

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th APRIL 1984

PRESENT:-

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

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

161. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

162. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee Agenda - 26th April, 1984

- (a) Application No. 8/83/783 - Full application for retention of building for use as a Youth Club at the Village Hall, Station Road.

RESOLVED:- (i) That no comments be made on this application,

(ii) That the Clerk notifies the Village Hall Committee of the circumstances that could arise following the granting of permission.

- (b) Non-compliance with condition attached to permission No. 8/83/163 - Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship, rear of 45, Moss Lane. It was reported that complaints had been made about the bollards, access roads and car park.

RESOLVED:- That the recommendation of the Director of Planning, that an Enforcement Notice be issued, be supported.

2. Representations made by the Parish Council Concern was expressed that it appeared that letters containing comments on applications were not always read to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek an assurance from the Director of Planning that comments on applications will be read to the Planning Committee.

163. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Parish Council Election It was reported that only six candidates had been nominated and a by-election would need to be held after the May elections.

2. Recreation Ground

- (a) New slide Notification of the erection date was still awaited.

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(b) Maintenance The first cut had been completed and the Clerk was requested to confirm with Mr. M. Taylor that the Council's terms were acceptable.

(c) Boys Football Club Letters had been received from Mr. R. Gautrey, Secretary, and Mr. S. H. Markland. The club were awaiting estimates for the construction of the extension and had asked about the Council's reaction to their plans for a new pavilion.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Boys Football Club be informed that in future all correspondence must be sent through the Club Secretary,

(ii) That the Club be asked why they were not carrying out the extension work using volunteer labour as originally intended,

(iii) That consideration will be given to a new pavilion following the completion of the extension and the election of a new Parish Council in May, 1984.

3. Highways matters

(a) 30 m.p.h. signs The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

(b) Guide Road The Clerk undertook to ask NWWA if the work had been completed.

(c) Street Lighting The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about the new light in Marsh Road.

(d) Railings at The Brow The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

(e) Nameplates The 'Hesketh Bank' sign at Hundred End had been reported to the County Council, whilst the District Council would order a new sign for 'Greenfields' in the next batch. The Clerk was asked to report that the sign for 'Meadway' currently read 'M adway'.

(f) Footpath at Hundred End The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

(g) Litter Bins New bins were on order and one would be placed at the junction of Station Road and Rankin Avenue.

(h) Dog Warden The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

4. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

(a) Best Kept Village Conference Mr. & Mrs. Trippier had received details direct from the Association.

(b) Area Committee - 30th March, 1984

(i) Street Lighting The supply of additional lights was reasonably up to date and further requests should be made direct to the Director of Technical Services.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to consider installing additional lighting on Moss Lane and Shore Road, at the most appropriate locations, and at Boundary Lane, Hundred End adjacent to New House Farm.

(ii) Play Areas All parish schemes were to be incorporated in the list of 'C' Schemes.

(iii) L.D.S.Loan 1984/85 The loan of £900 for play equipment at Glenpark Drive had been agreed.

(iv) National Conference Mr. G. Parker would send a copy of his report to those Councils who had contributed to the cost of sending a delegate.

(v) Fragmentation of agricultural holdings The Parish Council's representations had been supported and cases coming to light should be reported to the Agricultural Valuation Office.

(vi) Secretary Mrs. S. Watkinson had indicated that she would be resigning from the position of Secretary to the Area Committee.

164. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council The Chairman's Lady's Committee were to hold a Brass Band Concert on Friday 27th April, 1984, at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

2. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust The Trust had now been incorporated as a Limited Company and a final public meeting of the Steering Group would be held on Tuesday 1st May, 1984.

165. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

M.W. Taylor Esq. Mowing grass at Recreation Ground - £45.00

2. Receipts The loan for 1983/84 for £750 and the precept for 1984/85 for £1265 had both been received and banked.

3. Insurance

(a) Combined policy The Employers Liability Certificate had been received.

(b) Extension of policy

RESOLVED:- That the policy be extended to include the bus shelters and street seats under Section K of the policy at an additional premium of £12.40 per annum.

4. Audit of Accounts The audit of the accounts for 1983/84 would be undertaken by Coopers & Lybrand at the District Council Offices, Ormskirk on Monday 4th June, 1984.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements with Mrs. N. Blundell for the accounts to be on deposit for the requisite period prior to the audit.

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5. Estimates and Capital Programme A copy of the District Council's estimates and capital programme for 1984/85 had been received.

166. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

(a) No. 8/84/274 Conversion of first floor offices/strong room to residential use at 4 & 6 Station Road.

(b) No. 8/84/302 Outline for agricultural worker's bungalow at 177 Moss Lane.

2. Planning Committee - 26th April, 1984

Conversion of offices to flats at 4, 6, 8 and 10 Station Road The Council noted that the Director of Planning was recommending a relaxation of the building regulations in respect of this conversion.

3. Approvals The following applications had been approved since the last meeting of the Council:-

(a) No. 8/84/169 Conversion of two dwellings into one at 146/148, Chapel Fold, Chapel Road.

(b) No. 8/84/170 Extensions at rear of 15 Moss Lane.

(c) No. 8/84/167 Offices, canteen and staff toilets at Hesketh Marsh, Hundred End.

167. MEMBERSHIP OF PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman informed the Council that she had decided not to stand in the forthcoming election in order to let local residents manage their own affairs but she was disappointed that only six nominations had been received by the Returning Officer. She thanked everyone for their help during the past four years and paid special thanks to Mr. M. Trippier for his help and assistance to the Parish during his 20 years service on the Council. She wished the new Council every success in the future.

Mrs. D. M. Trippier thanked the Chairman on behalf of the members of the Council for all the hard work undertaken during her Chairmanship and her work for the Council during her 10 years service as a Councillor. Mrs. Trippier hoped that the Chairman would reconsider her decision not to seek re-election and put her name forward for the by-election.

P. J. Handley
14 May 1984

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MAY 1984

PRESENT :-

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan and Trippier.
Messrs. Griffiths, Handley and Iddon.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1984/85.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mrs.N.H.Blundell be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1984/85.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April 1984 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Parish Council Elections It was reported that the by-election in respect of the five vacancies would be held on Thursday 14th June 1984 (European Election Day) with the closing date for nominations being noon on Tuesday 22nd May 1984.

2. District Council Election It was reported that a number of comments had been made in the parish about a statement in the election address of one of the candidates which stated, 'I was recently successful in getting the District Council to agree to providing funds for the provision of a much needed children's play area and car park near the Becconsall Hotel but this was refused by the Parish Council....'. The Clerk reported on possible courses of action open to the Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That no public statement be made about the inaccuracy of the election address referred to, and

(ii) That it be placed on record that the District Council have never agreed to provide funds for a play area and car park near to the Becconsall Hotel and therefore the Parish Council have never been in a position to refuse such an offer.

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6. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGERS

1. Hesketh - with - Becconsall C.E.School The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the existing representative, Mrs.M.Baxter, concerning proposals to amend the Constitution of the Governing Body to provide for 2 Representative Governors appointed by the County Council and 1 by the Parish Council. Mrs.Baxter had expressed the view that the appointments should be reversed i.e. 1 by the County Council and 2 by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the views of Mrs. M. Baxter on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Governing Body be supported and the Education Authority informed accordingly, and

(ii) That the appointment of a Representative Governor for the coming year be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

2. Tarleton County Primary School It was reported that Mr.S.Iddon's appointment did not expire until 1985 at which time the Parish Council would be entitled to appoint 2 Representative Governors for a period of 4 years.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley, Mrs.N.H.Blundell and Mrs.D.M.Trippier be appointed to represent the Parish Council for the year 1984/85.

2. Parish Council Liaison Joint Committee

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley be appointed to represent the Parish Council for the year 1984/85 and that Mrs.D.M.Trippier be appointed as substitute representative.

3. Layfield Charity It was noted that Mrs.N.H.Blundell's appointment as Trustee did not expire until 1985.

4. Other Bodies

RESOLVED:- That the appointment of representatives to the following bodies be deferred to a future meeting of the Council:-

- (a) Village Hall Committee
- (b) Council for Protection of Rural England
- (c) Lancashire Playing Fields Association

8. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:- (i) That the following appointments be made to Standing Committees for the year 1984/85:-

(a) Recreation Chairman (Ex-officio), Mr.S.Iddon, Mr.P.Griffiths, 2 vacancies.

(b) Allotments Chairman (Ex-officio), Mr.S.Iddon, Mr.P.Griffiths, Mrs.C.Finnan.

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1 vacancy, and

(ii) That the vacancies be filled at a future meeting of the Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council A copy of the minutes of recent committee meetings had been received and would be referred to later in the meeting.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

(a) Newsletter The following items were noted:-

- (i) Kate Holden was the new Secretary.
- (ii) Applications for loan sanctions were required as soon as possible.
- (iii) A leaflet entitled 'Paths for People' had been received and the Clerk undertook to obtain copies for each member of the Council.
- (iv) A leaflet on how to make byelaws was available.
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(b) Best Kept Village Competition Mr. and Mrs. Trippier had attended the Conference and Mrs.Trippier reported on the proceedings which had been to enable the judges to go through the list of points to be taken into consideration when judging the entries. Mrs. Trippier thought it was worthwhile to enter even at the risk of getting a bad report. It appeared that the village and not the whole parish was entered and judged and there were also categories for individual amenities. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the time the Annual Estimates for 1985/86 were being prepared.

3. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme Members of the Council were invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Scheme to be held on Thursday 17th May 1984 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

10. FINANCE

1. Bank Mandate

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley, Mrs.N.H.Blundell and Mrs.C.W.Finnan be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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3. Work on the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:- That Mr. W. Norris be paid a rate of £2 per hour for work on the Recreation Ground with effect from the 1st April 1984.

4. West Lancashire District Council A copy of the Abstract of Accounts for the year 1982/83 had been received.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present and Mr. Griffiths commented on the lack of support given to the Council by the public although the press did usually attend each meeting. Mr. Griffiths felt the Council should publicise their achievements more possibly by reviving the Newsletter. It was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda of the Council.

12. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

No. 8/84/417 Extensions to existing greenhouse block - Hesketh Old Marsh, Marsh Road.

2. Application No. 8/84/62 - Vehicle repair shop at 6, Guide Road As a result of the Parish Council's representations the application had been approved subject to conditions.

3. Permission No. 8/83/163 - Church at rear of 45 Moss Lane Consideration of enforcement action had been deferred pending receipt of information on rights of access to the site from Moss Lane and consideration being given to a revised siting of the bollards. Mrs. Trippier had ~~ascertained~~ that Mr. J. Goddard of 15, Moss Lane, Mr. P. Whiteside, the Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship and Mrs. Edmondson (Mr. Whiteside's mother-in-law) all had rights of access from Moss Lane. The Chairman had arranged to meet Mr. D. Taylor, one of the Church Elders, on Friday evening whilst the Planning Department were awaiting legal advice.

13. RECREATION GROUND

1. Maintenance of grassed areas Mr. M. Taylor had confirmed acceptance of the Parish Council's terms.

2. New slide The slide had been delivered and erected on Monday 14th May and was already being well used. The Chairman agreed to inform the Ormskirk Advertiser and the Southport Visiter of the new amenity in the Parish.

3. Use by organisations The Boys Football Club had not replied to the Council's latest letter but a letter had been received from Hesketh Bank AFC thanking the Council for the use of the facilities, requesting use for next season and informing the Council of a forthcoming meeting between the two clubs about summer maintenance. The club had also sent a donation of £25 to the Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Hesketh Bank AFC be thanked for their generous donation,

(ii) That Hesketh Bank AFC's request for the use of the facilities next season be considered at a future meeting of the Council, and

(iii) That Hesketh Bank AFC and Hesketh Bank Boys FC be informed that the Parish Council wish to be represented at any joint meeting about summer maintenance.

4. General maintenance It was reported that now the edges of the grassed areas had been cut various pieces of brick, concrete and wood had been revealed. Mr. Griffiths agreed to ask the Scouts if they would assist with cleaning up the rubbish.

5. Play equipment

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr. N. Marsden to carry out repairs to a broken baby swing at the Recreation Ground.

14. 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.

15. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. 30 m.p.h. signs, Shore Road The County Surveyor had indicated that the speed limit signs could not be moved without the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for enforcement purposes. In addition that to consider moving them further west would be unlikely to be effective in reducing vehicle speeds. Illumination was not provided on signs unless required by law but he would arrange for new signs to replace the old and damaged signs.

2. Bus shelter, Shore Road It was agreed that it was not possible to set back the bus shelter at the corner of Shore Road and Chapel Road (Southport side).

3. Guide Road N.W.W.A. had completed the repairs in Guide Road. The Clerk was requested to report a hole in the carriageway near to the junction with Shore Road.

4. Street lighting No reply had been received concerning the new light in Marsh Road.

5. Railings at The Brow The railings would be replaced on this occasion but not if further damage occurred in the future.

6. Footpaths 25 & 26, Hundred End Further complaints had been received and the Clerk was requested to ask the County Surveyor for an urgent reply.

7. Dog Warden Mrs. C. Finnan reported on a meeting with the District Council's Dog Warden concerning fouling of footpaths etc. The Dog Warden indicated she believed in persuasion and education and said that posters could be obtained at a cost of £43.70 per 100 inc. VAT and postage. These posters were currently being used in an experiment in Ormskirk.

RESOLVED:- That Tarleton and North Meols Parish Councils be asked if they would share the cost of purchasing 100 posters to be displayed in the 3 parishes in an attempt to alleviate the problems caused by dogs fouling footways.

8. Footpath 46 The Clerk was requested to report to the County Council that the first two stiles on this footpath, when walking towards Tarleton from the Boatyard, have disappeared, and to ask the County Council for the names and addresses of the owners of the stiles.

9. Bus shelter, Station Road

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr.N.Marsden to replace the felt on the roof of the bus shelter at the corner of Station Road and Moss Lane.

10. School Fold Mr.Griffiths agreed to look at an old map of the parish to try and ascertain the status of School Fold.

16. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to cancel the Council meeting to be held on Monday 21st May 1984 if there were no items on the Planning Committee Agenda affecting this Parish.

P. J. Hardy
16 July '84.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 18th JUNE 1984

PRESENT :-

Mr. P. J. Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames Baxter, Pinnan, Kershaw and Trippier
Messrs. Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

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

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute 12(3) The second sentence to read - "Mrs. Trippier had been informed by Mr. P. Whiteside that....."

18. MATTERS ARISING MINUTES

1. Parish Council Election - 14th June 1984 The Clerk reported the result of the election as follows:-

1. Mrs. M. Baxter	291 votes
2. Mr. J. A. Whiteside	256 votes
3. Mrs. L. Kershaw	222 votes
4. Mr. B. Molyneux	216 votes
5. Mr. B. Birkby	162 votes
6. Mrs. J. Birkby	152 votes
7. Mrs. J. A. Glover	150 votes
8. Mrs. P. J. Roberts	108 votes

As a result the first five named above were elected.

2. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme Mrs. D. M. Trippier reported that 20 people had attended the Annual General Meeting but there were only 9 volunteers to serve on the Committee which left 3 vacancies. Mrs. Walker, Community Visitor, addressed the meeting on her work in the Parish. The Parish Council were pleased to receive the report.

19. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGER

RESOLVED:- That Mrs. M. Baxter be appointed as a Manager of Hesketh - with - Becconsall C.E. School (Aided).

20. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:- That the following members be appointed for the year 1984/85:-

- (i) Village Hall Committee - Mrs. N. Blundell
- (ii) Council for Protection of Rural England - Mr. P. Griffiths
- (iii) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Mrs. D. M. Trippier

21. LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Trippier reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Association which was held at County Hall, Preston. She said that the meeting was only a rubber stamping exercise but the Annual Report contained a lot of useful information about loans and grants.

22. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:- That (i) the Constitution of the Allotments Committee be increased from four members to five members;
and (ii) the following appointments be made to fill vacancies on the Committees for the year 1984/85:-

- (a) Recreation Committee Mrs. M. Baxter and Mr. J. A. Whiteside
- (b) Allotments Committee Mr. B. Birkby
- (c) Layfield Committee Mrs. L. Kershaw

23. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk outlined the position of Mr. J. A. Whiteside, who as an allotment tenant would not be able to vote on any items affecting the allotments. Mr. Whiteside should, therefore, declare an interest everytime the matter was discussed.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Lancashire Holiday Bus It was agreed to send details of the availability of the bus to the Youth Club.

(b) Public Transport in Lancashire It was noted that matters of general transport interest and policy should be brought to the attention of the Transport Working Group via the District Council.

It was agreed to ask Ribble Motors to supply timetables at the following stops:-
Preston to Southport side - Chapel Road/Charles Close
Southport to Preston side - Shore Road/Chapel Road and
Greenfields in Chapel Road.

The Company also to be asked to indicate at the stops which route serves the stop.

(c) Parish Chairman The Clerk had sent details of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the District Council's Chairman's Secretary.

(d) Chairman's Lady's Charities Details of charity events were noted.

PGH

(e) District Council Committees

Technical Services Committee The Chairman reported that Alty's had requested a change in the site licence for the tip to allow for rolling after every 300 cubic metres of waste instead of daily. The Committee had recommended rolling after every 300 cubic metres of waste or in any event once per week.

Regarding a complaint about the dumping of waste produce, it was agreed to monitor the situation.

(f) Civic Sunday The Chairman had received two invitations and proposed to ask the Vice-Chairman if she would care to attend.

2. West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau It was agreed to suggest to the Bureau that they approach the Rector for a list of organisations and either the Village Hall Committee or Rawsthorpe & Edelstons for permission to park the mobile caravan. If neither site was available then permission would be given to use the Recreation Ground car park.

3. Governors of Voluntary Schools The Chief Education Officer had indicated that representations regarding the new Instruments of Government should be made to the Blackburn Diocesan Education Council. It was agreed to write to the Council and to send a copy to County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

4. Allotments It was agreed to place Mrs. J. Riding on the waiting list for allotments.

5. Finney's Gutter Three written and a number of verbal complaints had been received about a smell coming from Finney's Gutter. It was agreed to acknowledge the letters and ask the Director of Technical Services to investigate as a matter of urgency.

25. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a)	B. Hirst & Sons Ltd.	New slide	£994.75
(b)	Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils.	Handbooks	£ 3.60
(c)	W. Norris Esq.	Work at Recreation Ground	£ 22.00
(d)	B. W. Rimmer Esq.	Clerks salary & expenses	£160.73

2. Audit The accounts were still with the Auditor.

3. VAT The clerk had received a cheque from H. M. Customs & Excise for £117.40 in respect of VAT paid from 1st April 1980 to 31st March 1984.

26. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No.8/84/437 - Single storey extension to bungalow, 1 Ribble Drive
- (b) No.8/84/439 - 11Kv overhead electric line, Guide Road
- (c) No.8/84/548 - Outline for agricultural workers dwelling, adj 12 Boundary Lane
- (d) No.8/84/552 - Single storey extension to bungalow, 189 Moss Lane

and (ii) That objections be made to application No.8/84/432 - Change of use of agricultural store to seasonal chicken slaughter house, 138 & 140 Moss Lane on the following grounds :- Infringement of green belt; nuisances from smell etc. ; no facilities for disposal of waste products.

2. Comments on Planning Applications The Director of Planning was not able to give an assurance that late comments would be presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED:- (i) That representations be made to the West Lancashire Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils and subsequently the Parish Councils Joint Liaison Committee
and (ii) That the Director of Planning be informed of the action being taken.

3. Permission No.8/83/163 - Church at rear of 45 Moss Lane The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mr. D. Taylor and Mr. R. Farrington of the Fellowship which had been inconclusive. Some members were of the opinion that the rights of way referred to by the Fellowship were for agricultural purposes only. The District Council, however, were still investigating the legal position.

4. Committee Agenda - 24th May 1984 There were no items affecting this Parish.

5. Committee Agenda - 21st June 1984 A copy of the model wording for conditions and reasons had been received with the Agenda.

The following applications had been approved:-

- (a) No.8/84/165 - Extension to barn to provide agricultural packing shed, 255 Moss Lane.
- (b) No.8/84/344A - Display of illuminated fascia and projected signs, 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.
- (c) No.8/84/417 - Extension to existing greenhouse block, Marsh Road.

RESOLVED:- That in relation to permission No.8/84/344A, the Bradford and Bingley Building Society be asked, through their Head Office, to subdue the fascia light which is causing a nuisance to cars leaving Mill Lane.

27. RECREATION GROUND

1. New slide - publicity A small item had appeared in the Ormskirk Advertiser.

2. Use by organisations The Chairman reported on the meeting between members of the Council, Hesketh Bank AFC and the Boys Football Club. The Senior club had one team playing once per fortnight on a Sunday morning, whilst the Junior club would use the pitch once per week and the agreement made between the two clubs last season would stand. The Boys Club would take up the goal posts and re-seed the goalmouths. They also undertook to repair the broken pane of glass in the hut. It was hoped that the extension would be completed by the end of August. The Parish Councillors at the meeting agreed to give consideration to the applications for the use of the ground at this meeting of the Council and to the long term plans for a new pavilion when the extension is completed.

RESOLVED:- That Hesketh Bank AFC and the Boys Football Club be granted use of the Recreation Ground for football matches on the same terms as last season.

3. General maintenance Mr. Griffiths could get the use of a trailer at any time and it was agreed to clear up the bricks etc. on Thursday 28th June 1984 starting at 7.00 pm.

4. Repairs to equipment It was reported that the swing had been repaired.

28. 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.

29. MR. R. BLAXALL

RESOLVED:- That the best wishes of the Council be extended to Mr. Roger Blaxall of the Ormskirk Advertiser on his leaving the paper for a new post with the Greater Manchester Police.

30. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Guide Road It was reported that the work had been done.

2. Street Lighting The Council noted that the Association of Parish and Town Councils would be notified when further funds were available.

3. Footpaths As no replies had been received, the Clerk was asked to send copies of the correspondence to County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

4. The Brow The railings had still not been replaced.

5. Footways The Clerk was asked to report the poor state of the footway at the Brow and the hedge overhanging the footway in the vicinity of 56 Station Road.

6. Dog fouling signs Both Tarleton and North Meols Parish Councils had agreed to join with this Council in purchasing signs. The Clerk reported that Mrs. S. Watkinson had been quoted 21 pence each for a minimum order of 1000 signs which was half the price quoted to this Council. The Clerk was requested to contact Mrs. Watkinson about this matter.

7. Bus shelter Mr. N. Marsden had agreed to repair the shelter at the junction of ~~Shore Road~~ and ~~Chapel Road~~.
Station Road and Moss Lane P J H

8. School Fold Mr. Griffiths reported that the first ordnance map of 1894 did not show School Fold by name. Mrs. Baxter recounted the past history of the road and informed the Council that the County Council had offered to make up the road but the residents did not want the work to be carried out.

9. Titmouse Brow The Clerk was requested to report the broken handrail to the County Council.

10. Chapel Road It was reported that regular obstruction of the footway was taking place outside No. 184 Chapel Road. It was agreed that the residents who wished to complain should be advised to complain to the local police in the first instance.

31. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. National Conference A report had been received from Geoff Parker who had attended on behalf of the Parishes in the district.
2. St. Michael's on Wyre Disaster Fund A circular letter about the fund was noted.
3. Capital Bids Confirmation had been received that £900 had been allocated to the Council for play equipment. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Council.
4. West Lancashire Area Committee A circular letter, which included advice on the confidentiality of Planning Committee agendas, was noted.

32. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mr. Griffiths outlined his ideas for a parish newsletter/magazine which would contain articles and letters in addition to information on future events and on the work of the Parish Council. He had obtained a quotation for £44 for printing 600 copies of three sheets printed on both sides in a booklet form. He suggested that the cost could be offset by advertisers which should be sufficient to make the magazine self-financing. In view of the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to defer consideration to the next meeting of the Council.

33. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 21st June 1984

Application No. 8/84/274 - Conversion of offices to residential use, 4 & 6 Station Road

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

34. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 1984 be forwarded to Mr. H. Benson.

P. J. Handley
16 July '84

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 16th JULY, 1984

PRESENT:- Mr. P. Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier
Messrs Griffiths, Iddon and Whiteside

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

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute 30(7) to read, "..... junction of Station Road and Moss Lane."

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport A letter had been received from Ribble Motors Ltd. and the District Superintendent would be contacting the Parish Council shortly.

2. Governors of Voluntary Schools The Blackburn Diocesan Education Council had noted the Parish Council's comments and would pass them on. No reply had been received from County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

3. Council Minutes Mr. H. Benson had not responded to the Clerk's letter.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

1. County Council A Waste Recycling Directory had been received.

2. District Council

(a) Official Guide One complimentary copy of the new guide had been received.

(b) District Council Minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

(c) District Council Agenda The Health and General Purposes Committee had been informed of efforts undertaken to remove caravans from two sites in the parish which did not have the benefit of a site licence. The Director of Environmental Health had been given authority to prosecute under the appropriate legislation.

3. Village Hall Committee Mrs. N. Blundell reported that the work required to comply with the recent planning permission in respect of the Youth Club was in hand.

4. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils It was noted that contributions to the Abbeystead Disaster Fund could now be financed from the 'Free Two Pence'.

5. Tarleton County Primary School Mr. S. Iddon had prepared his annual report as a Manager of the school and the Chairman read the important points to the meeting. It was agreed to place the report in the Council's records.

38. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) West Lancashire District Council - Loan charges	£462.80
(b) M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting on Recreation Ground	£ 42.00
(c) North West Water - Water charges	£ 6.55
(d) Coopers & Lybrand - Audit fee	£ 64.40
(e) N.Marsden Esq. - Repairs to bus shelter and swing	£ 48.90

2. Receipts A cheque for £765 had been received in respect of the half-yearly contribution by the District Council to concurrent expenditure.

3. Audit of accounts The annual audit had been satisfactorily completed.

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Kidd raised the question of the making up of School Fold from Shore Road to the end of the cottages, which she maintained the County Council had accepted responsibility for some years ago. Mrs. Kidd also referred to the state of the hedgerows in Station Road.

The Chairman undertook to look through the Parish Council records to ascertain what had been said regarding School Fold and to visit Mrs. Kidd regarding the other matter.

40. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists

(a) Application No. 8/84/626 - Extensions at 6 Guide Road.

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

(b) Application No. 8/84/630A - Illuminated fascia sign and two non-illuminated wall board signs at 313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed of the problems being experienced with the sign at the property next door to this address and that Tarleton Parish Council be informed of the action being taken by this Council.

2. Permission No. 8/84/344A - Signs at 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton
No reply had been received from the Bradford and Bingley Building Society.

3. Planning Committee - 19th July, 1984 The following application had been approved since the last meeting of the Committee:-

No. 8/84/437 - Extensions to bungalow at 1 Ribble Drive.

41. PLAY AREA, GLENPARK DRIVE

The loan of £900 for the provision of play facilities had been approved and the project should be started as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Chairman be authorised to contact the Director of Leisure Services to arrange a meeting on site to discuss the project,

(ii) That Mr. N. Marsden be requested to make a sign to be erected on the site, and

(iii) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve the payment for the sign and approve application being made for the loan of £900.

42. NEWSLETTER

Mr. P. Griffiths outlined his proposal for a Parish Newsletter based on a magazine format with the Council financing the first edition and the subsequent ones being financed by advertisers. A number of members preferred the re-introduction of the former news sheet as a first step with possible expansion at a later date.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Griffiths be authorised to produce a single news sheet in the old format as soon as possible.

43. APPLICATION FOR OFF LICENCE - 85 STATION ROAD, HESKETH BANK

(Mrs. C. Finnan declared an interest in this item and did not vote thereon).

The application and the previous history regarding similar applications in respect of this property were read to the Council. The Clerk reported that in 1980 the Parish Council had not objected but had pointed out to the Justices the presence of licensed premises at 87, Station Road.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that a similar letter be sent on this occasion.

To which an amendment was MOVED and SECONDED that the Council object to this application.

Upon being put, the amendment was CARRIED, whereupon it was

RESOLVED:- That the Council object to the application for an off licence at 85, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

44. FINNEY'S GUTTER

The Clerk had not received a reply to his letter and Mr. P Griffiths reported that Mrs. Riding had told him that no progress had been made.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to speak to the appropriate officer of the District Council and that the Clerk be requested to write again to the Director of Technical Services asking for notification of progress.

45. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had attended the Annual General Meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee and the following matters were noted:-

Officers There had been an election for Vice-Chairman which had been won by Mr. S. Williams of North Meols.

Planning comments A verbal guarantee had been received that all relevant items in letters received before the meeting of the Committee would be reported to the Committee at the meeting. It was felt that this was the best the Council could hope for in the circumstances.

Volunteer Bureau The trailer owned by the Bureau would be in the Parish on Tuesday 11th September, 1984 from 12.15 pm to 2.00 pm and Tuesday 13th November, 1984 from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

NJB

46. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr. F. Iddon was now working his allotments satisfactorily.

RESOLVED:- That the Allotments Committee undertake an inspection on Monday 23rd July, 1984 at 7.30 pm.

47. 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.

48. RECREATION GROUND

1. Use by organisations Hesketh Bank Football Club had accepted the conditions laid down by the Council and had paid the annual rental of £1. The Boys Football Club and the Sportsman Club had not yet responded to the Clerk's letters. It was stated that the re-seeding had not been carried out and the broken window in the hut had not yet been replaced.

2. General maintenance A clean-up exercise had been undertaken on the Delta Park side of the Recreation Ground which had resulted in two trailer loads of rubbish being collected. It was reported, however, that the area was nearly as bad as before and it was agreed to leave further work until the start of the winter. It was also reported that it appeared that a lot of rubbish had been dumped over the hedges from property surrounding the field.

RESOLVED:- That the occupiers of property adjoining the Recreation Ground be requested by letter to co-operate with the Council in keeping the field tidy and free from rubbish.

3. Swings

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for Mr. N. Marsden to repair the damaged swings on the Recreation Ground.

49. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpaths No replies had been received from the County Surveyor or County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

2. Dog fouling signs No enthusiasm had been shown by the other parishes in the district at the recent meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC and the bulk buying of new signs was not feasible.

RESOLVED:- That special signs be not purchased but that the District Council be asked if any of the old type metal signs are available.

3. Titmouse Brow The broken hand rail had been repaired

4. Carriageways

RESOLVED:- That the following defects be reported to the Area County Surveyor:-
(a) Corner of Delta Park Drive and Chapel Road
(b) Opposite 208 Moss Lane.

5. Street Lighting The Chairman gave members the number to ring when street lights were not lit.

6. Bus shelter Mr. P. Griffiths undertook to replace the slabs in the shelter outside the Church.

7. Street seats A complaint had been received about the seat at the corner of Station Road and Rankin Avenue which continually attracted groups of youths.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the seat to be moved to the Recreation Ground.

8. Speeding The Technical Services Committee of the District Council had been informed that a blitz on speeding was to be undertaken on 4 or 5 highways in the district including Hesketh Lane and Station Road.

50. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 19th July, 1984

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

(i) No. 8/84/432 - Change of use of agricultural store to seasonal chicken slaughter house at 138/140 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

(ii) No. 8/84/439 - Overhead 11 kv electricity line at Guide Road, Hesketh Bank.

N H Blundell.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th AUGUST 1984

PRESENT :-

Mrs. N. Blundell (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames Baxter, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier.

Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside.

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

51. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

52. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport The Clerk was requested to send a reminder to Ribble Motors Ltd. about the provision of timetables at bus stops etc.

2. Off Licence, 85 Station Road. The Clerk reported that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

3. Planning Committee - 19th July, 1984 The following decisions were noted:-
Application No.8/84/432 - Change of use of store to seasonal chicken slaughter house at 138/140 Moss Lane - Refused.

Application No.8/84/439 - Overhead 11 kv electricity line at Guide Road - Deferred.

53. CORRESPONDENCE

District Council Minutes There were no items affecting this parish.

54. FINANCE

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid :-

(i) M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (4th cut)	£21.00
(ii) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription	£ 5.00
(iii) W.Norris Esq. - Work on Allotments (17 hours) and Recreation Ground (10 hours)	£54.00

55. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists There were no applications affecting the parish.

2. Planning Committee - 16th August, 1984

(a) Planning Information Handbook A copy of the new handbook had been received and the Clerk was requested to ask for a further eleven copies to be made available for members of the Council.

(b) Applications approved since last meeting The following approval was noted :-

Application No.8/84/552 - Extension to bungalow at 189 Moss Lane.

3. Fascia sign at 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton The Bradford and Bingley Building Society had replied that they would have to resist the suggestion of using a lower wattage on the sign as it would detract from the overall presentation. They would be prepared to consider amendments to the signwork provided the Parish Council met the cost.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Bradford and Bingley Building Society be informed of the feeling of the Council regarding glaring signs in rural areas and be requested to consider either installing a coloured tube or reducing the area of white on the sign in an attempt to reduce the glare;

and (ii) That a copy of the correspondence be sent to the Director of Planning for information.

56. RECREATION GROUND

1. Use by organisations The Sportsman's Club had paid the rental of £1 for 1984 and explained why the hut had not been kept as clean as they would like. The Boys Football Club had paid the £1 rental for the season 1984/85. Members expressed concern at the lack of co-operation by the Boys Football Club.

RESOLVED:- That the Boys Football Club be informed of the views of the Council and requested to complete the extension to the hut prior to the commencement of the football season.

2. General maintenance Mr. P. Handley had suggested that the hedges bordering School Fold required cutting.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. S. Iddon be requested to arrange for the hedges to be cut and for Mr. W. Norris to be available to clean up as required.

3. Swings Mr. N. Marsden had agreed to repair the swings.

57. GLENPARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

A meeting had been held at the site with officers of the Leisure Services Department who had agreed to prepare sketches for consideration by the Council. They had suggested that the owners of properties most affected be consulted as a gesture of goodwill. The proposed sign for the area had been made by Mr. N. Marsden at a cost of £14.20 and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had authorised the payment of the account and application being made for payment of the loan of £900 by the District Council.

RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be confirmed.

58. FINNEY'S GUTTER

Mr. P. Handley had reported that the Environmental Health Officer had traced

the source of the pollution and was now awaiting to hear from the North West Water Authority. The owners of the house most affected were aware of the situation. The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council to keep this Council informed of developments.

59. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpaths

(a) Nos. 25 and 26 The attention of the landowner had been drawn to the problems as well as his responsibilities with regard to the footpath.

RESOLVED:- That the situation be kept under observation.

(b) No. 46 The County Surveyor had indicated that no action was required. It was reported that tipping was taking place in the vicinity of the boatyard but as this was not obstructing the footpath it was agreed to take no action.

2. Dog Fouling Signs The District Council had no signs available.

RESOLVED:- That no further action be taken in this matter.

3. Carriageways The two areas reported previously had been repaired but concern was expressed about the general state of the roads in the Parish which were deteriorating fast.

RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked about future plans for the roads in the Parish.

4. Street Lighting The lights in Chapel Road had been repaired.

5. Bus Shelters The shelter outside the church on Station Road had been inspected and it was suggested that 3ft wide panels would be more appropriate than the existing 6ft panels. The new panels should also be bolted or concreted in position to prevent them being removed. The shelter outside the Methodist Chapel required repairs and it was suggested that the shelters needed painting.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr. N. Marsden be requested to provide an estimate for the repair of the shelter outside the church on Station Road;
and (ii) That Mr. B. Birkby be authorised to undertake a survey of all the bus shelters and report back to the Council with suggestions for future action.

6. Street Seats The seat had been removed from the corner of Rankin Avenue and placed on the Recreation Ground by Mr. A. Bond at no cost to the Council but Mr. B. Birkby suggested that complaints may be received because it had been moved.

7. School Fold/Hazelwood Drive Mr. P. Handley could find no record in the Parish Council minutes of the County Council agreeing to make up School Fold as suggested by Mrs. Kidd. Mr. Handley also reported that a concrete bollard at the end of Hazelwood Drive was on its side and the existence of metal stumps which were a danger to pedestrians.

RESOLVED:- (i) That County Councillor Miss S.R. Taylor be requested to make some enquiries regarding an undertaking to make up School Fold;
and (ii) That the County Area Surveyor be requested to attend to the matters in Hazelwood Drive.

60. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that all allotment holders had paid their rentals for the year commencing February 1985.

The Allotments Committee had inspected the allotments as a result of which Mr. Norris had been asked to clean out the ditch for which the Council was responsible. It was reported that Mr. A. Bond had been maintaining a road across the end of the allotments. It was suggested that the Council's land may be falling into the other ditch, the one with the pollution problems, thereby restricting the passage of water.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr. A. Bond be thanked for his work on the allotments and for moving a street seat free of charge;

and (ii) That Mr. S. Iddon be requested to keep the situation under observation pending the receipt of the views of NWWA referred to in Item 58 above.

61. PARISH NEWSLETTER

The first issue had been produced and distributed by Mr. P. Griffiths and had received a favourable response from residents. Mr. Griffiths, who had been assisted by his wife, undertook to take note of various comments made by members of the Council regarding the clearing of issues with the Chairman prior to printing and amending the credits at the end to include a reference to the document being published by the Parish Council.

Mr. Griffiths informed the Council that the newsletter had been printed using a borrowed machine and the time would come when the Council would need to look for a suitable printing machine. Mr. B. Birkby offered the use of a machine in his ownership.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr. P. Griffiths be congratulated on the first edition of the Newsletter which had been well put together and received;

and (ii) That Mr. B. Birkby's offer of the use of his printing machine be accepted.

62. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 16th August 1984

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

(a) No.8/84/439 - Overhead 11 kv electricity line at Guide Road.

(b) No.8/84/58 - Outline for agricultural workers bungalow at Hesketh Old Marsh, Marsh Road.

P. J. Handley
10 Sept '84

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10th SEPTEMBER 1984

PRESENT:- Mr. P. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier.
Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon and Molyneux.

Apologies were received from Mr. J. A. Whiteside.

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 1984 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

64. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport A reminder had been sent to Ribble Motors Ltd regarding the provision of timetables at stops.

2. Planning Information Handbook The Clerk had ordered extra copies for members of the Council.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported that sketches should be ready for the next meeting of the Council. As the land was owned by the District Council, insurance would need to be approved by that Council but it was considered that the existing policy could be extended for a small extra premium.

4. Finney's Gutter The Chairman reported that the pollution had been traced as pig slurry and the source identified. The District Council had referred the matter to NWWA and requested them to take action. The Clerk had asked the District Council to keep the Parish Council informed.

5. Allotments It was reported that the bank on the allotments was still holding.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Tourism A report, considered by the District Council, was available for members.

(b) Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The next meeting would be held on the 20th September.

(c) Committee Meetings

(i) Leisure and Amenities The Committee had agreed the policy for the provision of play areas. If the District Council owned the land, as in the case of Glenpark Drive, then the Parish Council should provide equipment and adequate insurance both to be approved by the District Council.

(ii) Technical Services The meeting would be held on the 11th September and the following items were on the Agenda :-

P.G.H

Prohibition of cycling It was proposed to prohibit cycling on the footpath between Station Road and Cherry Vale by means of a Traffic Regulation Order. A staggered barrier would also be erected. The Parish Council had not been consulted and mention was made of the lack of money to provide a barrier at the top of the steps which was considered of greater priority by the Parish Council. The Chairman would be attending the meeting and undertook to put forward the views expressed by the Parish Council.

Waste Disposal Site Licence - H. Alty Ltd. The condition suggested to level the site once per week had not been included in the conditions and it was agreed to keep a watch on the situation.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils The following items were noted with action to be taken as indicated:-

(a) The Annual General Meeting would be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 10th November 1984 at 10.30 am.

(b) The Government were considering allowing postal votes in Parish, Town and Community elections.

(c) Phone kiosks taking less than £185 per year were in danger of being closed. It was agreed to mention this in the next newsletter.

(d) The Spring Conference would be held in Blackpool from 19th to 21st April 1985.

(e) The major proposals contained in the Department of Transport's white paper on buses.

(f) A questionnaire on the use of the 'Free Two Pence'. The Clerk undertook to complete and return it to the National Association.

(g) A seminar on 'Local Councils and Computers'. No-one was interested in attending.

(h) A questionnaire on the Annual Audit which the Clerk undertook to complete and return to the Lancashire Association.

(i) A Councillor's Course would be held either in November or early next year.

(j) Details of a new magazine called 'Rural Viewpoint'.

(k) A report on 'Policing in Rural Areas'. The Clerk undertook to obtain copies for all members of the Council. The Council were concerned that the village policeman had left and not been replaced. The Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale to ascertain how long the village was likely to be without a policeman.

(l) Posters about using rural Post Offices, which would be put on the Notice Boards.

(m) Notice about an event in connection with saving the Settle to Carlisle railway line.

P. G. H.

66. FINANCE

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| (a) M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (5th cut) | £21.00 |
| (b) N. Marsden Esq. - Repairs to swings | £15.50 |
| (c) B. W. Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary and expenses | £167.01 |

67. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No. 8/84/751 - Extensions at 163 Station Road.
- (b) No. 8/84/755 - Extensions at Boundary Farm, Boundary Lane.
- (c) No. 8/84/760 - Outline for 2 detached houses adj. to 44 Shore Road.
- (d) No. 8/84/764 - Block of greenhouses at 159 Moss Lane.
- (e) No. 8/84/771 - Garden shed at 1 Rankin Avenue.
- (f) No. 8/84/820 - Dog boarding kennels at Primrose Cottage, Boundary Meanygate.

(ii) That the comments indicated be made on the following applications:-

- (a) No. 8/84/821 - Outline for 15 dwellings with garages at Chapel Road.

Object on the grounds used for previous applications for 'estate type' development.

- (b) No. 8/84/822 - Outline for detached bungalow and garage on land adj. to 'Riversdale', Marsh Road.

Object on the grounds of fragmentation of an existing holding.

2. Planning Committee - 13th September 1984 The following application had been approved since the previous meeting:-

- No. 8/84/626 - Extensions at 6 Guide Road.

3. Fascia sign at 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton No reply had been received from the Bradford & Bingley Building Society but it was noted that the application for a sign on the next door premises had still not been approved.

68. RECREATION GROUND

1. Changing hut The Boys Football Club were to begin laying the base for the extension starting the next evening.

2. Maintenance etc Mention was made that the goal areas had not been re-seeded but the whole pitch at the Sports Ground had been done but could not be used as the grass had only just grown. The problem of tipping was also mentioned and a discussion took place on the usefulness or otherwise of notices. The swings had been repaired but the hedges had not been cut due to difficulties encountered last year when schoolchildren were on the field at the same time as the cutting machine.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for Mr. N. Marsden to paint 'Tip no rubbish' on the small notice boards at the Delta Park and Shore Road entrances.

(ii) That an appeal be placed in the next newsletter requesting residents not to tip on the Recreation Ground with mention being made about the notices.

(iii) That the Clerk investigates the possibility of the Council making byelaws for the regulation of the Recreation Ground.

(iv) That, when the hedges are to be cut, Mr S Iddon be authorised to notify the School and Mr Norris to try and avoid the problems encountered last year.

3. Use of Recreation Ground Complaints had been made about cars parking in Delta Park Drive and the Chairman had spoken to both the Senior and Junior Football Clubs who would encourage the use of the Shore Road car park. It was also reported that on at least one occasion football players had changed in their cars in Delta Park Drive. It was agreed to keep a watch on the situation.

69. HIGHWAY MATTERS

1. Carriageways The County Surveyor proposed to carry out resurfacing to part of Shore Road and footway resurfacing of two lengths of Chapel Road.

RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be informed of the Council's concern at the state of the road in Moss Lane and the state of the footways near to the shops in Station Road.

2. Bus shelters Mr. B. Birkby had inspected all the shelters and reported that most needed either repairing or painting. Mr. Marsden had submitted an estimate of £92.80 for repairing the shelter outside the Church on Station Road. The Clerk reported the amount included in the annual estimates for this year and consideration was given to the work required to the three wooden shelters.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr N. Marsden be requested to repair the wooden shelters at Moss Lane/Station Road and the Methodist Chapel,

(ii) That tenders be invited for painting or treating with wood preservative, as appropriate, the shelters at Moss Lane/Station Road, the Methodist Chapel and Hundred End,

(iii) That a notice inviting tenders be placed in the next edition of the newsletter, the tenders to be returned in writing to the Clerk prior to the next meeting of the Council

3. School Fold/Hazelwood Drive The Area County Surveyor would be carrying out the work requested at the junction of School Fold and Hazelwood Drive. No reply had been received from County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor regarding School Fold.

4. Station Road It was reported that No. 13 Station Road appeared to be going derelict. The Chairman agreed to investigate and contact the District Council.

5. Street seats Mrs. C. Finnan and Mr. B. Birkby had received complaints about the moving of the seat from Station Road/Rankin Avenue which could suggest that the decision had been taken without the benefit of a majority view of the users of the seat.

70. 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.

71. NEWSLETTER

The second edition had been produced and circulated. The Clerk was requested to ask the Ormskirk Advertiser whether they were prepared to contribute towards the cost of producing the newsletter.

72. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 13th September 1984

Application No. 8/84/760 - Outline for two detached houses adj to 44 Shore Road

RESOLVED:- That it be suggested to the Planning Committee that semi-detached houses would be more in keeping with the character of this part of Shore Road.

P. J. Handley.
8th Oct. '84.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 8th OCTOBER 1984

PRESENT:- Mr. P. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Blundell, Kershaw and Trippier
Messrs Birkby, Griffiths and Whiteside

PJH.
Mrs M. Baxter

Apologies were received from Mrs C. Finnan, Mr S. Iddon and
Mr B. Molyneux and 3 members of the press and public were present.

73. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September, 1984
be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

74. POLICING IN THE PARISH

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting W.P.C. Caren Peake, the new police officer
for the Parish, and invited Miss Peake to address the meeting.

Miss Peake thanked the Chairman and the Council for the invitation to the
meeting and said she was settling in well and had started work on the 1st
October. She had worked in Ormskirk for 5 years and found the rural area quite
different. The people were all very friendly and she wished to get to know
people as a friend as well as a police officer. She was prepared to make
herself available to help people as much as possible and this included
answering callers, both personal and on the telephone, whenever she was at
home, even when she was off duty. She also indicated she was willing to help
with discos for young people in off duty time.

Mr P. Griffiths asked how duties were arranged and Miss Peake indicated that
the officers at Hesketh Bank and Tarleton provided 16 hours cover per day for
the two villages. In addition the 2 officers at Banks and the officer at
Rufford could assist if required. Further back up was available at Burscough
and Ormskirk.

Asked about traffic problems, Miss Peake agreed that there was not much parking
space in the village centre whilst the speed of traffic down Hesketh Lane was
quite frightening.

Mrs Trippier mentioned problems of young people collecting at certain points
in the village centre and the Recreation Ground causing a nuisance and
sometimes using bad language. Miss Peake said it was a problem all over the
country but she would keep her eye on the situation. The Chairman mentioned
vandalism but did not want to exaggerate what was not as great a problem as in
some areas of the county.

Miss Peake said she was concerned about children riding cycles without lights
and undertook to advise them of the dangers of such practice. Miss Peake also
advised the Council about the law on parking obstructions.

In conclusion, Miss Peake said she would keep in contact with the Council and
attend meetings whenever possible and the Clerk undertook to supply her with
copies of agendas and minutes.

The Chairman thanked Miss Peake for attending the meeting and for the useful
comments she had made to the Council.

P.J. Handley

75. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport Ribble Motors Ltd. had indicated that they intended to put timetable cases at a number of stops in the Parish and the work had been done during the past week.

2. Finney's Gutter The District Council had confirmed that the NWWA Rivers Division had contacted the owner of a farm regarding the discharge of pig slurry into the ditch and they would consider taking action if the requests for action were ignored. The District Council suggested that the Parish Council should contact the NWWA direct for information and the Clerk undertook to write to NWWA.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

1. Annual General Meeting It had been confirmed that the AGM would be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 10th November, 1984 at 10.30am. The Chairman, Mr P. Griffiths and Mr J.A. Whiteside would represent this Council at the meeting.

2. Policing in Rural Areas The document previously circulated to the District Police Liaison Committee had been circulated to members of the Council. The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Chief Superintendent A. Rydeheard at Skelmersdale concerning the appointment of W.P.C. Peake and that Miss Peake had been invited to this meeting by the Clerk on behalf of the Chairman.

3. White Paper on Buses The Clerk undertook to provide the Chairman, Mrs D. Trippier and Mr P. Griffiths with a copy of the notes from the LAPTC on this White Paper.

4. Best Kept Village Competition - Schools Competition The Clerk reported that the entry from Hesketh - with - Becconsall C.E. School, which had been organised by Mrs Sheila Whittingham, had been highly commended and had won a certificate and a cheque for £7.50 donated by The National and Provincial Building Society. The had to observe flora and fauna from the 21st March to the 21st June and all observations had been undertaken within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the school.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Headmaster of the school to congratulate them on their fine achievement in this competition.

76. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council - Committee Minutes

1. Technical Services Committee The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to cycling restrictions being placed on the footpath between Station Road and Cherry Vale, subject to the ward councillor being consulted prior to a decision being taken on the type and location of the barriers to be provided. The Chairman had subsequently met Mr Glover of the County Council at the site and had agreed the location of the barriers. A barrier would also be provided at the roadside at the top of the steps. The state of the embankment had also been mentioned and Mr Glover had indicated that the County Council were in the process of obtaining ownership from the developer and would then consider planting bushes and generally tidying the area up.

The Parish Council PJH

2. Planning Committee It was reported that application No 8/84/760 for 2 houses adjacent to 44 Shore Road had been approved as recommended.

P.J. Handley

2. West Lancashire Twinning Association The Chairman of the Association had written about membership of the Association and invited interested persons to the first general meeting to be held on the 18th October, 1984 at 8.00pm at the Civic Hall, Ormskirk.

3. West Lancashire Citizens Advice Bureau The Council's views were requested on a mobile service to the parishes. The Chairman reported that the Area Committee of the LAPTC were being asked to support a proposal by Upholland Parish Council to establish a service at a total cost of £1500 - £1750 to be financed by the parishes. Miss Peake in response to a view that a mobile service may not be able to give instant answers to problems reported that in her experience about 80% of all cases are usually dealt with immediately.

RESOLVED:- That consideration be deferred to the next meeting of the Council when more information would be available.

4. Local Council Review The autumn edition had been received.

77. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (Final cut) | |
| | - £21.00 |
| 2. NWWA - Fixed water charge | - £ 6.25 |
| 3. W.Norris Esq. - Hedge cutting and tidying up at Recreation Ground | |
| | - £14.00 |

2. Election expenses The Clerk reported the receipt of an account for £371.47 in respect of election expenses for the elections held this year.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested for a breakdown of the charges.

78. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

Application No. 8/84/862 - Extension at 55 Boundary Lane.

RESOLVED:- That no comment be made on this application.

Application No. 8/84/887 - Details of farmhouse and garage, Hesketh Marsh, adj. Shore Road.

The Chairman reported that this would be sited in front of the existing barn but it would be a very large house and he doubted if it would fit in with the surroundings. The approval would be subject to the completion of a S.52 Agreement. The Chairman was to see the plans in the near future.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to make any comments deemed necessary regarding this application.

2. Planning Committee - 11th October, 1984

1. Tree Preservation Order It was noted that an order would be made in respect of trees at Hesketh Bank Boatyard.

P.J. Handley

2. Applications pending It was noted that the following applications had been pending for over 13 weeks:-

- (a) No.8/84/304 Outline for dwelling at 177 Moss Lane - Awaiting Section 52 agreement.
- (b) No.8/84/548 Outline for dwelling adj. 12 Boundary Lane - Awaiting Section 52 agreement.
- (c) No.8/84/630A Advertisement at 313 Hesketh Lane - Awaiting further information.

With regard to item (c) it was reported that the light in the Vets was now turned out in the evening. With regard to the sign at the Bradford and Bingley Building Society, W.P.C. Peake undertook to call in and ask if the light could be turned off at night.

79. RECREATION GROUND

1. Maintenance etc. It was noted that the hedges had still not been cut. It was also reported that the tipping signs had not yet been painted and the Clerk reported on the byelaw position whereby it would be necessary to ascertain whether the land had been purchased under the Public Health Act 1875, the Open Spaces Act 1906 or some other enactment.

2. Entrance from Shore Road It was reported that the waste paper bin at this entrance was a hazard to vehicles leaving the car park and it was agreed that the members of the Recreation Committee should look at the problem before the next meeting of the Council.

3. Changing hut The concrete footings for the extension had been completed but the window had not been repaired. The Chairman ^{reported} on a conversation with Mr Stringfellow of the Pigeon Fanciers Club who maintained that they had replaced the glass in the windows on previous occasions but had left it this time to see if the footballers would do anything. The Clerk had seen a similar hut at Rufford where wooden shutters were provided to protect the glass.

RESOLVED:- That Mr B. Birkby be authorised to speak to Mr J. Wignall about the problem.

4. Becconsall Play Area

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to approach the brewery about the provision of a play area and car park adjacent to the bowling green at the Becconsall Hotel by the Parish Council, if the brewery would lease or sell the necessary land and requesting a meeting of representatives of the two parties to discuss the suggestion.

80. GLENPARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

The Chairman had received some sketch proposals prepared by the District Council which provided for the tarmac to be lifted around the edge of the area and for a square to be lifted in the centre, the work to be done as part of an MSC scheme. The outside area could then be planted with bushes (estimated cost £900) and the play equipment provided in the centre utilising volunteer labour (estimated cost £350 - £400). It had also been suggested that the residents adjacent to the area be consulted about the proposals.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed, by the Chairman, that the equipment to be provided should not exceed 3 ft. in height and that the Parish Council, whilst being happy for the tarmac to be lifted under an MSC scheme, is minded to purchase and plant the bushes utilising local volunteer labour.



81. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School Fold/Hazelwood Drive County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor had informed the Clerk that the County Surveyor was researching old records regarding the making up of the Shore Road end of School Fold.

2. Carriageways No reply had been received to the Clerk's letter but it was reported that the pot holes outside the shops on Station Road had been filled in.

3. Amenity Cleansing The Council had been consulted about the operation of the mobile units and a suggestion to carry out weedkilling at the base of hedgerows and in gutters.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed -

(1) that all main roads through the village require treatment with weedkiller to alleviate growth from hedgerows and that Moss Lane requires treatment in the gutters, and

(2) that it had been understood that the side roads would be swept occasionally and it be suggested that attention be paid to them whenever possible apart from picking up litter as at present.

4. Station Road The Chairman had spoken to Mr Glover about the wall at 11/13 Station Road and it had been agreed to leave the matter for the time being.

5. Street Seats A letter had been received from Mrs J. Wait of Norwood Avenue complaining about the removal of the seat from the corner of Rankin Avenue and Station Road.

RESOLVED:- That Mrs Wait be thanked for her letter and informed of the problems and that the Council would be reviewing the situation in due course.

82. BUS SHELTERS

As a result of the invitation for tenders for repainting or retreating bus shelters, only one tender had been received from N. Marsden Esq. in the sum of £109.00.

RESOLVED:- That the tender of N. Marsden Esq. in the sum of £109.00 for treating the bus shelters at Hundred End and at the Methodist Chapel with wood preservative and painting the shelter at Moss Lane/Station Road be accepted.

83. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAPTC were to be asked to consider the operation of the financial arrangements for 1984/85 and for their suggestions for 1985/86 and future years.

84. 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.

85. PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the Ormskirk Advertiser and the reporter present at the meeting agreed to ask the Managing Editor for the latest position



It was also reported that Radio Lancashire had established an Advisory Council and Mr Ian Wells of 62 Sydney Avenue was a member of the Council.

86. DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:- (1) that meetings of the Council be held on the following Mondays in 1985:-

28th January ; 25th February ; 25th March ; 22nd April ; 20th May ; 17th June ; 15th July ; 12th August ; 9th September ; 7th October ; 4th November ; 2nd December and 30th December,

(2) that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 25th March 1985 at 8.00pm with the Parish Council Meeting on that night commencing at 7.00pm,

and (3) that further consideration be given at the next meeting of the Council to the date of the meeting to be held around the end of December 1984.

87. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee - 11th October 1984

Application No. 8/84/820 - Full application for dog boarding kennels at Primrose Cottage, Boundary Meanygate.

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

2. Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship It was reported that the Fellowship were negotiating to purchase the bungalow adjacent to the possible entrance to the church site from Moss Lane.



HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th NOVEMBER 1984

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mr B Birkby and 2 members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

88. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 1984 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- (i) Mrs Baxter's name being added to the list of members ^{sending apologies} ~~present~~, PAW
- (ii) Page 2 No 76 (1) (1) - the words 'the Parish Council' being added after 'consider' in the penultimate line,
- (iii) Page 4 No 79 (3) - the word 'reported' being added after 'The Chairman' in line 2.

89. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Finney's Gutter The North West Water Authority Rivers Division had notified the Clerk that the necessary drainage work had been completed. The Clerk was requested to send a copy of the letter to the residents who had previously written to the Council.

2. White Paper on Buses The County Council had arranged a meeting in Preston on the 31st October 1984 which was attended by Mrs D M Trippier. She reported that about 70 people had attended with County Councillor G W Slyn, Chairman of the County Council's Highways and Transportation Committee being joined on the platform by representatives of Preston Transport and Fishwick's. A video had been shown which set out the County Council's opposition to the White Paper and the meeting had been informed that if the proposals were implemented the 10 years spent by the County Council in co-ordinating the bus services in Lancashire would have been wasted.

3. Timetables at Bus Stops It was reported that the new timetables had been removed and that Ribble Motors and the local Police Officer had been notified.

4. West Lancashire Twinning Association None of the members had attended the meeting on the 18th October 1984.

5. Parish Newsletter No reply had been received from the Ormskirk Advertiser and the Clerk was asked to send an account to the newspaper.

6. Parish Council Meetings

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to deal with items affecting the Parish which are included on the Planning Committee agenda for the 3rd January 1985 and that a meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday the 3rd January 1985.

90. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

1. Community Programme Managing Agency A gardening scheme was being introduced for the infirm, disabled etc. subject to certain conditions.

RESOLVED:- (i) That details of the scheme be published in the newsletter,
and (ii) That the Layfield Committee be given copies of the criteria and authorised to make recommendations to the Council as to the persons to be nominated.

2. Chairman's Office A Charity Buffet Dance was to be held on the 30th November 1984.

3. Art Forms This organisation was a District Council sponsored MSC project which had taken over the production of the Out and About magazine. The magazine was handed to Mr Griffiths to enable local events to be published in the newsletter.

2. Good Neighbour Scheme An invitation had been received for the Chairman, members and Clerk of the Council to attend the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 4th December 1984. The Chairman and four or five members indicated they hoped to attend the function.

91. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a)	Lancashire County Council - Provision of stationery	£45.82
(b)	A Foster Esq. - Hedgecutting on Recreation Ground	£23.00
(c)	W Norris Esq. - Work on Recreation Ground	£14.00
(d)	P Griffiths Esq. - Provision of ink for duplicator	£ 3.68
(e)	Royal British Legion - Poppy wreath	£10.00

2. Parish Council Elections A detailed breakdown of the account for £371.47 had been received and the Council felt that the amount for printing the Notice of Poll at £76 was on the high side.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Director of Finance be informed that the costs of holding the election are accepted with reluctance,
(ii) That it be suggested that the District Council look at cheaper ways of producing Notices of Poll,
and (iii) That the amount of £371.47 be charged to the Parochial Account.

92. POLICE MATTERS

W.P.C. Caren Peake was asked if she wished to make any comments to the Council. W.P.C. Peake referred to the sign at the Bradford & Bingley Building Society and informed the Council, that following a visit she had made to the premises, the sign was now switched off at 7.30pm each night. She also reported that the damage being caused to boats at the Boatyard had been resolved with an arrest being made. Mention was made of the timetables and W.P.C. Peake indicated that it was difficult to resolve the problem unless those responsible were caught in the act.

93. FINANCE (CONT)

3. Parish Estimates Consideration was given to the estimates of the Council, to the salary of the Clerk and to the rate of pay for Mr W Norris for the forthcoming year.

It was moved and seconded that the rate of pay for Mr W Norris be increased to £2.20 per hour with effect from the 1st April 1985.

To which an amendment was moved and seconded that the rate of pay for Mr W Norris be increased to £2.25 per hour with effect from the 1st April 1985.

Upon being put the amendment was lost whereupon it was:-

RESOLVED:- (i) That the salary of the Clerk be increased to £600 per annum with effect from the 1st April 1985,

(ii) That the rate of pay of Mr W Norris be increased to £2.20 per hour with effect from the 1st April 1985,

and (iii) That the forms from the District Council in respect of the Revised Estimates 1984/85 and the Estimates for 1985/86 be completed as detailed in the annex to these Minutes and submitted to the Director of Finance.

94. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Footpaths in the Parish Mr J Harrison of the Footpath Society informed the Council that the Society would be walking a number of footpaths in the Parish on Saturday 8th December 1984 and he undertook to report back to the Council on the state of the paths after the walk.

95. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

No 8/84/927 Extensions at 5 Woodlee Road.

2. Other matters

1. Application No 8/84/887 Details of farmhouse and garage at Hesketh Marsh adj. to Shore Road A letter of objection had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Northern Parishes District Plan The Clerk undertook to provide copies of the Hesketh Bank section of the 4th Draft Plan to all members.

96. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Maintenance of Recreation Ground and Byelaws The hedges had been cut and the 'No Tipping' signs had been painted. The Clerk had ascertained that the land had been acquired by means of a transfer under the Commons Act 1876 and he was in touch with the LAPTC about byelaws.

2. Shore Road entrance of Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:- That Messrs Griffiths and Whiteside be authorised to move the litter bin to the other side of the bus shelter.

3. Changing hut at Recreation Ground The extension had been erected and made watertight but work was required on the inside. The broken window was to be replaced shortly. It was reported that the Boys Football Club may be asking for an electricity supply to the hut in the future. It was suggested that it may be appropriate to supply protective metal guards for the windows.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N. Marsden if suitable guards could be obtained at a reasonable price.

4. Use of portable floodlight The Boys Football Club had made an informal approach for the Council's views on the use of a portable floodlight on the Recreation Ground on two evenings a week.

RESOLVED:- That the Boys Football Club be informed:-

- (i) That the Parish Council have no objection to the proposal subject to the matter being reconsidered if objections are received from residents,
- (ii) That the use of the light must stop at 6.30pm on any evening,
- (iii) That the Club must have regard to trailing wires especially in the vicinity of the footpath across the Ground, and
- (iv) That the Parish Council will not accept any responsibility for accidents caused as a result of the use of the floodlight.

5. Entrances to Recreation Ground It was reported that a number of cars were gaining access from School Fold.

RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee observe the position during the next four weeks and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

6. Trees on the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:- That the attention of the local Police Officer be drawn to the number of broken trees on the Recreation Ground.

7. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Recreation Committee who had told representatives of the Leisure Services Department that equipment to a height of 4ft would probably be acceptable. It was reported that the MSC would probably undertake the preparatory work and it had been suggested that turf should be laid under the equipment. The Chairman suggested that an application should be made for shrubs to be provided through the Planning Committee's Small Landscaping Schemes.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Director of Leisure Services be requested to obtain formal approval to the scheme as now proposed,

(ii) That the Director of Planning be requested to obtain approval under the Small Landscaping Schemes for the provision of shrubs at a cost of £300,

(iii) That the MSC Managing Agency be requested to undertake the preparatory work to the area,

(iv) That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to obtain approval to the transfer of the land to the Parish Council,

(v) That Councillor R Hodge be asked for his support with regard to the transfer of the land,

and (vi) That the Chairman be authorised to visit the residents who are either adjacent to or directly opposite the area to inform them of the proposals.

8. Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel Joshua Tetley had acknowledged the approach and were considering the letter whereas in the past approaches had been turned down immediately. The Manager of the Becconsall Hotel had not been informed of the approach.

97. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Prohibition of cycling - Footpath between Station Road and Cherry Vale
The District Council had asked this Council for comments on the proposal.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed:-

(i) That this Council considers that the consultation should have been carried out before the scheme had received the support of the District Council, and (ii) That the Chairman of the Parish Council has already discussed the scheme with a representative of the County Surveyor.

98. STANDING ORDERS

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

99. HIGHWAYS MATTERS (CONT)

2. Carriageways The County Surveyor had indicated that Moss Lane was in reasonable order but the comments about the footways were accepted and remedial works would be put in hand. Reference was made to a depression near to 369 Moss Lane which was holding water which was subsequently sprayed onto the crops by passing vehicles.

3. Amenity Cleansing No reply had been received to the Clerk's letter to the Director of Technical Services. Mrs Trippier reported that the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAPTC had been told that the service to parishes was being re-organised to provide for small groups of 3 men to act as lengthsman. Councils were asked to monitor the new arrangements upto January 1985.

4. Street Seats The Clerk reported that two complaints had been received when the seat had been first placed at the junction of Station Road and Rankin Avenue and the Council had given an undertaking to review the situation after a few months.

5. Footways

RESOLVED:- That the Area County Surveyor be informed of the flooding of the footpath outside 85 Station Road.

6. Bus shelters Reference was made to problems caused by the shelter situated outside the Church.

RESOLVED:- That the matter be discussed with the Police Officer at the next meeting of the Council.

7. Street lights

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact the District Council about the light on Taylors Meanygate opposite Moss Lane.

8. Street signs The Chairman reported that certain signs had been made and would be placed in position in the near future.

100. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. West Lancashire Area Committee Mrs Trippier reported on the following items:-

(a) Mobile Citizens Advice Bureau The Bureau hoped to obtain a grant from the National Association to set up a scheme using a caravan or a trailer which would visit each parish for a period of 2½ hours every two weeks. The project would run for twelve months after which time Parish Council's may be asked for a small grant to keep the scheme going.

RESOLVED:- That the Citizens Advice Bureau be informed that this Council supports the setting up of a trial scheme.

(b) Parish Council Loans Aughton Parish Council could not proceed with the scheme to purchase land and the allocation of £5000 had been re-allocated as follows :-

Wrightington - £2000 for a car park

Parbold - £3000 for a bar at the Village Hall

Bids for next year would need to be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:- That the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Parish Estimates The Committee had been advised of the proposals of the Government regarding Rate Capping and that the District Council would not be allowed to increase expenditure by more than 4%.

2. Annual General Meeting The meeting was to be held at Preston on Saturday 10th November 1984.

RESOLVED:- That the delegates be authorised to decide how to vote on the resolutions submitted to the meeting in the light of the debate which takes place.

3. 1985 Best Kept Village - Schoolchildrens Competition

RESOLVED:- That details of the competition be forwarded to the Headteacher of the Hesketh - with - Beconsall C.E. School, Shore Road.

101. JUSTICES LICENCE, HUNDRED END STORES

The Clerk reported that late notification had been received of this application and at the request of the Clerk the Justices had adjourned consideration to allow the Parish Council to forward comments.

RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the application for a Justices Licence in respect of Hundred End Stores.

102. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Chairman outlined the format for the service at All Saints Church and asked that as many Councillors as possible make a special effort to attend.

103. LAYFIELD CHARITY

The Chairman explained the criteria used in deciding who should benefit from the money received from the Charity.

RESOLVED:- That the Layfield Committee consider the criteria required to be used this year in the light of the money received and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

104. GAS SUPPLY

RESOLVED:- That Mr K.H.Hind MP be informed that this Council supports the feasibility study and that he be requested to keep the Council informed of the outcome.

105. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 8th November 1984

1. Application No 8/84/821 - Outline for 15 detached dwellings, land at Chapel Road The Council had previously objected to this application.

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

2. Application No 8/84/630A - Illuminated fascia sign, 313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton It was reported that the sign at the Building Society's premises was twice as bright as that allowed within the planning permission and the Society had been requested to reduce the luminance accordingly. A further report would be presented to the Committee in the event that enforcement was necessary. The sign at the Veterinary Surgery was subject to the same luminance condition.

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

P.J. Handley.
3rd Dec. '84

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd DECEMBER 1984

PRESENT :- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Birkby and Griffiths

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter, Mr B Molyneux and Mr J Whiteside and two members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

106. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th November 1984 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1 Minute 88(i) to read - 'Mrs Baxter's name being added to the list of members sending apologies.'

107. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Finney's Gutter A copy of the letter from NWWA had been sent to all the residents who had written to the Council.

2. White Paper on Buses It was reported that the County Council had spent approximately £90,000 on publicity in opposition to the White Paper.

3. Timetables at bus stops It was reported that new timetables had now been provided.

4. Parish Newsletter A cheque for £10 had been received from the Ormskirk Advertiser.

5. Community Programme Managing Agency Details of the gardening scheme had been included in the newsletter and the Chairman reported that all nominations were checked to see if the four criteria were being met.

6. Good Neighbour Scheme Five or six members of the Council, including the Clerk, would be attending the Christmas Lunch.

7. Parish Council Elections The Chief Executive had indicated that the normal printers had been used to produce the Notices of Poll and their rates were very competitive.

8. Remembrance Sunday The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been well represented and the Service had gone well.

9. Gas supply A reply was awaited from the local M.P.

10. Planning Committee Decisions The following decisions were noted:-

Application No 8/84/821 - Outline for 15 detached houses - land at Chapel Road
- Refused.

Application No 8/84/630A - Illuminated fascia sign - 313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton
- Approved subject to conditions.

It was reported that this new sign had been installed, was left on all night and was brighter than the Bradford and Bingley sign had ever been. It was also

reported that the new sign was within the criteria set down by the Planning Committee. It was agreed to mention the matter to the Police Officer.

Application No 8/84/820 - Full application for dog kennels - Primrose Cottage, Boundary Meanygate - Refused.

108. CORRESPONDENCE

1. County Council

County of Lancashire Act 1984 It was noted that included in the Act were four provisions which could be applied by the Parish Council.

2. District Council

(i) Committees Copies of agendas and minutes of Committees were noted.

(ii) Parish Council Liaison Joint Committee The meeting would be considering Parish Council Finance and the Clerk had been asked to supply information about the Council's estimates for 1985/86.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to decide on matters in the light of the discussion at the meeting.

109. FINANCE

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(i) N.Marsden Esq. - Repairs to shelters and painting signs.	£ 49.20
(ii) B.W.Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary and expenses.	£154.11

110. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr H. Farrington of Guide Road spoke about the water collecting on Guide Road between the Centre Ditch and the Bank. The grass verges were stopping water from going into the ditch and there were no water channels or grids. The Chairman undertook to visit the site and raise the matter with the District Council and the Clerk was requested to write to the Director of Technical Services.

A similar situation existed in Moss Lane near to Boundary Lane and in the vicinity of 369 Moss Lane. The Clerk was asked to report these as well.

Mr Farrington also mentioned that the sewer was backing up at his house and it was reported by Mr Griffiths that new sewers were to be laid in Shore Road and the pumping station was to be remodelled by the construction of a bigger holding tank.

111. POLICE MATTERS

W.P.C. Peake was on leave but the Chairman had spoken to her about the problems in the bus shelter outside the church on Station Road. Miss Peake had found some children sniffing lighter fuel and reported the matter to the parents, who were keeping the children at home in the evenings. No-one had been seen in the shelter for a few nights.

Mention was made of the work done by Miss Peake in organising a disco which had been well received and which she hoped to repeat possibly on a regular basis.

112. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

RESOLVED:- That discussion on these matters be deferred to the end of the meeting.

113. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Maintenance of grass at Recreation Ground

It was MOVED and SECONDED that tenders be invited for grass cutting for the year 1985/86 to which an amendment was MOVED and SECONDED that a contract be offered to Mr M Taylor on the same terms as the current year's contract.

Upon being put the amendment was CARRIED whereupon it was -

RESOLVED:- That a contract be offered to Mr M Taylor on the same terms as the current year's contract.

2. Byelaws for Recreation Ground The Clerk was awaiting information from the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

3. Entrances to Recreation Ground

(a) Shore Road The litter bin had been moved but was in a poor state of repair.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to supply a new litter bin for this location.

(b) School Fold It was reported that only one car was entering from School Fold and it was agreed to take no action for the time being.

4. Changing hut at Recreation Ground A piece of wood had been placed over the broken window and the Boys Football Club were to finish off the inside of the extension. It had been noticed that electricity cables were being placed inside the hut.

The Chairman had spoken to Mr Stringfellow of the Pigeon Club who was to ask his members about materials for window guards.

It was suggested that problems could occur when the pigeon season restarted and it would, therefore, be necessary to call a meeting of all the users to discuss matters.

5. Glenpark Drive The following was the latest situation with regard to the provision of play equipment on this site:-

(a) Leisure Services A revised drawing had been received which was acceptable to the Council.

(b) Planning The Planning Committee were being recommended to allocate £300 for the provision of shrubs to be planted by this Council.

(c) MSC Agency A reply was awaited.

(d) Chief Executive A reply was awaited.

(e) Visits to adjacent owners The Chairman was waiting until formal approval had been given for the scheme.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Chairman be authorised to contact the Director of Leisure Services regarding formal approval to the scheme by the Committee; the MSC Agency regarding the initial work; and the Chief Executive regarding the transfer of the land to the Parish Council, and

(2) That the Clerk formally advises the Director of Leisure Services that the scheme is acceptable to the Parish Council and formal approval by the Committee is urgently required.

6. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel The owners of the site had indicated that they required the site for their own use.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write again to the owners requesting a meeting and asking the owners' intentions with regard to the site.

114. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Prohibition of cycling - Station Road to Cherry Vale The Chief Executive had replied to the Council's views on consultation prior to such matters being considered and the Clerk had suitably responded to that letter.

2. School Fold County Councillor Miss S R Taylor had forwarded the comments of the County Surveyor regarding School Fold. The Surveyor was to arrange for the District Council to investigate the making up of School Fold but not at the expense of the County Council and for the footpath to be inspected and, if necessary, repaired to ensure a safe surface for pedestrians.

3. Amenity cleansing A reply was still awaited from the District Council.

It was suggested that more sweeping was required in the village which was looking untidy.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council, at the next meeting, give consideration to a proposal to seek the necessary District Council Finance to enable the Council to employ a lengthsman.

4. Footways The problem outside 85 Station Road had been seen to by the District Council.

5. Roadworks It was reported that a scheme to rekerb and strengthen the carriageway at the rural end of Shore Road was to be undertaken.

6. Street lighting

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide a footway light in School Fold adjacent to the corner of the Recreation Ground when funds are available.

115. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Annual General Meeting Mr P Griffiths gave the following report on the meeting:-

(a) It had been recommended that agendas should be circulated earlier in future.

(b) The Longton Resolution seeking support for opposition to the White Paper on Buses was approved.

(c) The Parbold Resolution seeking support for public transport in rural areas especially the maintenance of railways was approved.

(d) The Aughton Resolution seeking a review of the Structure Plan to prevent the development of agriculture related industries in the Green Belt was defeated as the definition of agriculture related industries was too broad.

(e) The Parbold Resolution seeking to urge Planning Authorities to reject the establishment of Heavy Goods Haulage Depots in rural areas was approved.

(f) David Clark had given an interesting talk on Parish and Town Councils in an era of Local Government restraint.

2. Capital Bids 1985/86

RESOLVED:- That application be made for a sum of £900 to be utilised for the improvement of recreational facilities in the village.

116. COMMUNITY VISITOR FOR TARLETON AND HESKETH BANK

The Chairman and Mrs Trippier had attended a meeting where a report had been presented on the work undertaken during the first year. Mrs M Walker had started in April and been in contact with 80 elderly people in the area.

The MSC had agreed to finance 2 half time workers (20 hrs each) who would be engaged on hospital visiting. At the present time Mrs Walker used her home as a base and for meetings although alternative accommodation had been sought. A suggestion about the provision of a Community Bus was being held in abeyance.

117. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:- That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

118. LAYFIELD CHARITY

Mrs Blundell reported on a meeting of the Layfield Committee held earlier in the evening.

A meeting of the Trustees had been held and a new Secretary appointed but without Trustee status and an auditor had been appointed as a Trustee. The Charity had been advised not to alter the Constitution and not to hold large sums in the Deposit Account. It had been agreed that all Councils should receive £500.

The Committee had agreed on 111 persons to receive a gift with a further 15 probables and these were considered by the Council.

RESOLVED:- That (1) the same criteria be used as in previous years,
(2) an amount of £4 be given to each person,
(3) the Clerk prepares a suitable note for inclusion in the envelopes,
(4) the offer of the Chairman to provide the envelopes be accepted,
(5) all members of the Council assist in the distribution of the gifts,
and (6) the Layfield Committee be authorised to carry out any further investigations required and to amend the approved list accordingly.

119. STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the above item 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.

MEMBERS GRIFFITHS AND HANDLEY RE-ENTERED

120. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

AN INTEREST AND LEFT THE MEETING AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN TOOK THE CHAIR.

1. Weekly lists

P. J. Handley

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

No 8/84/1010 - Attached garage - 1 Charles Close.

(2) That comments be made on the following applications on the lines indicated:-

No 8/84/1030 - Retention of garage building for repair of cars etc. - 38 Shore Road. The previous circumstances have not changed, the opportunity to relocate the business has not been taken, the location is not conducive to this type of business and problems could be caused with manoeuvring cars and parking on the roadside.

No 8/84/1051 - Outline for 6 pairs of semi-detached dwellings - land at rear of 24/26 Moss Lane. The circumstances have not materially changed since the previous application in 1979 except there is doubt that the unit is viable. The proposal is contrary to the Northern Parishes Plan, there is concern about the access into Moss Lane, there are sufficient empty houses in the village to meet existing needs, there is a lack of employment opportunities and it conflicts with the policy of strict control within the Green Belt.

P. J. H

2. Planning Committee - 6th December 1984

(a) Planning applications

No 8/84/887 - Details for farmhouse and garage - Hesketh Marsh adj, to Shore Road Hundred End.

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

(b) Applications approved The following had been approved since the last meeting of the Committee:-

No 8/84/927 - Extensions - 5 Woodlee Road.

No 8/84/862 - Extensions - 55 Boundary Lane.

P. J. Handley
30 Jan. '85

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd JANUARY 1985

PRESENT :- Mr P Handley(Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan and Trippier

Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside.

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

121. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 Item 120 The following to be inserted at the start of the minute:-
"Messrs Griffiths and Handley each declared an interest and left the meeting and the Vice-Chairman took the chair."

122. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Gas supply A reply was still awaited from the local M.P.

2. Drainage matters The Chairman had visited Guide Road and had subsequently discussed the problem with a representative of the County Area Surveyor. During the past week channels had been cut through the grass verge to take water from the road into the ditches and the grass verge had also been cut back.

The problem in Moss Lane would be more difficult to resolve as there were no ditches. The matter had been reported to the County Area Surveyor.

3. Layfield Charity A total of 115 gifts of £4 each had been distributed and eight people had subsequently telephoned their thanks. An amount of £52.11 was left in the bank account as a starting point for next year.

4. Planning matters

Application No. 8/84/887 Details for farmhouse and garage - Hesketh Marsh, adj. to Shore Road, Hundred End. The Clerk reported that the application had been approved.

123. CORRESPONDENCE

1. County Council

District Education Officer A poster regarding primary school admissions had been placed on the Moss Lane notice board.

2. District Council

(a) Abstract of Accounts 1983/84 A copy of the abstract had been received.

(b) Agendas and minutes

Policy and Resources Committee The following matters were noted:-

(i) Parish Precepts The Association of District Councils would be asked at their AGM to make representations to Government requesting that parish precepts be disregarded for the target penalty system.

(ii) Capital allocations to parishes The Committee had agreed to re-allocate the £5000 returned by Aughton as follows:-

£2000 to Wrightington for the Village Hall

£3000 to either North Meols, towards roof repairs to Banks Sports Pavilion, or to Parbold, for a bar at the community centre, with a decision to be taken at the next meeting.

(iii) Environmental works The amount of £300 for shrubs at the Glenpark Drive Play Area had been approved.

3. Community Council of Lancashire A copy of the latest news magazine had been received.

4. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils The following were noted:-

(a) White paper on buses A briefing paper prepared by the Community Council together with a copy of the Council's response to the White Paper had been received.

(b) Spring Conference The conference was to be held in Blackpool on 19th to 21st April 1985 with a theme of 'Towards a leisure society - how parish councils can help.' Applications to attend had to be submitted no later than 1st April 1985.

(c) Post Office Leaflets for display in the parish had been received.

5. BBC TV North East An allotment handbook was available at a cost of £2.50 including postage.

RESOLVED:- That a copy of the allotment handbook be purchased for use by the Parish Council.

6. Xmas cards The Clerk reported the receipt of cards from the Chairman of the District Council and Ribble Motors Ltd.

7. Library service The Chairman reported that Hesketh Bank and Parbold made the greatest use of the mobile library service in West Lancashire.

124. FINANCE

1. Receipts The Clerk reported that the second part of the District Council's contribution to concurrent expenditure and loan charges, amounting to £765. had been received.

2. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) West Lancashire District Council - Loan charges	£474.40
(b) North West Water - Water charges	£ 6.25
(c) Arena Press - Allotment handbook	£ 2.50

3. Grant The All Saints Parochial Church Council had requested a grant to assist in the upkeep of the Old Burial Ground and an amount of £50 had been included in the annual estimates.

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £50 be made to the All Saints PCC in respect of the Old Burial Ground, Beconsall Lane.

4. Donation The Lancashire Youth Clubs Association had made an appeal for donations.

RESOLVED:- That the letter be left on file.

125. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Northern Parishes District Plan A copy of the plan as it applies to Hesketh Bank had been circulated to all members of the Council.

2. Weekly lists

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

No.8/84/1113 - Shed for storage of tractors, 255 Moss Lane.

No.8/84/1114 - Replacement Bowling Club Building, Station Road.

3. Planning Committee - 3rd January 1985 There were no items affecting this parish.

126. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Maintenance of Recreation Ground Mr M W Taylor had agreed to carry out grass cutting on the terms offered by the Council and the Clerk undertook to ask Mr Taylor to commence early in April 1985.

2. Boundaries of Recreation Ground The Chairman agreed to check on encroachment onto the Recreation Ground by an adjacent householder. It was also agreed that details of all unauthorised gates would be obtained.

3. Swings Only two swings were currently working but it was agreed to leave the necessary repairs until the spring.

4. Glenpark Drive Play Area The MSC Agency had agreed to undertake the preliminary work at an estimated cost of £247.

The Chief Executive of the District Council had agreed to co-ordinate matters and was seeking advice on the possibility of transferring the land to the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that a grant may be available from the Lancashire Playing Fields Association.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the Leisure Services Department be requested to supply written confirmation that the scheme is acceptable together with an estimate of the costs involved.

(b) That on receipt of such confirmation, the Clerk be authorised to ask MSC to commence work.

5. Byelaws for Recreation Ground This matter had been referred to the National Association of Local Councils for advice.

6. Land adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The further letter from the Council was receiving attention by Tetley Walker Ltd.

127. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street lighting The request for a light in School Fold was receiving attention and it was reported that a new standard had been placed in Moss Lane.

2. Station Road Bridge The rail at the top of the steps had been erected.

3. West Lancashire Footpath Society The Chairman had accompanied the Society for part of their recent walk on footpaths in the parish. The Society were currently seeking to keep open a footpath in Mere Brow which was to be the subject of a public inquiry.

128. EMPLOYMENT OF LENGTHSMAN

Mr Griffiths suggested that the Council should look into the possibility of obtaining finance to employ a lengthsmen in the parish. Reference was made to the fact that the service provided in the parish was not as good as that in Tarleton who employed a lengthsmen. It was reported that the existing scheme was started some 2 years ago and the District Council had not said if a review would be undertaken.

The Chairman reported that when the scheme had been established, eight men had been re-deployed from dustbin duties and if more parishes requested lengthsmen these men could be affected. Also the Trade Unions were against what they called further privatisation of services. In addition it was estimated that about £4500 per annum would be required for a scheme in the parish.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council would prefer to move over to the street cleaning system operated in three of the parishes whereby the District Council make an annual allowance to the Parish Council who subsequently contract out the work to a lengthsmen.

129. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that the main item on the agenda had been the financial arrangements for 1985/86. However, as the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC had not formulated a policy, no discussion took place although Lathom had suggested that each parish should make its own arrangements with the District Council. The Area Committee would meet on the 11th January 1985 when the subject would be discussed. The Joint Liaison Committee would then hold a further meeting to consider the matter.

P. J. Handley
28th January 1985.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 28th JANUARY 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier.

Messrs Griffiths, Iddon and Whiteside.

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Messrs B Birkby and B Molyneux and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

130. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

131. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Gas supply A reply was still awaited from the local M.P.
2. Allotment Handbook A copy of the book had now been received.

132. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Chairman's Lady's Charity Committee A concert was to be held at The Riverside, Banks on the 7th February 1985.

(b) Urban Aid Projects The Chief Executive had circulated details of the procedure to be followed in making applications.

(c) Committee Agenda There were no items affecting the parish.

2. County Council

(a) Annual Report A copy of the report had been received.

(b) Register Office Details of revised hours of opening were noted and would be circulated in the Newsletter.

3. 450th Anniversary of the Church The Rector had written about sponsorship for a Flower Festival in June.

RESOLVED:- That the Rector be informed that the Parish Council are prepared to offer space in the Newsletter to advertise various events and would be prepared to consider a special issue covering the Anniversary.

133. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| (a) Village Hall Committee - Hire of Village Hall | £49.00 |
| (b) Mr P Griffiths - Duplicating ink | £ 4.85 |

2. Receipts The Sportsman Club had forwarded £1 rental for the use of the changing hut at the Recreation Ground.

3. Bus Shelters Mr N Marsden had painted two of the three shelters but had reported that the shelter at the corner of Station Road and Moss Lane looked to be damaged. The Chairman had authorised Mr Marsden to carry out any necessary repairs prior to painting.

RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman be confirmed.

134. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

(a) Application No. 8/85/9 - Agricultural farm building, Westgate Farm, Guide Road.

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

(b) Application No. 8/85/22 - Outline for residential development, land off Station Road.

It was reported that the land in question was allocated for 12 dwellings in the Northern Parishes District Plan whereas the current application was for a total of 15 houses and bungalows. The Chairman had visited the site and had spoken to a number of nearby residents.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that this Council, whilst supporting the principle of the application, suggest, that even 12 dwellings is rather high for this site and final approval should be for 8 or 10 dwellings that substantial screening is required to reduce the possibility of existing properties being overlooked, that due regard be taken of representations made by existing adjoining householders, that the access to Station Road be as wide as possible and that all existing trees be retained.

2. Tree Preservation Order - Jumps Farm

RESOLVED:- That application be made to the District Council for a Tree Preservation Order to be made in respect of the trees on the site known as Jumps Farm, Station Road.

3. Planning Committee - 31st January 1985

(a) Tree Preservation Order - Hesketh Bank Boatyard It was noted that the order was to be confirmed as an unopposed order.

(b) Planning Applications It was noted that the following application had been approved since the last meeting of the Council:-

No. 8/84/1010 - Garage at 1 Charles Close.

4. Leeds to Liverpool Canal The Chairman reported that it was hoped that EEC funds would be made available for works to the canal, including the Douglas branch, and the District Council were proposing that work at the Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Boatyards be included in the scheme.

135. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Maintenance of grassed areas Mr M Taylor had been requested to commence grass cutting after 1st April 1985.

(b) Boundaries of ground The Chairman had investigated the alleged encroachment and, although one owner now had the hedge in his garden, no-one else had encroached beyond the hedge. He reported that seven gates opened onto the ground and suggested that these owners should be challenged as to their right to have access in that way. In addition all residents adjoining the ground should be requested not to dump rubbish onto Council property.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to prepare documents regarding gates onto the Recreation Ground for signature by the owners concerned and that the Chairman be authorised to visit the owners with the said documents.

(c) Byelaws A reply was still awaited from the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

2. Glenpark Drive

(a) Progress report The Clerk had asked the Chief Executive of the District Council for permission to start work before the land is transferred to the Parish Council and had spoken to the Leisure Services Department regarding the mechanics of ordering and erecting the equipment. The Chairman reported that the MSC had started work and he had arranged to visit the site later in the week.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to carry out any necessary consultations and place orders regarding the provision of shrubs and soil and to liaise with the Leisure Services Department regarding the ordering and erection of the equipment.

(b) Mortgage Deed

RESOLVED:- That the Mortgage Deed be signed by the Chairman and two other members of the Council and returned to the District Council.

3. Land adjacent to the Beconsall Hotel A reply was still awaited.

136. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Tarleton County Primary School Mr S Iddon reported that the School Managers had been concerned about cars parking adjacent to the school. The local Police Officer had been looking at the situation and the Managers were to meet the County Surveyor's Department.

RESOLVED:- That the action taken by the Managers be supported and that further consideration be given in the light of the results of the meeting referred to by Mr Iddon.

137. STREET CLEANSING

1. Lengthsman A reply was awaited from the District Council but the Chairman reported that an amount of £15000 was included in the District Council's estimates for the three parishes who employed their own lengthsman.

2. Litter bin A new bin was to be supplied and placed outside the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

PJH

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

Mrs D M Trippier reported on the meeting held on the 11th January 1985 as follows:-

Most parishes supported the idea for a mobile Citizens Advice Bureau; the Amenity Cleansing Scheme would remain unchanged in 1985/86; discussions were continuing on the Open Spaces Report and changes in open spaces should be notified to the Planning Department; the present financial arrangements would continue in 1985/86, although the Parishes were asked to think about another scheme for following years; footway lighting schemes for School Fold, Shore Road and West of 247 Moss Lane were added to the list of schemes; it was hoped that £20000 would be available for capital schemes in parishes in 1985/86 and a decision on the allocation would be taken at the next meeting and decisions with regard to capital allocations made this year were noted.

139. PRECEPT 1985/86

The Clerk reported that to finance the estimated expenditure in 1985/86 of £1350 a precept of 0.53 pence would be required but in addition there was a deficiency of £153 on the Parochial Account which was equivalent to a precept of 0.06 pence.

RESOLVED:- That a precept of 0.6 pence be requested from the District Council of which £153 is required to clear the deficit on the Parochial Account and £1350 is required to finance Parish Council expenditure in 1985/86.

140. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Complaints had been made about the current issue and in particular one sentence, which amounted to an advertisement for one of the shops in the parish and the lack of detail about the financial implications of employing a lengthsman. The Chairman indicated that he had not seen the edition in question prior to publication. Mr P Griffiths, the editor, undertook to ensure that the Chairman saw each copy in advance of publication. Apart from the concern expressed above, members wished to encourage the continuation of the Newsletter which was greatly appreciated by residents.

141. STANDING ORDERS

During discussion on the following item it was:-

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

142. COMMUNITY WORKER

A letter had been received from the Community Services Agency requesting assistance in the sponsorship of premises in Hesketh Bank for use as an office by the existing Community Worker and the proposed two additional Part - Time Workers which are to be appointed. The Agency could not afford rental charges but could pay the costs of lighting and heating premises. An approach was also being made to the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED:- That consideration of the request be deferred to the next meeting of the Council when the views of the Village Hall Committee will be known and the Council will have a clear picture of the financial position of the Council at the end of the financial year.

143. NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED:- That the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday the 26th February 1985 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

P. J. Handley
26th Feb. 1985.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26th FEBRUARY 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

Five members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

144. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

145. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

450th Anniversary of the Church The Rector had been informed to contact Mr P Griffiths regarding coverage of the Anniversary in the Newsletter.

146. CORRESPONDENCE

1. County Council

Transport Bill The County Council were organising public meetings concerning this Bill, the first of which was being held in Preston on Tuesday 5th March 1985 at 2.00 pm. A free bus would be available from Tarleton.

2. District Council

(a). Register of Electors One copy of the register had been received.

(b). Committee meetings The meeting of the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee had been cancelled and no items affecting this parish were included on agendas for other committees.

(c). Community Council of Lancashire Details of the Best Kept Village Competition 1985 had been received and it was noted that the closing date for entries was 31st May 1985.

147. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) Lancashire County Council - Stationery	£ 14.94
(b) B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary and expenses	£149.05
(c) N Marsden Esq. - Repairs and painting of bus shelters	£127.90

2. Annual Expenditure 1984/85 The Clerk reported on the current financial position of the Council and forecast an estimated underspending of £200 of which £150 was in respect of underspending on repairs to street seats and play equipment.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr N Marsden for the repair of swings on the Recreation Ground.

148. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Dogs fouling footways Mrs M Taylor voiced her concern about this problem especially on Shore Road. The Chairman reported that it was the intention of the Government to allow District Councils to set a fee for Dog Licences up to a maximum of £10 with the income being utilised to finance a Dog Warden Service. In West Lancashire it was possible that a second Dog Warden would be employed. Some members considered that a lack of a village lengthsman had contributed to the problems caused by dogs fouling footways.

2. Footway 9/11 Shore Road Mrs M Taylor referred to the footway at this location, which was sinking and was in a dangerous state, and the Chairman gave an undertaking that the matter would be reported to the County Council.

149. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

- (a). Application No.8/85/62 Outline for agricultural bungalow, land adj. to Shore Road.
Application No.8/85/87 Black of greenhouses, 416 Moss Lane.
Application No.8/85/129 Extensions, 9 Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the above applications.

- (b). Application No.8/85/103 Full application for Sunday School building and construction of new vehicular/pedestrian access, Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship, Moss Lane.

The Parish Council considered this application in two parts, firstly the Sunday School building and secondly the new access.

With regard to the building, some members considered that the Council should object and it was MOVED and SECONDED that the application for a Sunday School building be opposed on the grounds that a permission for a Church and a Church Hall had already been granted.

Upon being put the motion was DEFEATED by 5 votes to 4 votes.

The Council then considered the proposed access and members pointed out the dangers of the location in relation to the existing bends in Moss Lane and the access to Woodlea Road and Meadway.

RESOLVED:- That the provision of a new vehicular/pedestrian access be opposed on the grounds that it is not suitable for this location and would provide a constant danger to vehicles using Moss Lane.

Members then referred to the bungalow situated within the red line on the submitted plan and that some of the land for the access did not appear to be in the ownership of the applicant. It was also reported that a letter of objection had been received from a nearby resident.

RESOLVED:- That (1) the Director of Planning be asked if the applicants intended to use the bungalow for any purpose other than residential and whether all the land required is in the ownership of the applicant and, if not, whether the owners have been notified of the proposals, and

(2) the letter of objection be forwarded to the Director of Planning.

2. Application No.8/84/432 Change of use of agricultural store to seasonal chicken slaughter house, 138/140 Moss Lane.

The Clerk reported that the applicant had lodged an appeal which was to be dealt with by means of written representations.

150. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Private access to Recreation Ground The Chairman reported that this matter was in hand.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area A report had been submitted to the Leisure Services Committee who had agreed to the work proceeding subject to an appropriate licence agreement being drawn up between the Parish and District Council on matters of maintenance and insurance. The Clerk had received a list of materials from the Director of Leisure Services which would cost in the region of £250. The Chairman had visited the MSC workforce and had asked if they could undertake the planting of the shrubs. A reply would be received shortly. The shrubs would be ordered locally and the account submitted direct to the Parish Council. The kerbing was estimated to cost in the region of £300. It was suggested that a seat be provided at the site.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be authorised to place orders for the materials with accounts to be requested as soon as possible,

(2) That the offer of Mr B Birkby to store the materials be accepted with thanks,

(3) That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for MSC to plant the shrubs if possible, and

(4) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to place an order for the supply of a seat or seats.

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel Arrangements had been made to meet representatives of Tetley Walker Ltd. on Thursday 7th March 1985 at 11.00 am.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs M Baxter be authorised to attend the meeting with Tetley Walker Ltd.

4. Parish Council Play Areas The Chairman reported that the Leisure Services Committee had received a report on 10 Parish Council play areas, although 3 other areas had been omitted. The report had been compiled to highlight safety aspects and had suggested various improvements. The Chairman suggested that this matter could be deferred for consideration at a later date.

5. Hesketh Bank Cricket Club The Chairman reported that the Club had applied to the District Council for a grant of £50 towards the formation of a Junior Section but the Leisure Services Committee had recommended that the application be refused.

151. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Tarleton County Primary School Mr S Iddon had nothing further to report at this stage.

2. The Brow The Brownie Guider had asked if the Council would agree to a group of Brownies tidying up around the seat and perhaps planting a few bedding plants.

RESOLVED:- That the offer of the Brownie Guider be accepted with thanks.

3. Street Lights Mrs D M Trippier referred to the lights outside the Midland Bank and the Chairman indicated that he had reported them two weeks ago. The light on the Brow was also out.

4. Various works etc.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the County Council be requested to replace the footpath sign at the end of Marsh Road,
(2) That the District Council be requested to replace the street nameplate at the junction of Moss Lane and Station Road, and
(3) That the County Council be requested to carry out improvements to the footways in Chapel Road except for the section adjacent to the new development.

152. STREET CLEANSING

The Clerk undertook to send a reminder to the District Council about the request for finance to employ a lengthsman.

153. COMMUNITY VISITOR

Mr J Whiteside reported that the Village Hall Committee had undertaken to reply to the request to use the premises by next week. Two additional part-time workers had been appointed and premises were required within the parish.

154. PARISH NEWSLETTER

It was suggested that the item in the previous newsletter concerning the planning application at Jumps Farm might have been expanded to give some explanation of the existing planning policies for housing as contained in the Northern Parishes District Plan.

155. LAYFIELD CHARITY

The Chairman indicated that he was disappointed that Mr P Griffiths had approached the press about the distribution of the proceeds of the Charity without first putting proposals before the Council. He reported the receipt of a letter from the Northern Office of the Charity Commissioners which indicated that the Trustees alone would decide on the distribution of funds and discussion on the issue could not take place within the Parish Council. Mr Griffiths, however, felt his actions had been justified.

156. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 28th February 1985

Application No.8/83/213 Outline for agricultural worker's bungalow, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road.

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

P. J. Handley
25th March 1985.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25th MARCH 1985

PRESENT;- Mr. P.J. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

Two members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

157. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

158. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Transport Bill A further set of fact sheets had been received from the County Council.

2. Highways matters

(a) Shore Road The County Surveyor would be investigating the problems outside 9/11 Shore Road.

(b) Footpath sign, Marsh Road This would be investigated by the County Surveyor.

(c) Footways, Chapel Road The County Surveyor hoped to surface the footways before the end of March and it was reported that the section in front of Cropper Gardens had been started.

(d) Street nameplate, Moss Lane The District Council were attending to this matter.

(e) Tarleton County Primary School Mr S. Iddon had nothing further to report.

(f) Street lights All lights reported had been attended to.

3. Street cleansing The Parish Council's request was receiving attention.

4. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Chairman reported that the meeting with representatives of the brewery had been held and he was reasonably encouraged by the attitude of the brewery to the Council's suggestions. The Clerk was requested to thank the brewery representatives for attending the meeting and to inform them that, as the matter was so complicated, a full discussion would take place at the next meeting of the Council.

5. Planning matters It was reported that application No. 8/83/213 had been withdrawn by the applicant, Mr H. Benson.

159. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

(a) Training evening This had been held on the 20th March 1985 and was attended by Mesdames Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier. Mrs Trippier gave a brief outline of the evening which had covered two main areas i.e. Planning and Play areas.

(b) Newsletter It was noted that Parish Councils were not compelled to keep their expenditure within the limits set by the Government. Arrangements for future Spring Conferences were also noted.

(c) Publications A copy of the Local Council Review had been received together with a copy of the latest edition of CCL News.

2. District Council

Committee minutes It was noted that the precept of 0.60 pence requested by the Parish Council was the 5th lowest out of the 18 parishes in the district. The lowest was Tarleton at 0.30 pence and the highest was Parbold at 2.95 pence.

3. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual General Meeting would be held at the Village Hall on Friday 26th April 1985 at 7.30 pm. All members of the Council were invited to attend.

160. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) NWWA - Water charges	£ 6.25
(b) Municipal Mutual Insurance - Insurance premium	£ 61.38
(c) N. Marsden Esq. - Repairs to swings	£ 23.50

2. Receipts

(a) Wayleave The Clerk reported the receipt of £ 38.71 from NORWEB in respect of the wayleave agreement.

(b) Play equipment The Chairman reported the receipt of £ 50 from Mr. J. Waters to be used for play equipment in the village.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to thank Mr Waters for his generous donation, which would be allocated in due course.

3. Village Hall Committee

(a) Increase in charges The Village Hall Committee were proposing to increase the charge to the Parish Council for the use of the Hall from £ 3.50 per evening to £ 2 per hour.

RESOLVED:- That the Village Hall Committee be informed that the estimates for 1985/86 had already been prepared and approved by the District Council on the basis of the existing charge, that increases should be notified by the end of September to enable them to be included in the estimates for the following year and that enquiries were being made to find a possible alternative venue for meetings of the Council.

(b) Community Visitors The Village Hall Committee had asked if the Parish Council would make a contribution towards the costs of the use of the Hall by the Community Visitors.

RESOLVED:- That a donation of £ 52 be made towards the costs of the use of the Village Hall by the Community Visitors, subject to the matter being reviewed in 12 months time.

161. GLENPARK DRIVE

It was reported that orders had been placed and accounts received for the timber logs and the associated ironmongery, and estimates had been received for the provision of 2 wooden seats (£ 106.32 each) and timber for the boundary fence (£ 207.30). It was noted that a suitable gap would be required in the fence to allow access for maintenance vehicles. In addition the shrubs had been ordered and an account received.

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

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| (A) Ligna Timber Treatment Ltd. - Supply of logs | £ 162.27 |
| (B) T & W Garner - Supply of ironmongery | £ 99.12 |
| (C) Singleton Landscape (Nurseries) - Supply of shrubs | £ 292.10 |

(2) That application be made to the Director of Finance for the payment of the loan of £ 900,

(3) That application be made to the Director of Planning for the payment of £ 300 from the Small Landscape Programme,

(4) That the estimates from Mr N. Marsden for the supply of 2 wooden seats and the timber for the boundary fence be accepted,

and, (5) That an order be placed with Mr N. Marsden, at the appropriate time, for the construction and erection of the boundary fence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 pm to allow the Annual Parish Assembly to take place.

The meeting was re-convened at 9.30 pm with the following members present:-

Mr P.J. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Birkby and Griffiths

162. BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane

RESOLVED:- That Mr N. Marsden be requested to replace the broken glass panel with timber.

2. Adj. to Church, Station Road

RESOLVED:- (1) That Mr N. Marsden be asked to inspect the panels and to suggest a method of replacement which would prevent them being lifted out in future,

and, (2) That the offer of Mesdames Baxter, Blundell and Finnan to clean up the shelter be accepted with thanks.

163. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

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

- (A) No.8/85/175 - Detached garage/store, The Cottage, Boundary Meanygate.
- (B) No.8/85/215 - Erection of greenhouses, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road.
- (C) No.8/85/218 - First floor bedroom extension, 58 Station Road.
- (D) No.8/85/243 - Renewal of outline permission for detached dwelling, Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane.

(2) That comments be made on the following applications as follows:-

- (E) No.8/85/194 - Conversion of outhouse to double garage with 'Granny' flat over etc., 11 Shore Road.

It is considered that if the Planning Committee found it unacceptable in 1982 for three units of accommodation to be provided on this site, then this proposal should be equally unacceptable. In addition by joining the farmhouse to the outhouse the development will become visually unacceptable.

- (F) No.8/85/244 - Change of use of bungalow to Sunday School, 27 Moss Lane.

Object on the grounds of unsuitability of access, as set out in the Council's objection to application No.8/85/103, and the unsuitability of the building for conversion into a public building. In addition the location is not conducive to the proposed use.

2. Appeals

- (A) Application No.8/84/821 - 15 detached dwellings, Chapel Road.

An appeal had been lodged against refusal of this application and would be heard by an Inspector on Tuesday 23rd April, 1985, at 10.00 am at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be instructed to investigate with Mr P. Merrills of the Youth Club, and the Director of Planning, the possibility of holding the appeal in the Parish.

(2) That a letter of objection, on the lines of the original objection to the application, be forwarded to the Department of the Environment.

and, (3) That Mr P. Handley be authorised to represent the Parish Council at the appeal hearing.

(B) Enforcement Notice - 138/140 Moss Lane

An appeal had been lodged against the enforcement notice issued in respect of the use of a chicken slaughter house at this address and would be dealt with by way of written representations.

RESOLVED:- That a letter of objection be forwarded to the Department of the Environment on the grounds of the nuisance caused by the activity, the infringement of the Green Belt and the risk of contamination of Carr Hey Watercourse, and that a request be made for the Council to be notified of the result of the appeal.

164. STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the above item, 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.

165. PLANNING MATTERS (CONT.)

3. Planning Committee - 28th March 1985

(A) Applications approved The following applications had been approved since the previous meeting of the Committee:-

- (1) No.8/84/1113 - Shed for storage of tractors, 255 Moss Lane.
- (2) No.8/84/1114 - Replacement Bowling Club Building, Station Road.
- (3) No.8/85/9 - Agricultural farm building, Westgate Farm, Guide Road.
- (4) No.8/85/87 - Greenhouses, 416 Moss Lane.

(B) Applications outstanding for more than 13 weeks It was reported that 5 applications had been outstanding for more than 13 weeks of which 3 were included on the agenda for decision by the Committee, the remaining 2 being as follows:-

- (1) No.8/84/302 - Outline for residential dwelling, 177 Moss Lane Awaiting Section 52 agreement.
- (2) No.8/84/548 - Outline for residential dwelling, adj. to 12 Boundary Lane - Awaiting Section 52 agreement.

(C) Planning applications Consideration was given to applications included on the agenda and the action to be taken is indicated below:-

- (1) Report No.8 - Application No. 8/84/822 - Outline for detached bungalow etc. for agricultural worker, adj. 'Riversdale', Marsh Road.

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

- (2) Report No.7 - Application No. 8/85/62 - Outline for agricultural workers' bungalow, Shore Road.

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

(3) Report No.6 - Application No. 8/84/1051 - 6 pairs of semi-detached bungalows, at rear of 24 & 26 Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that the Council object strongly to the recommendation and disagree with the statement made regarding insufficient reasons for refusal.

At this point Mr P. Griffiths left the meeting.

(4) Report No.5 - Application No. 8/84/1030 - Retention of garage building for repair and servicing of cars and agricultural equipment etc., 38 Shore Road.

A letter from Mr P. Griffiths, concerning the original comments made by the Parish Council, was reported and taken into consideration by the Council.

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

P. J. Handley

22nd April 1985.