the possibility of a gas supply to the Parish.

135 WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

Mr Handley reported that the first part of the meeting had been taken up with a discussion about Ribble bus services in Burscough and the presentation to Mr Parker. The latter part of the meeting had included discussion on the new financial arrangements for parishes including how a claw-back situation could arise for this parish and the street cleansing proposals.

136 PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr Handley reported that the meeting consisted of a re-run of the financial discussion at the Area Committee meeting.

137 RIBBLE BUS SERVICES

1. Proposed amendments to Chorley/Southport services

RESOLVED that no objection be made insofar as the proposals affect this Parish.

2. Bus shelter - Moss Lane/Station Road Ribble Motors had indicated that the £4 towards repairs would be paid in 1983 but not 1984. The Clerk reported that the agreement had come to light and was for 15 years from 1968 i.e. expiring in 1983.

RESOLVED that Ribble Motors be so informed.

138 CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLVED that Mr J Harding be requested to put his resignation in writing to the Clerk as soon as possible to enable the vacancy to be advertised on the 24th February 1983 and any election claimed to be held on the 5th May 1983.

139 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that County Councillor Miss S Taylor and District Councillor H Benson be invited to the meeting to be held on the 28th March 1983.

140 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The Chairman wished to record the Council's best wishes to Mr Rimmer and his bride to be on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage on the 10th February 1983. The Chairman said that all matters arising before the next meeting of the Council should be referred to her for action.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 1983

PRESENT :- Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Aspinall, Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr Benson and one member of the press was present.

141 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 1983 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

142 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Layfield Charity Mrs Blundell had written to Mrs Ogden with information about the Charity. A copy of the Trust Deed had been given to the members involved and a copy was handed to Mrs Blundell for Tarleton's Trustee.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils A copy of the legal note 'Private Access to Council's Recreation Ground' had been received and was noted. It was agreed to keep a watch on the openings in the hedge at the Recreation Ground.

3. Parish Council's Reception The Chairman and the Clerk had attended an informal reception given by the Chairman of the West Lancashire District Council.

4. Gas Supply The Housing Development Manager of North West Gas had written to the effect that the nearest supply was over three miles away and due to the cost per dwelling for providing a supply to the area the take up would not be viable. Also no link up was envisaged between the Preston and Southport mains network in the foreseeable future. The Clerk was requested to ask North West Gas to state the exact locations of the the nearest supplies and to indicate how they reached the assumption that not enough people would be interested.

5. Casual Vacancy Mr J Harding had now officially resigned his membership of the Council and the vacancy advertised on the 24th February 1983.

143 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Land at Chapel Road A letter had been received from Solicitors in Tarleton concerning a clients interest in the land adj. to 117A Chapel Road. The Clerk was requested to inform the Solicitors that the land was owned by the Lancashire County Council.

2. Register of Electors The new registers had been received.

3. District Council Committees Items about the District Council Rate and the possible transfer of assets from the District Council to the new Parish Councils were noted.

144 FINANCE

1. Insurance Policy The new combined policy had been received.

2. Donations The Lancashire Youth Clubs Association had acknowledged receipt of the £10 donation.

3. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED (1) that the following accounts be paid:-

(a) Lancashire County Council - Stationery

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(b) B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary and expenses	£132 - 48
(c) Village Hall Committee - Hire of Village Hall	£ 44 - 00
(d) N Marsden Esq - Stabilisation of bus shelter	£ 96 - 67
(e) P J Handley Esq - Expenses for calling Council meeting	£ 4 - 38
(f) H Alty Ltd - Materials for flagging work	£390 - 66
(g) R Bond Esq - Labour and transport for flagging work	£ 15 - 00
(h) J Ball Esq - Labour for flagging work	£ 58 - 00
(i) W Norris Esq - Labour for flagging work	£ 58 - 00

(2) that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to the payment of any further accounts in respect of the flagging work to enable the cost to be contained in the current financial year and that approval be given to grouting between the flags being carried out by the men on site as soon as possible and the cost of same to be included in the final labour costs for the project.

(3) that the Clerk be authorised to apply to the District Council for the payment of the L D S loans in respect of the new bus shelter and the flagging work.

(4) that the Chairman and any other two members of the Council be authorised to sign the Mortgage Deed(s) for the L D S Loans to enable the money to be paid into the bank during the current financial year.

145 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

146 PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED (1) that no comments be made on the following applications :-

- (a) No 8/83/71 New access at Hundred End Lane
- (b) No 8/83/92 Extensions at 'Chartwell' Hundred End Lane
- (c) No 8/83/147 Extensions at 86 Moss Lane
- (d) No 8/83/158 O/L for pair of semi-detached houses adj to 178 Station Rd
- (e) No 8/83/172 New access at 154 Chapel Road

(2) that the following comments be made on application No 8/83/163 - Retention of temporary church-cum-workshop building, provision of 56 car parking spaces and alteration of existing access, land at rear of 45 Moss Lane:-

'The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the use of the land for this purpose but strongly objects to the way the applicant has gone about obtaining permission, that the audacity of the applicant astounds the members of the Council, that the application is not a viable one in that it refers to a building that does not exist, that the matter has recently been reported to the District Council without satisfactory action being taken and that the vehicular access should be from Fermor Road with the Council being totally opposed to Moss Lane being used for that purpose.'

2. Hoole Marsh Landfill Site

RESOLVED that no comments be made on application No 8/83/D3/2 - Extension of Hoole Marsh Landfill Site except that the Council hope that all commercial waste will be non-toxic and not pollute the River Douglas.

3. Tree Preservation Order The Council noted that a tree preservation order was to be made in respect of the trees in the grounds of The Rectory, Station Road.

4. Appeal against refusal The Council noted that an appeal had been lodged in respect of application No 8/82/375 - Conversion of barn to dwelling at Shore Farm, Shore Road.

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147 RECREATION AREAS

Proposed area adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Chief Executive of the District Council had responded in detail to the Council's latest letter. The reply only re-iterated most of the points already made by the District Council and did not really take the matter any further. The Chief Executive had also confirmed that the project would be included on the list of Parish schemes to be considered by the Working Party of the Joint Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED that in the circumstances no further action be taken pending a decision being taken by the Joint Liaison Committee.

148 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Tarleton County Primary School - Road Markings The County Surveyor had now indicated that the zig-zag markings would be slightly extended southwards but the work would not be undertaken until after the start of the new financial year.

2. Street Lighting The Chairman had reported a number of unlit lights and all but one had been rectified. The Chairman undertook to again report the light outside No 17 Moss Lane.

3. Footways The Clerk had sent copies of the letters originally forwarded to the County Surveyor at Preston to the Divisional County Surveyor. The Preston office had indicated that the matters were in hand but no reply had been received from the Divisional office.

4. Station Road Bridge

RESOLVED that a request be made to the County Surveyor that consideration be given to the provision of 'Slow' signs and 'Slow' road markings on both sides of Station Road Bridge.

149 FOOTPATHS NOS 25 & 26

The Clerk had received a letter and notification of the permanent diversion of footpaths 25 and 26 which would be determined by the County Council if no objections were received and by the Secretary of State if objections were received.

RESOLVED that no comments be made.

150 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Spring Conference A revised programme for the conference had been received but no member wished to attend.

151 NEXT MEETING

The Council were reminded that the next meeting on the 28th March 1983 would start at 7 pm and would be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8 pm.

152 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Orders the member of the press be asked to leave the meeting whilst the remaining business was transacted.

153 PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Application No 8/82/593 - O/L for 78 houses at Sidney Avenue

RESOLVED that no further comments be made on this application.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th MARCH 1983

PRESENT :- Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr H Benson.

154 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February 1983 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

155 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning Committee 31st March 1983

RESOLVED that no comments be made on the following applications :-

- (a) No 8/82/1037 One plot out of two plots and substitution of bungalow by the erection of a house - Plots 1 and 2 Belsfield Drive.
- (b) No 8/83/42 Retention of residential caravan - Shore Farm Shore Road.

2. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED that no comment be made on the following application :-

No 8/83/213 Outline for the erection of agricultural workers bungalow Brookfield Nurseries Guide Road.

3. Planning Decisions It was noted that the following applications had been dealt with as indicated :-

- (a) No 8/83/92 Extensions at 'Chartwell' Hundred End Lane - Approved
- (b) No 8/83/147 Extensions at 86 Moss Lane - Approved
- (c) No 8/83/D3/2 Hoole Marsh Landfill Site - No objections
- (d) No 8/82/593 Erection of 78 houses at Sidney Avenue - Refused with additional reasons for refusal

4. Application No 8/83/163 Retention of Temporary Church - cum - workshop etc. Rear of 45 Moss Lane The Director of Planning had set out the sequence of events leading to the submission of this application. He indicated that the applicant had been told that any use of the building other than as a 'site hut' would be likely to result in enforcement action. At the moment there was no grounds to suggest a breach of planning control on the site.

156 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Gas Supply The latest request for information had been acknowledged by North West Gas.

2. Casual Vacancy An election had been called and the closing date for nominations was 12 noon on Saturday 9th April 1983.

3. Street Lighting The Chairman reported that the light outside 17 Moss Lane had been repaired. Another light was out in Moss Lane which the Chairman undertook to report.

4. Station Road Bridge - 'Slow' markings The County Surveyor had replied to the effect that he would like to monitor the situation after the completion of the current work at the Bridge. Road surfacing was to be carried out on certain roads in the parish and markings on those roads would subsequently be renewed. Other road markings that required attention would be done at the same time.

5. Footpaths 25 and 26 The Clerk had been informed verbally that no objections had been received to the permanent diversion of these footpaths.

157 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Local Council Review The latest issue had been received.

2. Council for the Protection of Rural England A spring conference was to be held entitled 'What future for the Uplands'. It was agreed not to send a representative.

3. Best Kept Village Competition 1983 Details had been received and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

4. Tarleton High School - Sports Hall Consideration of a letter on this subject was deferred to the next meeting.

5. C.C.L. News The first issue of a new publication from the Community Council of Lancashire had been received.

6. West Lancashire District Council - Annual Report 1981/82 A copy of the report had been received.

7. West Lancashire District Council - Committees The following items were noted :-

- (a) Technical Services Committee - Highways and amenity cleansing. Only three parishes were to undertake their own cleansing, the remainder would be serviced by the District Council on average on one day per week.
- (b) Policy and Resources Committee - Parish Council Liaison Officer. This item had been deferred.

158 FINANCE

1. L D S Loans The Clerk had applied for the loans in respect of the erection of a bus shelter in Chapel Road and the construction of a flagged footpath at the Recreation Ground. Subsequently two mortgage deeds, each in the sum of £500 had been received and in accordance with the authority granted at the last meeting, the Clerk had obtained the necessary signatures and returned the deeds to the District Council.

2. Provision of Flagged Footpath Recreation Ground Further accounts had been received in respect of the work at the Recreation Ground and the following payments had been made :-

(a) John Ball	22 hours at £1-50 per hour	£33 - 00
(b) W Norris	22 hours at £1-50 per hour	£33 - 00

Subsequently it was ascertained that the previous work had been paid for at £2 per hour.

RESOLVED (1) that the action taken in paying Messrs Ball and Norris £33 each be confirmed

(2) that the following additional payments be made :-

(a) John Ball	22 hours at 50 pence per hour	£11 - 00
(b) W Norris	22 hours at 50 pence per hour	£11 - 00

3. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following account be paid :-

North West Water - Standing charge for meter	£ 6 - 25
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159 ALLOTMENTS

Mr Iddon reported that Mr Neary wished to give up his allotment with immediate effect and the Clerk reported on the current waiting list.

RESOLVED (1) that Mr Neary be requested to sign a statement , to be drawn up by the Clerk , to the effect that he wishes to terminate his allotment tenancy immediately.

(2) that upon receipt of the signed statement , the Clerk be authorised to offer the vacant plot to Mr M H Baxter.

W/S at 25/4/83