

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd APRIL 1985

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

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Baxter and four members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

166. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

167. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual General Meeting was to be held on Friday 26th April 1985.

2. Venue for meetings Mrs Baxter had spoken to the District Education Office and an application form for the use of the school would be forwarded. Although the use of the room would be free, there may be a charge for the services of the caretaker.

168. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public Transport Conference A conference, organised by the County Council, had been held in Preston on the 20th April 1985.

2. District Council Committee Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. North West Water Authority

(a) Improving rivers, estuaries and coastal waters A leaflet, setting out the results of the public consultation on this subject, had been received.

(b) Sewerage works The Chairman reported that a detailed scheme had not yet been prepared and the Clerk was asked to request the District Council to forward details of the scheme to the Parish Council as soon as they were available.

169. FINANCE

There were no items under this heading.

170. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Granville Avenue Mr T. Martin reported on the making up, by the residents, of the private road Granville Avenue and the problems being caused by motorcyclists using the road indiscriminately. Mr Glover of the County

Council had been approached and the Chairman undertook to pursue the matter with Mr Glover in the near future.

2. Guide Road Mr R. Carr reported that the drainage of Guide Road had improved but that the road hadn't been swept for about 2 years. The Chairman informed Mr Carr of work undertaken by the County Council in an effort to alleviate the flooding and the problems encountered with regard to street cleansing.

171. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Planning Appeal - Application No 8/84/821 - 15 Detached dwellings, Chapel Road.

The Clerk reported that it had not proved possible to hold this appeal in the Parish but that in future such requests should be made to the District Council as soon as notification of an appeal was received. It was reported that the Chairman plus 3 or 4 other Councillors would be attending the appeal hearing.

RESOLVED:- That as a matter of policy, the Clerk be authorised to request that all planning inquiries affecting the parish be held within the Parish.

2. Weekly lists

- (a) No 8/85/285 - Garage and rear porch - 60 Moss Lane
- (b) No 8/85/306 - Extension and conversion of barn into dwelling - Shore Farm, Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the above 2 applications.

- (c) No 8/85/299A - Extend illuminated fascia sign etc. - 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application with the details of the objection to be decided by those members of the Council attending the planning appeal in Ormskirk after they have seen the submitted plans.

- (d) No 8/85/340 - Outline for detached dwelling and new access - land adj. to 15 Shore Road

RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the erection of the dwelling but that the proposed access be objected to on the grounds that it is highly unsuitable and dangerous.

3. Applications approved The following applications had been approved since the last meeting:-

- No 8/85/129 - Extensions - 9 Moss Lane
- No 8/85/175 - Detached garage/store - The Cottage, Boundary Meanygate

4. Application No 8/85/215 - Greenhouse block - Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road

Mr R. Carr had written a letter to the Planning Department concerning this application and had sent a copy to the Parish Council. The Chairman undertook to discuss the contents of the letter with the Planning Officer.

RESOLVED:- That Mr Carr be thanked for his interest and for sending a copy of his comments to the Parish Council.

172. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Miscellaneous matters There was nothing further to report about the following:-

- (a) Footway at 9/11 Shore Road
- (b) Footpath sign, Marsh Road
- (c) Footways in Chapel Road
- (d) Street nameplate, Moss Lane
- (e) Parking problems at Tarleton County Primary School

2. Street lighting

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to report the broken lighting column in Taylors Meanygate opposite the end of Moss Lane.

3. Street sign

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to report that the 'No Through Road' sign at the start of Guide Road needs replacing.

173. BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane Mr N. Marsden had been asked to board up both the windows in this shelter.

2. Adjacent to Church Mr Marsden's suggestion was to replace the concrete panels, cement them into place and to erect 2 additional concrete posts behind the panels around the mid-point mark. The alternative would be to turn the shelter round.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the Chairman asks Mr Marsden to carry out the work as he suggested,

(b) That, for information purposes, Mr Marsden be asked for an estimate for turning the shelter round,

(c) That the Clerk be requested to enquire about the price of perspex shelters, and

(d) That the local Police Officer be informed of the Council's concern at the continuing vandalism of this shelter.

3. Repair work 1985/86

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting.

174. AMENITY CLEANSING

The Director of Technical Services had indicated that the existing system would be continued for the year 1985/86 but that additional funds had been made available for weedkilling.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the District Council be requested to keep this Council's request in mind when the system is reviewed in the future, and

(b) That a copy of the letter be forwarded to Councillor R. Hodge, Leader of the District Council.

175. PLAY AREAS ETC

1. Maintenance of football pitch and use of changing hut

RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to meet the users of the facilities at the changing hut on Saturday 18th May 1985 at 10.30 am.

2. Glenpark Drive The Manpower Services Commission had nearly completed their work and the shrubs had been planted although a number of them had been removed. Arrangements were in hand for MSC to erect the equipment and the Chairman agreed to check the latest position. The money for the shrubs had not yet been paid and the Clerk would pursue the matter with the Director of Planning. The type of barrier to be erected was discussed and enquiries would be made about tubular pedestrian barriers. The District Council had asked if the Parish Council wished to have the land assigned to them.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to assign the land to the Parish Council.

176. 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.

177. PLAY AREAS ETC. (CONT)

3. Insurance of equipment

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to forward details of the insurance carried by the Council to the District Council.

178. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS - AREA COMMITTEE

Mrs D. M. Trippier reported on the meeting held on the 12th April 1985 and the following were noted:-

Mobile Citizens Advice Bureau - the scheme was unlikely to start this year, most of the Parishes were enthusiastic, Parish Councils may be asked to contribute 5pence per head of population to launch the scheme.

Footway lighting - the list would be reviewed later in the year.

Planning matters - Parish Councils should make their comments known at the weekly list stage.

Finance - revenue expenditure for 1985/86 for the Parish Councils was within the figure estimated by the District Council, this Parish Council had been allocated a capital allocation of £1000 for 1985/86.

179. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

180. LAND ADJ. TO BECCONSALL HOTEL

The Chairman reported on the meeting with representatives of the brewery and suggested that one of the conditions which may be laid down by the brewery would be for the Council to erect a tall fence on the Cherry Vale and Station Road sides of the land in question.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the brewery be informed that the Council are still considering this matter, and

(b) That investigations be made regarding the legality of the Council paying for a fence as outlined by the Chairman and into the existing ownership of the land.

20 May '85.

P. J. Handley

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 20th MAY 1985

PRESENT

Mr P.J.Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M.Baxter, N.Blundell, C.Finnan, L.Kershaw and D.M.Trippier.

Messrs B.Birkby, P.Griffiths, S.Iddon and J.A.Whiteside.

One member of the public was present for part of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mr P. J. Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1985/86.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Council.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mrs N. Blundell be appointed Vice - Chairman of the Council for the year 1985/86.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Good Neighbour Scheme Mrs D.M.Trippier reported that three Parish Councillors had attended the AGM of the Scheme and a copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet was handed to the Clerk for the Parish Council records.

2. Venue for meetings The Clerk had received an application form for the use of the school premises and this would be returned to the District Education Officer.

3. Sewerage works in Shore Road It was reported that investigations were being carried out concerning the existing sewer in Shore Road.

4. Granville Avenue The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the County Surveyor's representative, who had indicated that the situation appeared to be resolving itself. In addition, 'Private Road' plates would be erected at the Moss Lane end in the near future.

5. Amenity cleansing The Chairman had spoken to the Leader of the District Council who had no objection in principle to the proposals of the Parish Council. The Chairman had agreed to speak to the Leader again in about two months time.

6. Land adjacent to Beconsall Hotel The County Council had been asked if they had any information regarding the ownership of the land in question.

6. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Recreation Committee

RESOLVED:- (i) That the membership of the Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council plus five other members of the Council, and

(ii) That the following five members be appointed to serve on the Committee:- Mrs M.Baxter and Messrs B.Birkby, P.Griffiths, S.Iddon and J.A. Whiteside.

2. Allotments Committee

RESOLVED:- (i) That the membership of the Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council plus four other members of the Council, and

(ii) That the following four members be appointed to serve on the Committee:- Mrs C.Finnan and Messrs B.Birkby, S.Iddon and P.Griffiths.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:- That the following members be appointed to serve on the bodies indicated:-

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils - Chairman, Mrs M.Baxter and Mrs D.M.Trippier.

2. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee - Chairman with Mrs D.M. Trippier as substitute member.

3. Layfield Charity - Mrs N.Blundell for four years from 1985.

4. Village Hall Committee - Mrs N.Blundell.

5. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Mr B.Birkby.

6. Council for Protection of Rural England - Mr P.Griffiths.

8. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGERS

1. Hesketh - with - Beconsall C E School

RESOLVED:- That Mrs M.Baxter be appointed as a School Manager for four years from 1985.

2. Tarleton County Primary School The following three members were proposed and seconded to fill the two vacant positions:- Mrs L.Kershaw, Mrs N.Blundell and Mr S.Iddon.

Upon a vote being taken on a show of hands it was

RESOLVED:- That Mrs N.Blundell and Mr S.Iddon be appointed as School Managers for four years from 1985.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

1. Conference on Tourism Development The Clerk had informed the Chief Executive Officer that the Parish Council would not be represented as the conference clashed with this meeting of the Council.

2. Council meeting A proposal for the introduction of a revised committee timetable had been deferred to enable the Chief Executive to submit alternative proposals to the Council.

2. County Council

Conference on Recycling of Waste

RESOLVED:- That Mrs L.Kershaw be authorised to attend the Conference at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 1st June 1985.

10. 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 | £ 21.00 |
| 2. Lancs.Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subs. etc. | £107.65 |

2. Audit of accounts The audit of accounts would take place at Ormskirk on Monday 10th June 1985 and notices regarding the accounts being on deposit had been placed on the Parish Notice Boards. With regard to notifying ratepayers that the audit was complete, it was agreed to place a notice in the Parish Newsletter.

3. Insurance

RESOLVED:- That a new booklet about Parish Council Insurance be purchased from the L.A.P.& T.C. at a cost of 50 pence including postage.

4. Capital expenditure A questionnaire had been received from LAP&TC which the Clerk would complete and return.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

12. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

- (i) No 8/85/360 -Details for detached house and garage, Hesketh Marsh, adj. Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to Part 2 of the agenda.

- (ii) No 8/85/387 - Extensions at 'Anadale', Shore Road.

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

(iii) No 8/85/404 - Outline for detached bungalow, 148 Chapel Fold

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that if the existing policy is to refuse applications for development fronting onto narrow access roads which lead onto a main road then this application should be refused.

(iv) No 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, land at Meadow Lane

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council to enable the Chairman to obtain more information about the application.

2. Applications approved The following application had been approved since the previous meeting of the Council:-

No 8/85/285 - Garage and rear porch, 60 Moss Lane.

3. Other matters

1. Application No 8/85/299A - Sign at 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton It was reported that an objection to this application had been forwarded to the Director of Planning.

2. Application No 8/85/215 - Greenhouse block, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road. The Chairman reported that the Water Authority Regulations were not a matter for the District Council consider when dealing with this application.

3. Application No 8/85/306 - Extension and conversion of barn into dwelling house, Shore Farm, Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that this application is preferred to the previous application for this site.

13. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street lights The light at Taylors Meanygate had been repaired.

2. Bus shelters

(i) Repairs Mr Marsden had repaired the shelters at the Church, Station Road and at Moss Lane/Station Road.

(ii) Graffiti It was agreed to leave the graffiti on the shelter outside the Church, Station Road, for the time being.

3. Litter bins The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council to replace the litter bin at the bus shelter near to Rankin Avenue which had been set on fire, and to remind the District Council that they had agreed to provide a new litter bin outside the Recreation Ground.

4. North West Water Authority The Clerk was requested to report the following:-

(i) Station Road The hole outside No 81 had re-appeared.

(ii) Carr Hey Watercourse A protective barrier was required on the south side of the culvert where it passes under Moss Lane.

5. County Council The Clerk was requested to contact the County Council about the following matters:-

(i) Boundary Lane, Hundred End The sides of the road were dangerous in the vicinity of New House Farm and it was suggested that reflector posts might be provided.

(ii) Shore Road The County Council to be asked why the new kerbing had stopped, when by continuing for a further 15 yards or so the whole area would have looked tidier.

6. Street nameplate - Moss Lane The Chairman undertook to ascertain the latest position with regard to this matter.

7. Station Road Mrs N. Blundell reported that the grid outside Peddar's shop required attention. The Clerk undertook to pass to Mrs Blundell a copy of correspondence from the County Council regarding this item.

8. Litter etc. Mrs C. Haydock of Shore Road had written about the litter in the village, especially down Marsh Road, and the lack of footpath signs. The Clerk was asked to reply by explaining the action being taken by the Parish Council to secure finance for a lengthsman and the County Council's policy regarding the repair and replacement of footpath signs.

14. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(i) Use by organisations It was reported that the Chairman and Mrs M. Baxter had met representatives of the three organisations on Saturday 18th May 1985. The meeting had been useful and it had been ascertained that the Sportsman Club had obtained metal guards for the windows which would be placed on the car park side of the hut with wooden shutters being fixed to the other windows. The extension was inspected and the Boys Club indicated they were awaiting the availability of the plumber. The pitch would be re-seeded during the close season and Mrs Baxter had arranged for the County Council to supply the seed. The winter training under lights had gone very well and the problems with the pigeon baskets had been discussed and sorted out. The hump at the car park entrance had been mentioned and the fact that it caused problems to visiting teams. The Senior Club wished to use the pitch on alternate Sunday mornings next season whilst the Boys Club would be running four teams with one playing at Station Road and the remaining three playing at Shore Road. The Shore Road pitch was required on alternate Saturday mornings and every Sunday afternoon.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report be received, and

(ii) That the Recreation Committee arrange to meet at the ground, before the next meeting of the Council, to decide on the work required to remove the hump at the car park entrance.

2. Other matters

(i) Seats Mr P. Griffiths undertook to arrange for the seats to be replaced near to the play equipment.

(ii) Rights of way The Chairman and Clerk were dealing with this matter.



(iii) Maintenance Mr W.Norris had told Mr Iddon that he did not wish to continue working for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Clerk be authorised to send a letter of thanks to Mr W. Norris, and

(ii) That the question of future maintenance be discussed by the Recreation Committee at the meeting to be held at the ground.

15. STANDING ORDERS

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

16. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS (CONT)

Glenpark Drive The work was progressing and it was hoped that MSC would be erecting the equipment shortly.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:- That, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

18. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee Agenda - 23rd May 1985

(i) Application No 8/85/360 - Details for detached house and garage, Hesketh Marsh adj. Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that this Council expects the Section 52 Agreement placed on the original application to be placed on any approval granted in this case.

(ii) Application No 8/85/243 - Renewal of outline permission for detached dwelling, Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane.

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

(iii) Application No 8/85/218 - Extension at side of dwelling, 58 Station Road.

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

2. Tree Preservation Order The Chairman reported that six trees had been cut down at Jumps Farm on 16th May and he had ascertained from the Tree Preservation Officer at District Council level that four of the six trees had been rotten and an order could not have been put on them. An order would be placed on a number of trees in Marsh Road and an item would be placed before the Planning Committee in due course.

P. J. Handley
17 June 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 17th JUNE 1985

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

Mesdames M. Baxter; N. Blundell; C. Finnan; L. Kershaw
and D. Trippier.

Messrs B. Birkby; P. Griffiths; B. Molyneux and J. A. Whiteside.

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

19. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th May 1985, be
confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

20. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Venue for meetings The application form to use the school had been
submitted to the District Education Officer and a reply was awaited. Mr P.
Griffiths informed the Council that the Village Hall Committee had now agreed
revised charges which would be notified to the Council by letter but which
were as follows:- Casual users - £2.25 per hour; Regular bookings - £4 per
session.

2. Amenity cleansing Councillor R. Hodge had indicated by letter that
he would be happy to extend the scheme to other parishes and the Parish
Council would be consulted when the District Council were reviewing the scheme
later in the year.

3. Lancashire Playing Fields Association The Annual General Meeting
had been held at Ormskirk on the 14th June 1985 but Mr B. Birkby had not been
able to attend.

4. Council for Protection of Rural England Mr P. Griffiths had received
some information from the Council together with an application form as the
Parish Council did not appear to be members. It was agreed to consider the
possibility of joining the Council during consideration of financial matters.

5. Appointments Mrs D. Trippier pointed out that two members of the
Council had not been appointed to any of the Committees or other bodies and she
considered this to be a waste of talents. The Chairman suggested that these
comments be borne in mind when future appointments were made.

6. Conference on Recycling of Waste Mrs L. Kershaw had not been able to
attend the conference on the 1st June 1985.

7. Street Lighting The light at Taylors Meanygate was not working and
Mrs M. Baxter agreed to report the matter to the District Council.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council It was reported that the Chairman had been appointed
to serve on the Policy & Resources and Technical Services Committees by the
District Council. He would also be serving on the Housing Allocations Sub-
Committee.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils A circular letter had been received from the West Lancashire Area Committee confirming that the Parish Council had been allocated £1000 for the improvement of recreational facilities. Nominations were also requested for the District Police Liaison Committee (Councillor P. Turner of Wrightington was willing to continue) and for Hon. Secretary (Mrs S. Watkinson was relinquishing the post).

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

22. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

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

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|---|---------|---|
| (a) M. W. Taylor - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground - | £ 21.00 | } |
| (b) North West Water - Water charges - | £ 13.81 | |
| (c) B. W. Rimmer - Clerk's salary and expenses - | £174.31 | |

and (2) That consideration be given, at a future meeting, to re-charging the actual water consumed at the Recreation Ground to the users of the premises.

2. Council for Protection of Rural England

RESOLVED:- That an application be made to join CPRE at a subscription of £5, subject to review in the light of the usefulness of membership.

3. Audit of Accounts 1984/85 The Clerk reported that the audit was almost complete and the auditor had only raised minor queries, all of which had been satisfactorily answered.

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

24. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (1) No. 8/85/462 - Extensions, 144A Chapel Road
- (2) No. 8/85/483 - Extensions, 10 Norwood Avenue
- (3) No. 8/85/486 - Outline for agricultural workers bungalow, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road
- (4) No. 8/85/498 - Greenhouses, Westgate Farm, Guide Road
- (5) No. 8/85/536 - Extensions, 201 Moss Lane
- (6) No. 8/85/545 - Extensions, 2 Boundary Lane

2. Application No. 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, land at Meadow Lane

The Chairman reported that this application was in respect of the same piece of land as application No. 8/85/243 - Renewal of outline permission for detached dwelling, Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane.

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

3. Other matters The Clerk reported that the following applications were listed in the Planning Committee agenda for the 20th June 1985 as being outstanding for over 13 weeks for the reasons given:-

(1) No. 8/84/548 - Dwelling, adj. to 12 Boundary Lane - Awaiting S 52 agreement.

(2) No. 8/85/22 - Residential development, land off Station Road (Jumps Farm) - Awaiting information.

(3) No. 8/85/103 - Community building (Sunday school), land at Moss Lane - Awaiting County Surveyor's observations.

(4) No. 8/85/194 - Granny flat, 11 Shore Road - Awaiting further details.

Two other applications were to be considered under Planning Matters - Part 2.

25. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters It was agreed that the following matters would be left in abeyance for the time being:-

Station Road, near The Brow (Southport side) - Roof repairs

Station Road, outside the Church - Graffiti

2. Litter bins The bin at Station Road/Rankin Avenue had been replaced, but the bin outside the Recreation Ground car park was still there.

3. NWWA works

(a) Carr Heys Watercourse NWWA considered the works required to be highways maintenance and the Clerk would refer back to previous correspondence and write to the appropriate authority.

(b) Footway outside No 81 Shore Road The County Council had confirmed that NWWA were responsible for this work.

(c) Sewerage scheme Details of the proposals were now available and the District Council's Engineer would be at 1 Charles Close on Thursday at 10.00 am and all councillors were invited to attend the meeting. The scheme would be undertaken in 1986.

(d) Water pressure Numerous complaints had been received about low water pressure which had resulted in various problems for residents including no water for showers, especially in the mornings, and cisterns taking up to an hour to refill. Mrs L. Kershaw was conducting a survey into the problems.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk informs NWWA of the problems being encountered in the parish with regard to low water pressure;

(2) That the result of the survey be forwarded to NWWA in due course, and

(3) That the address of the relevant NWWA office be placed in the Parish Newsletter to enable individual householders to complain direct to the Authority.

4. County Council works

(a) Boundary Lane Extra verge masters had been provided at the road side.

(b) Shore Road Work had stopped when the available finance had been used. If money could be found then work would proceed in the current year, otherwise finance would be allocated for a future year.

5. Street nameplates The Chairman reported that the Moss Lane sign had now been made and was awaiting fixing. In the meantime Mrs D. Trippier had placed a temporary sign on the existing posts.

RESOLVED:- That Mrs D. Trippier be congratulated on her enterprise.

6. Gas supply The Chairman reported that there was a possibility of gas being supplied to the village with a pipeline being run from Southport. The Gas Board were looking for interest from 500 households in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton to enable the scheme to proceed at a cost of £300 per household, such price to be held for a minimum of 12 months. Details were being circulated to all households and if there was sufficient interest an exhibition and public meeting would be held in the area.

26. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Recreation Committee The Chairman reported that the Boys Football Club had caused problems by aerating the pitch by means of large furrows down the full length of the field. The ground had subsequently been rolled at the request of the Chairman.

The following matters had been considered by the Committee, who had made the recommendations indicated:-

1. Litter bin - To be placed inside the car park and cemented into position.

2. Concrete ramp at entrance - Concrete to be taken up and replaced with a shallower incline to car park.

3. Main fence adj. to flagged area - An extra rail to be positioned to the centre of the fence posts.

4. Flagged area - The front row of plant squares to be flagged over.

5. Football pitch - The seed would be delivered this week and the Boys Club would re-soil and reseed as required. It was suggested that the goal posts should be moved slightly prior to each season.

6. General maintenance - Only limited work was required to be undertaken and the question of a replacement for Mr W. Norris to be deferred for the time being. Some work had recently been done and consideration would be given to a payment being made for that work when Mr S. Iddon was present at a Council meeting.

At this point the Council considered a report prepared by the Leisure Services Department on the play equipment on the Recreation Ground. The report outlined the general state of the equipment and suggested, with estimates, the work required on safety grounds. The main item was safety surfacing which was estimated to cost £800. The concrete slab under the roundabout also required attention.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Chairman informs the Boys Football Club that the goal areas only should be resoiled, tillered, rolled and reseeded with slight attention being given to the centre of the field,

(2) That the goal posts be moved slightly prior to the start of each football season,

(3) That the Leisure Services Department be approached for details of safety surfacing,

(4) That enquiries be made about the possibility of the Parish Council using the District Council's byelaws for the Recreation Ground,

and (5) That Mr N. Marsden be asked to provide an estimate for each of the following items:-

- a. Concreting in the litter bin,
- b. Alterations to concrete slab at car park entrance,
- c. An additional rail on the fence,
- d. Flagging the plant squares and
- e. Repairing the concrete slab under the roundabout.

(b) Use of ground

RESOLVED:- That Hesketh Bank Boys Football Club and Hesketh Bank Football Club be allowed to use the ground for the 1985/86 football season in accordance with their requirements as reported in item 14(1)(i) subject to the same conditions as in previous years.

(c) Seats Mr P. Griffiths had replaced the seats but they had been moved again and it was therefore agreed to leave them for the time being.

(d) Rights of way The Chairman and Mr J. Whiteside would be visiting the relevant properties during the next few weeks.

2. Glenpark Drive The equipment would be erected during the next week or two and a request to assign the land to the Parish Council would be considered by the Leisure Services Committee in due course.

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Clerk had received details of the owners of the land in question and would be writing to them requesting permission for access and the possibility of a small piece of land being used for inclusion in the play area. Tetley Walker Ltd would be informed of the latest position.

27. 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.

28. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 20th June 1985

1. Tree Preservation Order It was noted that the Committee were being asked to approve a Tree Preservation Order on the land adjacent to the embankment between Shore Farm, Shore Road and Primrose Farm, Marsh Road.

2. Planning applications

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

(a) No. 8/84/302 - Outline for agricultural workers bungalow, 177 Moss Lane.

(b) No. 8/85/306 - Extend and convert barn to dwelling, Shore Farm, Shore Road.

(c) No. 8/85/215 - Greenhouses, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road.

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

(2) That in respect of application No. 8/85/340 - Detached dwelling etc, land adj. to 15 Shore Road - the Planning Committee be requested to defer consideration to enable site visits to ^{be} made as the Parish Council is still ^{of} the opinion that the proposed access onto Shore Road is extremely dangerous

and (3) That the Director of Planning be asked if the condition sometimes attached to approvals concerning vehicles entering and leaving the site in forward gear is enforceable.

P-J. Handley
17 July '85

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 15th JULY 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, N Blundell, C Finnan and D Trippier

Messrs P Griffiths, S Iddon and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw and Mr B Birkby and two members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 1985, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Venue for meetings The District Education Officer had passed the Council's letter to the School Managers but had indicated that charges for caretaker's fees would be £5.15 per hour. It was agreed to await the official letter from the Village Hall Committee before taking a final decision.

2. Council for the Protection of Rural England Some information had been received from the Council's London office which had been passed to Mr P Griffiths.

3. Planning decisions The following decisions of the Planning Committee were noted:-

No. 8/84/302 - Outline for agricultural worker's bungalow, 177 Moss Lane, - Approved with S. 52 agreement.

No. 8/85/306 - Extend and convert barn to dwelling, Shore Farm, Shore Road, - Refused.

No. 8/85/215 - Greenhouses, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road, - Approved.

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

No. 8/85/340 - Detached dwelling etc., land adj. 15 Shore Road, - Deferred for individual site visits.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Tourism Conference Action taken by the District Council as a result of the conference was noted.

(b) Over 60's Club The District Council had forwarded a copy of a letter from the Over 60's Club concerning the rental for use of the Village Hall. It was agreed to forward a copy of the letter to the Village Hall Committee.

(c) Committee agendas and minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

(d) Chairman and Lady's Charities A list of Charity events was noted and passed to Mr P Griffiths for inclusion in the Newsletter at the appropriate time.

2. Other matters

(a) Community Council of Lancashire The latest copy of the CCL News was available.

(b) Air Training Corps It was noted that a meeting was to be held in the parish to ascertain the possibility of starting a unit in the area.

32. 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 (2 cuts) | £ 42.00 |
| (2) Coopers & Lybrand - Audit fee | £ 58.50 |
| (3) West Lancashire District Council - Loan charges | £534.44 |
| (4) N Marsden Esq. - Repairs to bus shelters | £ 82.24 |

2. Concurrent expenditure A cheque for £852.00 had been received from the District Council in respect of that Council's share of approved concurrent expenditure and loan charges for 1985/86.

3. Allotment rents

RESOLVED:- (1) That no increase be made in the rental of the allotments for the year 1987/88,

(2) That the Clerk be requested to ascertain the balance which is currently available to spend on the allotments by looking through the records for the past 5 years,

(3) That the Allotments Committee arrange to inspect the allotments and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr S Parkin, Chairman of the Young Farmers Club, spoke in support of the Club's application to use the Recreation Ground on a small number of Sunday afternoons during the coming football season. Mr Parkin also outlined details of the various activities of the YFC.

34. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists There were no items under this heading.

2. Planning Committee - 18th July 1985 It was reported that the Appeal against the District Council's decision to refuse permission for the erection of 15 houses on land off Chapel Road had been dismissed and that the Inspector's decision was most encouraging. Mention was made by members about the Northern Parishes District Plan and the fact that it had not been statutorily formalised.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to take the necessary steps to formalise the Northern Parishes District Plan.

3. Approvals since last meeting The following approval was noted:-

No. 8/85/387 - Extensions at 'Anadale' Shore Road.

35. NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

1. New sewerage scheme The Chairman reported on the meeting with the District Council's Engineer when the proposals had been discussed in detail. A promise had been given that the Council would be given sight of the final plans. Mention was made that the top water ditches in Marsh Road had recently been cleaned out and that work had been undertaken to the sewers in Shore Road in the length between the School and Chapel Road.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to explain the purpose of the work in the sewers on Shore Road.

2. Water pressure A letter had been received from the Authority which indicated that low pressure had been experienced on the weekend of the 15/16 June 1985 and this was due to a fault in the service. Members were not satisfied with this explanation as problems were still present in various parts of the parish. The Clerk reported that the Fire Authority were not aware of any problems and in any event they were able to increase pressure using their own pumps.

RESOLVED:- (1) That copies of the correspondence be forwarded to Tarleton Parish Council informing them of this Council's concern and asking if they had similar problems,

(2) That the Clerk be requested to prepare a pro-forma, for distribution to householders, to enable information to be collected for onward transmission to the Water Authority.

36. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Litter bin A new bin had been fixed at the bus stop adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

2. Carr Heys Watercourse The County Surveyor had been requested to attend to the problem.

3. Granville Avenue A petition had been signed by 29 persons to the effect that they had used the right of way at the end of the Avenue and wished it to remain open.

RESOLVED:- That the petition be forwarded to the County Council for safe keeping.

4. Cropper Gardens The Chairman had reported the existence of two pot holes to the County Council and had been informed that the road had never been adopted and was, therefore, still the responsibility of the Housing Department. The Chairman had subsequently been in touch with the Housing Department.

5. The Brow

RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to effect a more permanent repair to the pot holes on the Brow by removing the setts and replacing them with a better foundation.

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37. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Re-seeding This work was now in hand.

(b) Goal posts The Boys Football Club were of the opinion that the space available for moving the goal posts each season was limited.

(c) Safety surfacing

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to supply details of safety surfacing with costs and also be asked if any financial help is available from the District Council.

(d) Byelaws The Chairman was investigating this matter.

(e) Use of ground The Boys Football Club and Hesketh Bank Football Club had been advised that approval had been granted for the clubs to use the ground during the coming winter in accordance with their applications. The Council then discussed the current application from the Young Farmers Club.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Young Farmers Club be advised that, although the Parish Council would like to help if at all possible, the pitch was not available on a Sunday afternoon having already been allocated to the Boys Football Club,

(2) That Tarleton Parish Council be informed of the difficulties in Hesketh Bank in giving assistance to the YFC and that they be requested to give consideration to the YFC using one of their two football pitches.

(f) Rights of way The Chairman reported that only five householders currently have gates opening onto the Recreation Ground of which three had signed the forms prepared by the Clerk whilst the other two were thinking the matter over. The Chairman would be re-visiting the two householders in a few days time.

(g) Miscellaneous works Mr N Marsden had submitted the following estimates for works required at the Recreation Ground:-

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|---|---------|
| (i) Re-site litter bin and cement into position | £ 15.00 |
| (ii) Take up ramp and replace with longer incline | £115.00 |
| (iii) Flag squares at front of flagged area | £170.00 |
| (iv) Provide and fix extra wooden rail to fence | £ 90.00 |

RESOLVED:- (1) That the quotations from Mr N Marsden in respect of items (ii) the ramp, (iii) the flagging and (iv) the fence as reported above be accepted in the total sum of £375.00 and that item (i) the litter bin be not proceeded with at this time,

(2) That the method of financing the works be decided later in the financial year.

2. Glenpark Drive The logs were being cut to size and would be erected in the near future.

3. Land at Becconsall Hotel The Clerk was awaiting replies from the owners of the land and the Brewery had been informed of the latest position.

38. 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.

39. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Audit The Association, with the consent of all the Parishes, would insert a completion of audit notice in the newspaper at a cost of approximately £3.50 per parish.

2. West Lancashire Area Committee - 12th July 1985 The following matters were reported:-

(a) A talk was given by the Business Officer of the Halifax Building Society about investment schemes for local councils.

(b) Councillors L.L.Watson and J.Grimshaw were appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively and Mrs Sue Underwood of Halsall was appointed as Hon. Secretary.

(c) 'C' schemes were to be undertaken at Banks and Downholland.

(d) A training evening on finance was to be held in September or October.

(e) The District Council had allocated £10,000 for the repair of playground equipment with the worst being repaired first.

(f) Parishes were reminded about the confidentiality of Planning Committee agendas.

(g) The Capital Schemes Priority List had been computerised.

40. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee - 18th July 1985

(a) Application No. 8/85/340 - Outline for detached dwelling and access adj. 15 Shore Road The application had been deferred at the previous meeting to enable members of the Committee to make individual site visits. The Director of Planning had informed the Chairman of this Council that permission had already been granted in 1981 and even if the current application was refused, the applicant could still utilise the benefit of the previous permission. The Chairman intended to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee.

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

(b) Application No. 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, Meadow Lane

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

(c) Application No. 8/85/22 - Outline for residential development, land off Station Road It was reported that the comments made by the Parish Council in respect of this application could be dealt with at the details stage.

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

2. Tree Preservation Order - The Rectory, Station Road The Chairman undertook to find out the details of the Order in respect of trees at this location.

3. Old Barn Club, Moss Lane It was reported that a shop had opened in these premises on the 22nd June 1985 without an application being made for a change of use under the Planning Acts.

RESOLVED:- That the facts be reported to the Director of Planning.

41. RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that some work had been undertaken to tidy up the flagged area although it had not been authorised by the Council.

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken until an account is received for the work.

42. DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held on the following Monday evenings commencing at 7.30 pm:-

6th January 1986

27th January 1986

24th February 1986

24th March 1986

21st April 1986

26th May 1986

P. J. Handley
12th August 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12th AUGUST 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames N Blundell ; C Finnan ; L Kershaw and D Trippier

Messrs P Griffiths ; B Molyneux and J A Whiteside

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

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th July 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

44. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Venue for meetings The request to use the School for meetings of the Council would be put before the next meeting of the Managers. Official notification of the revised charges for use of the Village Hall had still not been received.

2. Council for the Protection of Rural England More information had been received and passed to Mr P Griffiths.

3. Planning Committee Decisions The following applications had been approved:-

No 8/85/340 - Outline for detached dwelling and access, land adj. to 15 Shore Road.

No 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, Meadow Lane.

No 8/85/22 - Residential development, Station Road.

4. Air Training Corps The meeting had been held but no details were available.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Community Programme Managing Agency A request for work had been received. It was decided to take no action at this time.

(b) Committee Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

46. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) M W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground - £ 21.00 ✓

(b) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscriptions 1984/85 and 1985/86. - £ 10.00 ✓

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- (c) N Marsden Esq. - Work at Recreation Ground
(As per estimate but including additional cost of hire
of compressor as authorised by the Chairman) - £226.00

2. Allotments

- (a) Rentals The following tenants had paid the rents to the Clerk:-

R Cropper Esq. Plot 2 - £5.1
W J Moss Esq. Plot 4 - £5.1
J A Whiteside Esq. Plot 19 - £4.50 ✓
W Cropper Esq. Plot 3 - £5.1
J Buck Esq. Plots 16 & 17 - £10.1 ✓

£29.50

(b) Allotment Account The Clerk reported that during the past 5 years a total of £311.00 had been received in rents and £216.10 had been spent on the allotments which left a balance available in the Allotment Account of £94.90.

RESOLVED:- That the allotment receipts and expenditure be kept separate from the general parish finances but that a separate account be not opened. ✓

(c) Ownership of allotments It was suggested that it should be possible to claim title to the land after 12 years and the Clerk reported that any titleholder could only claim back rent for a maximum of 6 years. It was agreed to keep the matter under review. ✓

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ditch adj. to 64 Shore Road Mr M Baxter informed the Council that the ditch did not appear on the deeds of his house and Mr Baxter Snr maintained that the responsibility did not rest on the owner of the house.

48. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No 8/85/655 - Extensions, 'Anchorage', Anchorage Avenue.
(b) No 8/85/690 - Extensions, 30 Boundary Lane.
(c) No 8/85/730 - Extensions, 73 Sidney Avenue.

2. Applications at The Rectory

(a) No 8/85/661 - Outline for detached house and alteration to existing vehicular access, 92 Station Road.

(b) No 8/85/662 - Full application for detached parsonage house and garage and alteration of existing vehicular access, 92 Station Road.

These two applications had appeared on the weekly lists and the Chairman had obtained a copy of the plans which showed two additional houses to be built on the land adjacent to the Rectory. It appeared that the applicants intended to sell the existing dwelling when the new parsonage house had been built. A letter from Mr P Slater to the District Council was read to the Council.

RESOLVED:- That the Council object to these two applications on the following grounds:-

- (1) The site is adjacent to the Green Belt;

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(2) The existing gardens are a central focal point of the village and 2 additional houses would destroy the village centre;

(3) The existing Rectory is a house of character which should be retained in its present form;

(4) Provision of a 5 metre drive would create an additional hazard to what is already a hazardous junction; and

(5) The Inspector at a recent appeal indicated that provision for new dwellings in the Parish was adequate.

3. Northern Parishes Local Plan The District Council would progress the plan to statutory adoption during 1986.

4. Conditions attached to Planning Permissions This Council's suggestion about a tightening up of the condition relating to vehicles entering and leaving sites in forward gear was to be placed before the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

5. Change of use of building The owner of the former Barn Club premises had been advised that planning permission was required for change of use of the premises.

6. Plans for Parish Councils The District Council had restated the arrangements for Parish Councils to borrow plans.

7. Planning Appeal An appeal in respect of application No 8/85/218 - Extensions at 58 Station Road, would be dealt with by written representations.

8. Tree Preservation Order - The Rectory A copy of the Order had been circulated to all members of the Council and the details were noted.

9. Applications approved since last meeting The following were noted as having been approved:-

No 8/85/498 - Greenhouses, Westgate Farm, Guide Road.

No 8/85/536 - Extensions, 201 Moss Lane.

No 8/85/299A - Sign, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

49. NORTH WEST WATER

1. Sewerage Scheme The Director of Technical Services had confirmed that the plans would be made available to the Parish Council and had explained that the work in Shore Road was to clear blockages in the sewer following complaints of flooding by residents.

2. Water pressure Forms were being circulated to enable residents to indicate their complaints and it was agreed that all replies be brought to the next meeting of the Council. The Clerk reported that Tarleton Parish Council had made similar representations to the Water Authority. It was also reported that the situation should improve when the new water main is in operation.

50. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Carr Heys Watercourse The rusty sheep netting would be replaced in due course.

2. The Brow The County Area Surveyor had indicated that the work would be undertaken when the new sewerage work was completed. The letter also contained comments about the Parish Council not knowing all the facts and telling the County Surveyor what to do.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be instructed to forward the correspondence to the County Surveyor pointing out that a new sewer will not be provided in the Brow, that the road is much used by heavy vehicles, that the Parish Council do appreciate the financial position of the County Council and it is the Clerk's job to pass on suggestions made by the Parish Council to the appropriate authority.

3. Footpaths A set of forms to apply for a Definitive Map Order had been received. It was agreed to leave the forms on file.

4. Grass verges

RESOLVED:- That the state of the grass verges at the bottom of the Brow be reported to the County Area Surveyor.

5. Hundred End Lane

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to investigate the deterioration of this road.

6. Telephone kiosks

RESOLVED:- That British Telecom be requested to replace the door to the kiosk adjacent to the Beconsall Hotel.

51. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Safety surfacing The Director of Leisure Services had forwarded a list of suppliers of safety surfaces and indicated that the £15,000 allocated by the District Council for repairs and improvements to play areas was insufficient for the District Council's needs for their own areas.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to make arrangements to meet Mr Cooley of the District Council on site to discuss the most appropriate surface for this Council's needs and that any members available be authorised to attend the meeting.

(b) Use of ground by Young Farmers Club Tarleton Parish Council would be considering the request of this Council for the Young Farmers to use facilities in Tarleton at their meeting this evening.

(c) Changing hut The metal guards had been placed in position on the windows by members of the Sportsmans Club. The Clerk was requested to thank the club for their assistance with this matter.

(d) Rights of way A further agreement had now been signed and only one was still outstanding.

(e) Litter bin at entrance to ground This had been removed by Mr N Marsden.

(f) West Lancashire Play Association The Chairman had given permission to the Association to use an inflatable and to park a play bus on the car park on one day per week. It was reported that the Association had used the Methodist Church premises the previous week rather than those at All Saints Church as in the past.

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

2. Glenpark Drive The log equipment was in the process of being erected and the grass would then be laid. The Chairman was seeking information about metal barriers.

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Clerk had not received any replies to his letters.

52. ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee had inspected the allotments and reported that they were looking well. The ditch adj. to 64 Shore Road had been inspected and the Committee recommended that the Parish Council accept responsibility for this ditch and arrange for it to be cleaned out. Mr S Iddon had suggested that Mr Bond of Banks be asked to do the work by tractor in the autumn whilst it was also suggested that efforts be made to find someone to do the job by hand. Mr M Baxter had asked if any further plots were available and the Clerk reported on the current waiting list. The Council in considering the matter had regard to the comments made earlier by Mr Baxter and the letter from his Building Society to the effect that the ditch was not shown on the deeds of 64 Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Council agree in principle to accept responsibility for the ditch adjacent to 64 Shore Road;

(2) That the ditch be cleaned out in the autumn;

(3) That a notice be placed in the Newsletter asking for someone to undertake the cleaning by hand; and

(4) That Mr M H Baxter of 64 Shore Road be placed on the Allotments Waiting List and that Mrs J Riding, the former owner of 64 Shore Road, be deleted from the List as she has moved out of the Parish.

53. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 15th August 1985

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

(a) No 8/85/545 - Extensions, 2 Boundary Lane.

(b) No 8/85/483 - Extensions, 10 Norwood Avenue.

(c) No 8/85/404 - Outline for detached bungalow, 148 Chapel Fold.

54. DATES OF MEETINGS

It was reported that a meeting had been fixed for Bank Holiday Monday the 26th May 1986.

RESOLVED:- That the meeting be held on the Tuesday 27th May 1986.

P. J. Handley
9 Sept. 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 9th SEPTEMBER 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, N Blundell, C Finnan, L Kershaw and D Trippier
Messrs P Griffiths and S Iddon

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

55. MR B BIRKBY

The Chairman reported that Mr B Birkby was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to forward the best wishes of the Council to Mr B Birkby.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Venue for meetings The School Governors had indicated that the charge for the use of the School for meetings of the Parish Council would be £7.85 per hour. The Clerk was asked to write and thank the Governors for their letter and to inform them that the Council had decided to continue using the Village Hall.

58. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Agendas for Committees There were no items affecting this Parish.

(b) Chairman's Office A notice advertising a Charity Buffet Dance on the 27th September 1985 had been placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

2. Other matters

(a) West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme The Council had been invited to send a representative to the First Annual General Meeting of the Scheme at Ormskirk on the 18th September 1985.

(b) West Lancashire District Twinning Association A notice about a forthcoming school exchange had been placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

(c) Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils A circular had been received and the following items were noted:-

1. The Annual General Meeting would be held at the end of October or the beginning of November.

2. The Association were asking Parishes if the question of the provision of gas in rural areas should be pursued with British Gas.

The Chairman reported that North West Gas had received 800 replies from Hesketh Bank and Tarleton to their previous circular and were applying to British Gas to go ahead with a scheme. The officials were optimistic that a start could be made at the end of the year or early next year.

3. Parents had a right to be consulted on school closures prior to the final decision being taken by the Education Authority.

4. Parish Councils were asked to ensure they were asked to nominate Minor Authority Governors for Voluntary and County Primary Schools.

5. A provisional programme for the Spring Conference to be held in Southport had been circulated.

(d) Local Council Review A copy of the latest issue had been received.

59. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| (a) M J Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (6th cut) | £ 21.00 |
| (b) Mrs S Watkinson - Completion of Audit notice | £ 3.50 |
| (c) B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary and expenses | £ 166.47 |
| (d) N Marsden Esq. - Flagging at Recreation Ground | £ 170.00 |

2. Receipts The remaining allotment rents for 14 plots had been received by Mr S Iddon.

60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Policing in Hesketh Bank Mr J Ellis asked whether the parish was being policed as there appeared to be a marked absence of police presence in the area. The Council accepted that the new Police Officer had been seen around the village for the first 2/3 months after her appointment and it was suggested that if the timing of the shifts meant that the parish no longer had a village police officer then changes may need to be made to rectify the situation. The Chairman indicated that the Police Officer would be invited to the next meeting of the Council to discuss, amongst other matters, policing in the Parish, action required to alleviate vandalism to bus shelters, whether the police require the assistance of the Council with any problems and how the officer is finding matters since taking up her appointment.

61. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No 8/85/773 - Extensions, 144a Chapel Road.
- (b) No 8/85/779 - Hen cabin for agricultural purposes, 138/140 Moss Lane.
- (c) No 8/85/780 - 11,000 volt O/H Electricity line, Boundary Meanygate.

2. Planning Committee - 12th September 1985

(a) Planning Applications - System of Delegation The Planning Committee were being requested to approve amendments to the System of Delegation to allow the more routine applications which receive no objections to be dealt with by the Director of Planning.

(b) Outstanding Applications The Council noted that the following applications had been outstanding for more than 13 weeks:-

1. No 8/84/548 - Dwelling, adj. 12 Boundary Lane - Awaiting S 52 Agreement.
2. No 8/85/103 - Community building, Moss Lane - Awaiting Committee.

(c) Approved since last meeting The following applications had been approved:-

1. No 8/85/655 - Extensions, 'Anchorage', Anchorage Avenue.
2. No 8/85/690 - Extensions, 30 Boundary Lane.

3. Other matters

(a) Standard Condition No 24 The Clerk reported that the proposed amendment regarding the turning of vehicles within sites had been approved.

(b) Hundred End It was suggested that it appeared that a second dwelling was being constructed on the Marsh at Hundred End.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to borrow the plans from the Planning Department and if it appeared that the building did not comply with the plans then he be authorised to raise the matter with the District Council.

(c) Cellular Telephone Network A notice had appeared in the local paper which was not correct in that the Planning Application for a mast had not yet been lodged with the District Council although the applicants had discussed the matter with the Planning Department. It was reported that new legislation would allow taller masts to be erected without planning permission although the one proposed within this parish would still require permission.

RESOLVED:- That the Council for the Protection of Rural England be asked for their views on such masts.

62. NORTH WEST WATER

Water pressure Nearly 50 forms had been completed and handed to Parish Councillors which represented 25% of those distributed.

RESOLVED:- That all the completed forms be forwarded to North West Water.

63. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. The Brow A further letter had been received from the County Surveyor which indicated that provocative letters would not be sent to the Council in future. The County Surveyor had also indicated that a new sewer would be provided at The Brow and resurfacing would have to wait until that work was completed.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Technical Services be requested to clarify the position regarding the provision of a new sewer.

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2. Footways The County Area Surveyor would investigate this matter.

3. Hundred End Lane The County Area Surveyor had programmed work for the current financial year.

4. Chapel Road The Council were disappointed that work to the footway had not yet been undertaken.

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be asked if it would be possible to request the builder to re-instate the footway as soon as possible.

5. Guide Road

RESOLVED:- (a) That the County Area Surveyor be requested to repair the pot hole in the carriageway opposite 'Kimberley', Guide Road, and

(b) That the attention of the County Area Surveyor be drawn to the problems caused by large vehicles mounting the kerb when turning into Guide Road.

6. Bus Shelters Further consideration was given to graffiti etc. on the shelters situated outside All Saints Church and opposite the Village Hall.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden if he would be prepared to tackle the task of cleaning the shelters, and

(b) That Mrs M Baxter be authorised to ask Tarleton Parish Council if they use anti-vandal type paint on bus shelters.

7. Village Sign

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to take the necessary action to ensure that the village sign at Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane is visible to persons entering the Parish.

8. Street Nameplates The Chairman reported that new street nameplates had now been erected in various parts of the Parish.

9. Telephone Kiosk - Becconsall Hotel A reply was still awaited from British Telecom.

64. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Safety surfacing The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr Cooley of the Leisure Services Department when Mr Cooley had recommended that new seats and chains be provided on the swings and that safety surfacing was desirable under the play equipment. The roundabout also required repairing. ✓

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be asked to look through Hirst's catalogue for suitable replacement seats and chains for the swings, ✓

(2) That the Area Committee of the LAPTC be requested to consider entering into a bulk supply contract for the provision and application of safety surfacing and that it be suggested that the District Council be requested to supervise the work in the parishes, and ✓

(3) That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden to carry out the repairs to the roundabout. ✓

65. 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.

66. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Rights of Way The remaining agreement had now been signed.

RESOLVED:- (1) That any householder making a new gate to effect entry on to the Recreation Ground be visited as soon as possible and asked to sign an agreement, and

(2) That the Clerk be requested to look at the Electors List each year to ascertain new householders in the properties with gates on to the Recreation Ground who would then be asked to sign an agreement.

2. Glenpark Drive The logs were now in place and the remaining work consisted of turfing under the logs and erecting a fence at the front.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the purchase of turf and for MSC to lay the turf as soon as possible, and

(b) That the Clerk be authorised to speak to Mr Cooley about the provision of a log fence.

67. ALLOTMENTS

Mrs M Baxter and Mr S Iddon registered strong disagreement with the decision taken at the previous meeting regarding the Council accepting responsibility for maintaining the ditch adj to 64 Shore Road.

It was reported that no offers had been received to clean out the ditches at the allotments and Mr Iddon had arranged for the work to be done by mechanical means at a suitable time.

RESOLVED:- That the action taken by Mr S Iddon be confirmed. 7

68. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 12th September 1985

1. Applications No 8/85/730 - Extensions, 73 Sidney Avenue and No 8/85/780 11,000 volt O/H Electricity line, Boundary Meanygate.

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications.

2. Applications No 8/85/661 - Outline for house etc., 92 Station Road and No 8/85/662 - Full application for parsonage house etc., 92 Station Road.

RESOLVED:- That an objection be lodged to the recommendation for approval of application No 8/85/661, on the grounds that the proposal does not conform to the policies laid down in the Northern Parishes District Plan.

NH Blundell.
4 Oct 1985.
Vice Chairman

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th OCTOBER 1985

PRESENT:- Mrs N Blundell (Vice - Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames C Finnan , L Kershaw and D Trippier
Messrs P Griffiths and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter , Messrs P Handley ,
S Iddon and B Molyneux

WPC Caren Peak was present for Item 1 and 6 members of the public
were present for part of the meeting.

69. POLICE MATTERS

WPC Peak attended the meeting at the invitation of the Parish Council and explained that when on duty she was responsible for policing Hesketh Bank and Tarleton, including Mere Brow, and that the officers at Hesketh Bank and Tarleton had to work 16 hours a day between them. In addition to those duties, they also had to cover for the officers in Banks when those officers were off duty. She indicated that she was available for emergencies at any time of the day or night but if no reply was received to her telephone then people should ring Ormskirk Police Station who are in radio contact with the police officers in the area, although there was a problem with radio reception in the Parish and on occasions it is necessary for officers to telephone to Ormskirk for instructions.

When asked if there was any matter on which she would welcome the assistance of the Council, she suggested that limited restrictions were required on Station Road Bridge to alleviate the problems at the crown caused by cars parking outside shops. With regard to the vandalism to bus shelters, she considered that someone may have seen it happen and asked that any matters such as that should be reported. She had been given the names of a number of youths who had been the cause of general nuisances and the parents had been visited and she hoped that the problem had been alleviated.

In answer to criticisms that people no longer see the police, she reported that styles of policing had changed over the past few years and an area the size of Hesketh Bank would require 2 officers to provide an efficient foot patrol. She would be able to spend more time walking round the village if she didn't have other duties to perform and other parishes to cover and would like to be able to do just that but was unable to do so as she had to remain near to the car radio when using the car.

In general the people of the Parish were very law abiding and tended to report matters to the police. She was also glad that the Parish Council had approached her direct about problems in the village and had not gone over her head.

The Parish Council thanked WPC Peak for her efforts since being appointed to the Parish and especially the discos for young people which she had helped to organise. The Council believed that she did a good job considering the area she had to cover.

70. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That subject to the recording of apologies from Messrs B Birkby , B Molyneux and J Whiteside, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 1985, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

P. J. H

71. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Mr B Birkby It was reported that Mr Birkby was slowly recovering from his illness.
2. West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme The Clerk had a copy of the first annual report of the scheme.
3. North West Water The replies to the questionnaires had been forwarded to the Authority.

72. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Cleansing in Parished Areas The Council had been invited to send a representative to a meeting on this subject on Wednesday 9th October 1985.

RESOLVED:- That Mr J Whiteside be authorised to attend the meeting on Cleansing in Parished Areas.

(b) Chairman's Lady's Charities Details of two more events had been received by the Clerk.

(c) Committee Agendas and Minutes There were no items to report.

2. Other Matters

(a) Age Concern A public meeting was being held to launch Age Concern West Lancashire on Thursday 24th October 1985 but no member was able to attend.

(b) Council for Voluntary Service The Council were asking for details of facilities in the Parish and the Clerk undertook to reply.

(c) Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils The Area Committee would be meeting on the 11th October 1985 and all representatives were able to attend. The Annual General Meeting was to be held at County Hall, Preston on 9th November 1985 and members interested in attending should contact the Clerk before 1st November 1985.

(d) Community Council News The Clerk had received the latest issue.

(e) Remembrance Sunday

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to order the usual wreath for the Parish Council.

73. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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|---|----------|
| (1) North West Water - Water charges, Recreation Ground | £ 7.68 ✓ |
| (2) Lancashire County Council - Stationery | £43.78 ✓ |

P.J.H.

74. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Traffic problems at Tarleton County School Mr Austin raised this matter and indicated that at certain times of the day it was impossible for cars to proceed along Hesketh Lane due to cars parked on either side of the road and pupils of the school riding cycles sometimes 2 or 3 abreast in the vicinity of the school. It was also stated that parents have started to arrive at the school earlier in the afternoon in order to get a prime parking space as near to the school gates as possible. The Chairman undertook to ask the Clerk to write to the police about the problems.

75. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists

(a) Application No 8/85/904 - 30m mast etc. Henry Alty Ltd. Station Rd.

RESOLVED:- That as the Planning Committee agenda for the 10th October contains information relevant to this application, consideration be deferred to Part 2 of this meeting.

(b) Application No 8/85/912 - Conversion of part of barn, 11 Shore Rd.

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

2. Applications approved since last meeting The following had been approved by the Director of Planning :-

No 8/85/773 - Extensions, 144a Chapel Road

3. Planning Committee - 12th September 1985 The following decisions were taken by the Planning Committee:-

No 8/85/730 - Extensions, 73 Sidney Avenue - Approved

No 8/85/780 - 11000 volt O/H Electricity line, Boundary Meanygate -
No objection.

No 8/85/661 - O/L House etc., 92 Station Road - Approved

No 8/85/662 - Full for Parsonage house etc., 92 Station Rd - Refused

With regard to the last two mentioned applications, the Clerk read a letter from the Chief Executive of the District Council which indicated that amendments to the Draft Northern Parishes Plan could be made as a result of 'de facto' decisions of the Planning Committee. The Parish Council felt let down by both the Planning Committee and the Diocesan Authorities .

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Diocesan Parsonage Board setting out the Council's opposition to the proposals and inviting the Board to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss the proposals in more detail.

4. Other matters

Development at Hesketh Bank Marsh, Hundred End The Clerk reported that the Chairman had contacted the Director of Planning about the building being constructed at this site and that the Planning Department were to investigate the situation.

PJ H

76. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Various works in Parish

(a) Chapel Road The County Council would construct the new footway surface upto basecourse level and complete the works when all the connections had been made.

(b) Guide Road The County Council would repair the potholes but had indicated that the remainder of the road was adequate. The Council had confirmed that there was no answer to vehicles encroaching onto the footway when turning into and out of Guide Road.

(c) Village sign The County Council had re-located the sign at the junction of Hesketh Lane and Moss Lane.

(d) Rankin Avenue Estate It was reported that the footways on the estate had been levelled prior to re-surfacing which would be carried out using bitumen and green shale in about one months time.

(e) Telephone kiosk The door to the kiosk outside the Beconsall Hotel had been replaced by British Telecom.

(f) Bus shelters The Chairman had asked Mr Marsden if he would try to remove the graffiti from the bus shelter outside All Saints Church. It had been agreed that Mr Marsden would try on a small part of the shelter and if successful would continue, if not successful he would stop work and the Council would pay him for his time.

RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman, in reaching an agreement with Mr Marsden for him to try to remove the graffiti, be confirmed.

2. Transport Bill The County Council had circulated a consultation paper which set out the draft County Council public transport policies.

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the draft County Council policies.

3. Station Road Bridge In the light of the comments made earlier in the meeting by the Police Officer, consideration was given to what action the Parish Council should take with regard to restrictions on the bridge.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support the views expressed by the local Police Officer and request the County Council to consider placing limited restrictions on Station Road Bridge from a point near to the Chip Shop to a point near to the entrance to Henry Alty's.

77. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground - Roundabout Mr Marsden had agreed to carry out repairs to the roundabout.

2. Glenpark Drive It was reported that MSC were awaiting the delivery of the turf which was being arranged by the Leisure Services Department.

78. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Weekly lists

Application No 8/85/904 - 30m high mast etc. - Henry Alty Ltd., Station Road.

Consideration was given to this application in the light of a report on

a similar application for a site near Ormskirk which was to be considered by the Planning Committee on 10th October 1985. The Council had regard to a letter written to the Planning Department by Professor W E Kershaw.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed of the concern of the Parish Council about this application in relation to whether the applicants have considered other sites in the area bearing in mind that this site is not the highest point in the area; that the site is possibly not the best from an aesthetic point of view; and that crop spraying aircraft carry out turning manoeuvres over the proposed site.

79. 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.

80. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2 (CONT)

1. Planning Committee - 10th October 1985

- (a) Application No 8/85/486 - O/L Erection of agricultural workers bungalow, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road.

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

- (b) Application No 8/85/103 - Full application for erection of a Sunday School building and car park, land off Moss Lane.

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

P. J. Handley
4 November 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4th NOVEMBER 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, N Blundell, C Finnan, L Kershaw and
D Trippier

Messrs S Iddon and J.J. Whiteside

Apologies were received from Messrs B Birkby and P Griffiths

81. GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Chairman congratulated the members of the Good Neighbour Scheme on their recent quiz success.

82. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

83. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. North West Water A reply had been received to the effect that the problem of low pressure was caused by the high demand of the growers but that Phase III of the new trunk main from the Gorse Hill reservoir, completion of which is scheduled for early 1986, should secure supplies to the Hesketh Bank and Tarleton areas. It was agreed to publish the contents of the letter in the Newsletter.

2. Police matters Concern was expressed about a number of acts of vandalism during the previous week or two and it was reported that the Banks Police Officer, who had been called to the Parish, was also concerned about this matter. The point was again made that there appeared to be a distinct lack of physical police presence in the Parish.

3. Age Concern It was reported that, as a result of the recent meeting a Steering Committee had been established.

84. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| (a) M W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground | £ 21.00 ✓ |
| (b) J Mallinson (Ormskirk) Ltd. - Provision of turf | £ 34.50 ✓ |
| (c) Royal British Legion - Wreath | £ 10.00 ✓ |

2. Receipts The Clerk reported the receipt of the second half of the District Council's contribution to concurrent expenditure in the sum of £852. ✓

P.J.H

85. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists Planning applications affecting the Parish were discussed as follows:-

- (a) No. 8/85/1008 - Retention of use of ground floor as DIY sales area - 12A Moss Lane

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

- (b) No. 8/85/1015 - Outline for detached dwelling - Station Road

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the site lies within the Green Belt as defined by the Northern Parishes District Plan.

- (c) No. 8/85/1022 - Retention of extension to dormers in rear elevation of semi-detached dwelling - 3 Ribble Drive

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

2. Planning Committee - 7th November 1985

Appeal - 58 Station Road It was reported that this appeal had been dismissed.

3. Application No. 8/85/903 - 30 metre mast etc. - Altys Brickworks The Chairman reported that a number of letters had already been received by the Planning Department objecting to this application. He also informed the Council that as a result of representations he had made, letters had been sent to various dwellings in the vicinity of the site as part of the District Council's consultation process. In addition he reported on two applications for similar masts which had recently been considered by Chorley Borough Council which had resulted in one at Winter Hill being approved and one at Brindle being refused because it was within the Green Belt and was also highly visible to a large number of houses.

RESOLVED:- That (1) the Council object to the siting of the mast at this location on the grounds of loss of visual amenity to a large number of houses,

(2) it be suggested that the applicants be asked to consider alternative sites on Longton Marsh, the site of the Red Rose Radio mast, and in Marsh Road, near to the sewer beds.

4. Development at Hesketh Outmarsh, Hundred End The Chairman reported that the new building was at variance with the approved plans in three respects and that an amended application would be lodged with the District Council.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be requested to give an assurance that the development was subject to frequent visits by the Building Inspector and an explanation as to how the current state of affairs had been allowed to arise.

5. Jumps Farm Container Base The owner had asked Mr Iddon if the Parish Council would approve of sheltered housing units being constructed on this site. It was suggested that the owner be advised to approach the District Council to ascertain whether they would be interested in the site for that purpose.

6. Scheme of Delegation Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation regarding approvals to planning applications were noted.

7. Appeal - 138/140 Moss Lane - Seasonal Chicken Slaughterhouse It was reported that appeals against the refusal of planning permission for this development and the enforcement notice in respect of the use of the site had both been dismissed.

8. Development at The Rectory

RESOLVED:- That the Parochial Church Council be correct the statement made in the recent issue of the Parish Magazine to the effect that the Parish Council had refused permission for one house and approved the erection of house.

86. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters

(a) All Saints Church The Chairman had spoken to Mr N Marsden who had suggested that repainting the shelter using masonry paint would be cheaper than trying to clean the shelter. The Chairman also reported that turning the shelter around would cost nearly as much as providing a new shelter.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the shelter be repainted using masonry paint, to which an amendment was MOVED and SECONDED that the shelter be removed.

Upon being put, the amendment was DEFEATED by 3 votes to 2 votes, whereupon the original motion was CARRIED by 4 votes to 2 votes, and it was

RESOLVED:- That Mr N Marsden be requested to repaint the bus shelter using dark grey masonry paint.

(b) Moss Lane/Station Road It was reported that a lorry had hit this shelter and it was now leaning to one side. The registration number of the vehicle had been reported to the Police, who had advised the driver to report the incident to the Parish Council. The Chairman and Clerk had inspected the shelter and agreed it was not in a dangerous state.

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken with regard to this matter at this time.

2. Station Road Bridge The County Council were looking into this matter and would be undertaking the usual consultations.

3. Gas and water pipes It was reported that under a new EEC Directive all lead pipes had to be replaced by alkithene pipes.

RESOLVED:- That North West Water be requested to consider co-ordinating the replacement of lead water pipes with the laying of new gas pipes by North West Gas if at all possible.

4. Tarleton County Primary School - Car parking Mr Iddon had given the Clerk a copy of a letter which the Acting Headteacher had sent to all parents and which was read to the Council. The parents were requested to co-operate in alleviating the problems caused by car parking outside the school.

5. Street Lights

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to attend to the light at the junction of Moss Lane and Taylors Meanygate and be asked how often the lights are inspected.

6. Miscellaneous works

RESOLVED:- That the following matters be reported to the County Area Surveyor:-

- (a) Station Road - A pot hole outside No 170
- (b) Guide Road - A pot hole, previously reported, outside 'Kimberley'
- (c) Boundary Lane, Hundred End - The three safety posts require replacing and the road surface to the west of the posts is falling into the ditch

87. RECREATION GROUND

1. Roundabout The repairs had been carried out by Mr Marsden.

2. Swings The Clerk was requested to obtain prices for rubber swing seats for the next meeting of the Council.

3. Tipping It was reported that tipping had taken place under the hedge at the School Fold side of the ground.

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken for the time being.

4. Access from School Fold Residents of School Fold had complained that several vehicles were gaining access to the ground from School Fold. The Council discussed ways of stopping general access whilst retaining means for the Council to gain access if necessary.

RESOLVED:- That Mr N Marsden be requested to provide a barrier consisting of a lockable metal bar supported by concrete bollards at each side of the access.

5. Glenpark Drive The turf had been delivered and laid. The Chairman had ordered the timber for a barrier at the front of the site and MSC had undertaken to erect the fence.

88. AMENITY CLEANSING

Mr J Whiteside had attended a meeting at Ormskirk and reported that the cleansing team working in Hesketh Bank was the best of the district teams but it had been pointed out that it was difficult to supervise the team when they were working so far away from Ormskirk. The officers of the Technical Services Department were prepared to meet small groups of Parish Councillors at any time to discuss the amenity cleansing arrangements within the Parish.

It had been reported at the meeting that the District Council were not in a position to employ lengthsman although it was pointed out that they were undertaking more than they were required to do. The County Council, on the other hand, were doing less than their share but were not prepared to hand over any further responsibilities to the District Council.

It would be possible for a large skip to be provided in the parish for one day but such a facility would have to be well publicised in advance to make the exercise worthwhile from the District Councils point of view. The District Council would also be prepared to consider releasing funds to Parishes to enable them to undertake their own amenity cleansing but not for about 18 months.

It was also reported that it may be possible to obtain assistance through a scheme within the MSC Community Programme and Mr Whiteside was requested to make some informal enquiries as to how such a scheme could be undertaken by the Parish Council.

89. STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the previous 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.

90. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. West Lancashire Area Committee The following matters were noted:-

(a) Lathom had complained about the conditions under which planning information was received.

(b) The District Council would not contribute towards maintenance work on Parish Council owned playgrounds even though the work had been recommended in the report prepared by the Leisure Services Department. Each Council was advised to check its own insurance provisions. ✓

(c) The Department of Transport had stopped maintaining litter bins on trunk roads although parishes could maintain bins within their area if they so wished.

(d) Bids for additional footway lights had to be made by December and parishes were asked to re-apply for all previously notified schemes which had yet to be carried out.

(e) Halsall had been runner up in the Farms Section of the Best Kept Village Competition.

(f) Bids for loans had to be made by 31st December 1985 and any Parish not able to carry out their scheme during the current year should notify the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible as Scarisbrick had a scheme they wished to undertake.

RESOLVED:- That (1) Bids be made for footway lights in School Fold; Boundary Lane, Hundred End (2 lights) and Moss Lane, beyond No 334; and

(2) Consideration be given to a bid for a loan and to the spending of the current years loan, at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Annual General Meeting

RESOLVED:- That the two delegates be authorised to vote on the resolutions as they think fit after taking account of the issues raised in the debates.

3. Other conferences No interest was shown in attending the conference arranged by the Lancashire Association which was to be held in Leyland on the 7th December 1985.

91. ANNUAL ESTIMATES

Consideration was given to the Revised estimates for 1985/86 and the Annual estimates for 1986/87.

RESOLVED:- That (1) The Clerk's salary be increased to £640 per annum with effect from the 1st April 1986;

(2) The amount of £375 expended on works to the car park, flagged area and fence of the Recreation Ground be met from the Annual Estimates for 1985/86;

(3) The Revised Estimates for 1985/86 be submitted to the District Council in the net sum of £1962; and

(4) The Annual Estimates for 1986/87 be submitted to the District Council in the net sum of £2062.

(A copy of the above estimates appear in the Minute Book).

92. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Council members intending to be present were asked to assemble outside the Church at 10.15 am. Arrangements had been made for Parish Councillors to be seated at the front of the church. The Chairman indicated that he would be laying the wreath on behalf of the parish.

P. J. Handley

2ND Dec. '85.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd DECEMBER 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter ; N Blundell ; C Finnan ; L Kershaw and
D Trippier

Messrs B Birkby ; P Griffiths ; S Iddon and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mr B Molyneux

93. MR B BIRKBY

The Chairman welcomed Mr B Birkby to the meeting and indicated that he was on the way to recovery.

94. MR B MOLYNEUX

The Chairman reported that, due to work commitments, Mr Molyneux had indicated that he was minded to tender his resignation from the Council in the near future. The Clerk was asked to ascertain from the District Council if there was a preferred date for a by-election and whether there was sufficient money in the Parochial Account to finance an election.

95. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 1985, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute 85/8, after 'Parochial Church Council be' insert 'asked to' .

96. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils Mrs D Trippier reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Association which had been hosted by County Councillor Mrs M P Case, Chairman of the County Council. The morning session had been taken up with business matters including the budget for the coming year, resolutions submitted by Parish Councils and discussions on policing in parishes, the teachers dispute and representation of parishes on the Governing Bodies of Church Schools. In the afternoon further discussions took place on grass cutting in parishes and increases in fares by Ribble Motors. This was followed by a talk by Mr M Callery, County Surveyor, whose main theme was the deteriorating state of the roads in Lancashire.

97. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Proposed sewerage scheme A plan showing the preferred scheme had been received and the Parish Council would be kept informed as more relevant information became available.

(b) Agendas and minutes There were no items affecting the Parish.

2. Local Council Review The latest edition was available.

98. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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|---|---------|
| (a) NWWA -- Water charges | £ 8.54 |
| (b) B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary and expenses | £163.31 |
| (c) M D Hanafin - Provision of logs for fence | £115.00 |

2. Grants All Saints Parochial Church Council had applied for a grant towards the upkeep of the Old Burial Ground, Beconsall Lane and the Clerk reported that an amount of £50 was included in the Annual Estimates.

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £60 be made to the PCC for the Old Burial Ground.

3. Parish Newsletter

RESOLVED:- That in view of the increased demand for copies of the Newsletter, the run for each copy be increased by 50% and the financial implications be accepted by the Council.

99. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

- (a) Application No 8/85/1083 - Full for 6 bungalows with garages, land at rear of 26/28 Moss Lane and Application No 8/85/1084 - Details for 12 bungalows with garages and access road etc, land at rear of 24/26 Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to seek clarification of the proposals contained within these applications.

- (b) Application No 8/85/1114 - Full for detached parsonage house with garage, land at corner of Beconsall Lane and Station Road.

Following discussion on concern as to the future use of the site of the existing Rectory and the possible loss of character to the village centre it was MOVED and SECONDED that no objection be made to the use of this site for a parsonage house to which an AMENDMENT was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that open space in the village centre would be lost.

Upon being put the amendment was LOST by 3 votes to 2 votes whereupon the original motion was CARRIED by 4 votes to 2 votes and it was -

RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the use of this site for a parsonage house.

2. Development of Rectory site The Blackburn Parsonages Board had outlined its proposals for the Rectory site and offered to meet representatives of the Council at Blackburn.

RESOLVED:- That the offer of a meeting be accepted and that the Chairman, Mrs C Finnan and Mr P Griffiths be appointed to attend on behalf of the Council.

3. Development at Hundred End The Chairman reported that the three items of construction at variance with the approved plans were the dormers on the garage, the garage doors facing the River Ribble and the windows on the single storey block. The Director of Planning had indicated that he was awaiting an amended planning application and that this development had not been treated any differently to any other development where changes in the plans had been encountered after the commencement of building work. In addition the Building Inspector had visited the site at regular intervals.

100. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Miscellaneous works The County Area Surveyor had reported on the following matters which had been referred to him after the previous meeting of the Council:-

(a) Station Road, Outside No 170 A new cats eye was required and would be dealt with shortly.

(b) Guide Road, Outside 'Kimberley' The road had been patched.

(c) Boundary Lane, Hundred End The marker posts had been replaced and it had been pointed out that such posts are not usually set in concrete. The Surveyor had asked for more details about the road surface and it was suggested that Mr Dobson be asked to contact the Surveyor's Department direct regarding this matter.

2. Moss Lane

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to report a dangerous pot hole adjacent to nos 169/173 Moss Lane.

3. Chapel Road The footway had been temporarily resurfaced but within seven days the builder had made a crossing into the field for access purposes. The County Area Surveyor had undertaken not to allow the surface to deteriorate.

4. Street lights

(a) Inspections It was reported that the District Council do not make regular inspections of lamps under its control but relied on defects being reported by individuals, Parish Councils etc.

(b) New footway lights

RESOLVED:- (1) That the following locations be submitted for consideration for additional lights:-

- (a) School Fold
- (b) Boundary Lane, adj. to New House Farm
- (c) Moss Lane, between Nos 257 and 313
- (d) Shore Road, adj. to New Manor Farm

(2) That Mrs M Baxter be requested to suggest a suitable location on Shore Road near to Hundred End

(3) That Mr S Iddon be requested to suggest a suitable location in Marsh Road

(4) That the additional sites in Shore Road and Marsh Road be forwarded to the District Council for consideration in due course.

5. Gas and water pipe replacement North West ^{WATER} ~~Gas~~ had forwarded details of its policy on lead pipe replacement but had indicated that co-ordination with North West ~~Water~~ ^{GAS} was not possible. P. J. H.

101. BUS SHELTER - HUNDRED END

The Clerk had been informed by Banks Police that, following an accident on Shore Road near to the entrance of Mr Crook's property, Mr Crook had offered to move the bus shelter to a new location at no cost to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to inform Banks Police that any suggestion made by Mr Crook in writing would be considered by the Parish Council.

102. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Play equipment

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Hirst & Sons for the following replacement equipment:-

- (1) 6 lightweight rubberized safety flat seats with long chains
- (2) 6 pairs 'U' shackles, shackle pins and split pins
- (3) 4 rubberized two - tier cradle seats with long chains
- (4) 4 pairs small 'U' shackles, shackle pins and split pins

and that the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr Marsden if he would erect the equipment and paint all the play equipment using different colours for different items.

(b) Various works The Chairman suggested a number of items of work required including additional flagging, the provision of name signs and the creation of additional car parking space.

RESOLVED:- (1) That a meeting of the Recreation Committee be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14th December 1985 at 10.30 am

(2) That the cost of the various materials required for the works be ascertained prior to the next meeting of the Council.

2. Glenpark Drive The Clerk reported that a total of £425.09 had been spent to date out of the loan for £900 and that a quotation had been received from Mr Marsden for the provision of two wooden seats at a total cost of £212.64. The wooden rail at the front of the site had been erected by Manpower Services Commission.

RESOLVED:- (1) That Mr Marsden be requested to make two wooden seats

(2) That the Recreation Committee be requested to visit the site and suggest further works to enable the project to be completed.

103. STANDING ORDERS

During the consideration of the next 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.

104. AMENITY CLEANSING

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact Mr G Carroll of the CSA at Skelmersdale regarding the possibility of assistance being given towards a scheme for amenity cleansing in the parish in addition to that currently undertaken by the District Council. 7

105. CAPITAL WORKS 1986/87

RESOLVED:- (1) That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

(2) That the Clerk be requested to look into the possibility of assistance being given to the Village Hall Committee through the Capital Works programme.

106. SMOKING AT MEETINGS

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Council permits smoking at meetings after 10.00 pm. Upon being put the motion was CARRIED by 5 votes to 3 votes and it was, therefore,

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council permits smoking at meetings after 10.00 pm.

107. BUS SHELTER ADJACENT TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Chairman reported that the shelter had been repainted but further writings had appeared within a few days of the work being completed. A couple of days later Mr A Johnson of Station Road had effected a citizens arrest of a youth who was writing on the shelter. The local police were summoned and the youth was taken to Ormskirk Police Station. The youth had previously been charged with other offences for which he was to appear in Court and a decision as to whether he would be prosecuted for this offence had still to be made by the Divisional Commander. The Chairman had ascertained that the majority of Parish Councillors were in favour of prosecution on this occasion and an estimate had been obtained for repainting the front of the shelter in the sum of £21.50

A number of Councillors expressed disappointment at the colour chosen by Mr Marsden to repaint the shelter after it had been suggested that dark grey paint be used and it was pointed out that the colour used was the only one that Alty's had in stock at the present time.

As a result of the continued vandalism of the shelter in the form of the writing of graffiti it was MOVED and SECONDED that the shelter be demolished.

In accordance with Standing Order No 31, the Chairman refused to accept the motion on the grounds that the necessary procedures for raising matters within six months of a decision being taken had not been following in this instance

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be requested to write to thank Mr A Johnson for his public spirited action in effecting a citizens arrest

(2) That, in the event of the Police deciding not to prosecute in this case, the Parish Council takes the necessary action to bring a private prosecution

(3) That Mr N Marsden be informed of the Parish Council's disappointment at the choice of colour used to repaint the shelter

108. POLICE RADIO RECEPTION IN HESKETH BANK

Arising out of the previous incident with the bus shelter, the Chairman referred to a visit he had received from Miss Peak to discuss the matter. Whilst Miss Peak was at the Chairman's house Ormskirk Police Station had attempted to contact her by radio but the reception was so poor that Mr Handley had invited Miss Peak to use his telephone to clarify the message being transmitted. In transpired in subsequent conversation with Miss Peak, that reception in Hesketh Bank and Banks was generally poor especially when the recipient was located on the shore side of Station Road Bridge. It appeared to the Chairman that this was bound to reduce the effectiveness of police operations in the area.

RESOLVED:- That representations be made to the Divisional Commander, Skelmersdale Division, concerning the poor radio reception in Hesketh Bank.

109. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Application No 8/85/1015 - Outline for house, land at Station Road

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

2. Application No 8/85/904 - Erection of 30m mast. H Alty & Sons, Station Road

It was reported that a temporary mast had been erected on the site on Monday 18th November 1985 when the Chairman, Mrs L Kershaw and Mr S Iddon had been present although it had been noticed that no member of the Planning Committee had attended. It appeared that the lower part of the permanent structure would be hidden by buildings and that, for various reasons, the alternative sites suggested by the Parish Council and the CPRE were not suitable.

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

110. TRANSFER OF OFF-LICENCE

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made concerning the transfer of the Justice's Off-Licence in respect of Hundred End Stores, Hundred End Land, Hundred End.

P. J. Handley
6th Jan. '86.