

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th APRIL 1989

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames C Finnan; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter; Mr P Griffiths and Mr J Hodson and one member of the public was present.

MINUTES

21/2/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 1989, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Training Day None of the Councillors were able to attend this event.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Agendas There were no items affecting this Council.

B. West Lancashire Wardencall The Clerk had been invited to a Reception on Tuesday, 25th April 1989 at 7.30pm. The Clerk was unable to attend and Mrs L Kershaw would attend in his place.

2. Other Matters

A. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme It was agreed that details of this scheme should be passed to Mr N Marsden.

B. Doctors Surgery Dr Gulati had approached the Council regarding a site or a building in the Parish, in the vicinity of Station Road Bridge which could be utilised for a surgery.

220/88 RESOLVED:- That Dr Gulati be advised that the Parish Council welcome his desire to provide a surgery in the village and that he may wish to consider approaching the Village Hall Committee regarding the use of part of that site, Mr McLeod, the Butcher, regarding the plot of land adjacent to the shop, and the owners of the 'Jack in a Box' which was believed to be on the market.

C. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual General Meeting would be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th April 1989 at 7.30pm and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

221/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mr J Chohan - Work at Glenpark Drive £ 40.00
 - b. Mr H Farrington - Cleaning ditch at Allotments £ 80.50
- (It was also agreed to forward this account to NWWA in view of the significance of this watercourse to the Parish)
- c. R & E Carr - Repairs to Bus Shelter (Moss Lane) £ 81.00 + VAT
 - Repairs to back of Bus Shelter (Station Road) £ 35.00 + VAT
 - New Notice Boards £183.02 + VAT
- (The total amount paid to R & E Carr is £ 343.87)
- d. Mr R Townsley - Painting new Notice Boards £ 53.00

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

HM Customs & Excise - VAT Refund - £ 215.78

3. Other Matters

A. Donation The West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme had thanked the Council for the donation of £25 towards their work.

B. Burial Ground Grant

222/88 RESOLVED:- That a grant of £60 be made to the All Saints Parochial Church Council in respect of the maintenance of the Old Burial Ground in Becconsall Lane.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster handed the Chairman a copy of a letter he had received from Mr K Hind MP concerning various matters including the pumping of raw sewage into ditches for which the MP doubted whether NWWA had permission, development in Hesketh Bank on which the MP referred to restrictions caused by sewage and water availability and the tight Green Belt line drawn around the village and various Public Rights of Way.

Mr Foster suggested that a Public Health warning sign should be placed at the end of the road by Dunkirk Dib.

Mrs Kershaw indicated that the new works at the Sewage Works had been completed very satisfactorily and the reservoir was large enough to cope under normal circumstances.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation.

Mr Foster also wished to thank Mr J Hodson for getting the footway repaired in front of his house.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

A. No 08/89/0314 - Single storey extension at rear of garage/storeroom to form Granny Flat, 14 Becconsall Lane

222/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

B. No 08/89/0340F - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on 08/75/1260, Boundary Farm, Boundary Lane, Hundred End

223/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. No 08/89/0341 - Use of agricultural implement shed as light engineering workshop, 407 Moss Lane

224/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain full details of the application for consideration at the next meeting.

D. No 08/89/0352 - 2 storey domestic extension to side, Nos 1 & 2 The Brow

225/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

E. No 08/89/0394 - Single storey extension to rear, 45 Moss Lane

226/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - 27th April 1989

A. Planning Applications for consideration

227/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/89/0216 - O/L detached bungalow & alterations to access, land adj. to 184 Moss Lane

b. No 08/89/0136 - Conversion of barn to dwelling, detached garage & new veh/ped. access, Hundred End Farm, Hundred End Lane (The plan showed this application to be in respect of a property in Banks)

c. No 08/89/0074 - Use of one room of dwelling for hairdressing, 19 Silverdale

B. Approved since last meeting of Committee The following had been approved:-

No 08/89/0208 - 2 storey domestic extension, Rose Cottage, Hundred End Lane

No 08/89/0126 - Attached garage, La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

3. Application No 08/88/1383 - Development at Station Road

The Clerk reported the receipt of the District Council's initial statement for the Public Inquiry which would be held at All Saints CE School, Shore Road, starting at 10.00am on Tuesday 1st August 1989. The Head of Planning Services felt it would be useful to meet representatives of the Parish Council to clarify matters prior to the hearing. The Clerk had also spoken to Mr P Leech regarding his further services and reported that Mr Leech's charge was £25 per hour. If Mr Leech was to be asked to prepare a case and present it at the hearing a sum in the region of £1000 would be expended whereas to prepare a case only would involve about 4/6 hours. Current charges for services to date were in the region of £350 plus expenses. The Chairman reported that the Northern Parishes District Plan would be discussed by the Development & Amenities Committee in May with the period of consultation, including a meeting in the Parish, taking place in the Autumn.

P. J. H

228/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the Council take up the offer of a meeting with the Head of Planning Services of the District Council prior to the commencement of the Public Inquiry,

b. That Mr P Leech be asked to prepare a brief for the Public Inquiry for presentation by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr P J Handley,

c. That Mr P Leech be requested to attend the meeting with the Head of Planning Services,

d. That the District Council be advised at this moment in time that the Parish Council object to the proposal to take this site out of the Green Belt and into White Land and this Council wishes the site to be retained in the Green Belt.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Play equipment

229/88 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr W Hill be authorised to carry out weekly inspections of the play equipment at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road for a period of 3 months from 1st May 1989.

2. That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr D Farrington of the Employment Training Scheme if it would be possible for scheme members to paint the play equipment and the football cabin on the Recreation Ground,

3. That Mr P Bannister and Mr W Hill be authorised to look at the dip alongside the slide with a view to remedial action being taken

B. Use of football pitch It was reported that the meeting with the Boys Football Club would be held on Monday 8th May 1989, commencing at 7.00pm and all Parish Councillors were welcome to attend.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman was still waiting for Mr P Cooley to obtain a sample of gravel to be used to alleviate problems on this site.

3. Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel

A. Planning Application The Chairman had met Mr Cooley on the site who had suggested that it was advisable to put green plastic fencing on the inside of the existing wooden fence at the top of the bridge banking. Mr Cooley had also agreed that the planting of bushes at the top of the banking would help.

230/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the District Council Planning Officer be advised that, subject to the consent of the County Council, the Parish Council would attach green plastic fencing to the inside of the existing wooden fence at the top of the banking to act as a safety fence to stop children gaining direct access to the road,

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b. That the Director of Development and Amenities be requested to provide some bushes for environmental planting along the top of the bridge embankment.

B. Levelling of site The Chairman reported that he had met a representative of the Contractors who had not been very helpful and had indicated that they had been unable to level the site as it was too wet and they were leaving the site next week.

231/88 RESOLVED:- That an account for £500 be sent to the Contractors, A E Yates Ltd of Horwich, in respect of the use of the site during the past few months.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Refuse bins The Chairman reported that there was now a tin in the bin outside the Midland Bank.

2. Hazelwood Drive

232/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the District Council be requested to paint the bollards at the junction of Hazelwood Drive & School Fold white; to provide a light at the bottom of Hazelwood Drive in School Fold; and to provide a second cul-de-sac sign,

b. That NWWA be advised that tops are missing from the water stop cocks in Hazelwood Drive.

3. Cropper Gardens

A. Grass cutting The Chairman undertook to take up the issue about the grass cutting between No 40 & the Community Centre with the District Council.

B. Gardening for residents The Chairman reported that the District Council no longer provided a gardening service for the elderly.

4. Village Hall The light at the Village Hall was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

5. Car Boot Sale at Becconsall Hotel Posters had been distributed regarding a car boot sale on the 6th May 1989.

233/88 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the forthcoming car boot sale and requested to take appropriate action.

6. Carriageways in the Parish The Chairman reported that the County Council had undertaken to carry out re-instatement works at places where settlement was particularly bad and that re-surfacing on a permanent basis would only be done after settlement of the surfaces had ceased.

BUS SHELTERS

1. County Council Grant The Clerk reported that a grant of £44.39 would be paid to the Parish Council for the year 1988/89.

2. Maintenance of shelters The County Council had asked for information about likely expenditure on maintenance for 1989/90 and the Clerk reported an approach by Merseyside PTA to undertake a survey of the shelters.

234/88 RESOLVED:- That Merseyside PTA be requested to undertake a survey of the shelters and prepare a report for the Parish Council.

3. Flyposting on shelters The Chairman reported that the new Landlord of the Rams Head had undertaken to pay the cost of cleaning the shelters following the flyposting carried out by the Disc Jockey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

1. West Lancashire Area Committee Mrs L Kershaw reported on the meeting which had been advised that the District Council were to consider opening up the amenity cleansing scheme to Parish Councils when the work is put out to competitive tender, that Tidy Up Lancashire Leaflets were available from County Hall, that each Parish Council had been requested to prepare their own document on a Countryside Recreation Strategy before the next meeting of the Area Committee, that the Area Committee were concerned about the preservation of the Green Belt and that with the introduction of the Community Charge the Free 2 pence would be replaced by an amount of £3.50 per head of population.

235/88 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to prepare a Countryside Recreation Strategy for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

2. Joint Liaison Committee This meeting had been cancelled.

STANDING ORDERS

236/88 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS (CONT)

3. Newsletter The Clerk reported that Richard Davey was the new Secretary of the Association but that responsibilities had been divided between him and his Assistant and Mike Holden would be responsible for the Parishes in West Lancashire. The National Association had passed a resolution, which had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment; to the effect that planning applications should be publicised by means of a notice on the nearest road frontage to be displayed 7 days before the application is submitted to the Planning Authority. A new copy of Local Council Administration was available.

237/88 RESOLVED:- That the 1989 copy of Local Council Administration be purchased from Longcross Press Ltd at a cost of £18.00 plus £1.50 postage and packing.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk had spoken to Ernest Cocker of Preston who would charge about £2 per letter to replace the missing letters plus expenses.

238/88 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr E Cocker of Preston for the replacement of the missing letters on the War Memorial.

VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Village Hall Committee which was only attended by 6 people. The meeting had decided to ask the Charity Commissioners to prepare a scheme to transfer the Village Hall to the Parish Council and had suggested that Parish Councillors may wish to join the Management Committee of the Hall. The Constitution provided for the appointment of 8 Trustees with the power to co-opt a further 3 members. The Hall required surveying to see what work was required and the Parish Council would require sight of the Balance Sheet. In addition, the Clerk undertook to supply a copy of the Constitution and correspondence from the Community Council of Lancashire to those Parish Councillors who did not have a copy.

239/88 RESOLVED:- a. That further consideration of this issue be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council,

b. That Mr P Griffiths be requested to bring copies of the Balance Sheet of the Village Hall to the next meeting of the Parish Council,

c. That Mr W Hill be asked to inspect the Hall and prepare a list of necessary works for consideration by the Parish Council.

Messrs P Bannister and S Iddon left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING MATTERS (CONT)

Weekly Lists - Application No 08/89/0370F - Part single storey, part two storey extension at rear and front porch, 88 Shore Road

240/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. Handley

15th May 1989.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th MAY 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Griffiths; W Hill and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter; Mr P Bannister and Mr S Iddon and 2 members of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1989/90.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr P J Handley made his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

2/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D M Trippier be appointed Vice - Chairman of the Council for the year 1989/90.

MINUTES

3/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. West Lancashire Wardencall Mrs L Kershaw had attended the recent Reception and was very impressed with the service offered. The system was manned 24 hours a day and was being taken up on a wide basis.

2. Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report had been given to the Clerk for the Council's records and Mrs D Trippier reported that only members of the Scheme had attended the recent AGM.

4/89 RESOLVED:- That the Council's congratulations be extended to Mrs D Trippier on the continued success of the Good Neighbour Scheme and that the thanks of the Council be extended to Mrs Trippier for all the hard work she puts into the Scheme.

3. Parish Council Administration The Clerk reported that the latest edition of this book would now not be published until the middle of June.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Recreation Committee

5/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the Recreation Committee consists of the Chairman of the Council and four members of the Council, and

b. That the Chairman, Mrs M Baxter, Mrs J Witter, Mr W Hill and Mr P Griffiths be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1989/90.

2. Allotments Committee

6/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the Allotments Committee consists of the Chairman of the Council and five members of the Council, and

b. That the Chairman, Mrs C Finnan, Mrs J Witter, Mr P Bannister, Mr S Iddon and Mr J Hodson be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1989/90.

3. Footpaths Committee

7/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the Footpaths Committee consists of three members of the Council, and

b. That Mrs C Finnan, Mrs D Trippier and Mr J Hodson be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1989/90.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

8/89 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies indicated for the year 1989/90:-

a. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Chairman, Vice - Chairman and Mrs M Baxter.

b. Parish Council's Joint Liaison Committee - Chairman with the Vice - Chairman as the substitute representative.

c. Layfield Charity - Mrs D Trippier

d. Village Hall Committee - Mrs D Trippier

e. Lancs. Playing Fields Association - Mrs J Witter

f. Council for the Protection of Rural England - Mr J Hodson

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGER

9/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs M Baxter be appointed as a Governor of Hesketh - with - Beconsall CE School for the 4 year period commencing in September 1989.

CORRESPONDENCE

District Council The Minutes of District Council Committees were noted.

PJ.A.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

10/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mark W Taylor Esq., - Grasscutting £ 81.00
- b. Barry Bryan Growers Supplies Ltd., - Chain Link Fencing £149.50
- c. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subscription etc. £131.46
- d. Paul Leech Associates - Planning Services £398.00

2. Receipts The following monies had been received:-

- a. County Council - Grant towards maintenance of Bus Shelters £ 44.39
- b. West Lancashire District Council - Concurrent Expenditure (Payment of 1st half) £582.00

3. Audit of Accounts The Clerk had been advised by Coopers & Lybrand that the audit would take place on Monday 3rd July 1989. The Chairman agreed to keep the Books on deposit at his home during the statutory period.

4. Donations The Rector had thanked the Council for the donation towards the upkeep of the Old Burial Ground.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster reported that broken glass and garden waste had been deposited on the site of the Play Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel. The Chairman undertook to look at the situation.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

11/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/89/0445 - Domestic extensions, 49 Glenpark Drive
- b. No 08/89/0446 - First floor domestic extensions, 92 Glenpark Drive
- c. No 08/89/0472 - Horticultural glasshouses, Rosepark Nurseries, Guide Road

2. Planning Control Sub - Committee - 18th May 1989

- a. No 08/89/0314 - Extensions etc. to form 'Granny Flat', 14 Becconsall Lane

12/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/89/0091 - Erection of 27 dwellings etc.,
Chapel Road

13/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application at this stage.

3. Development off Station Road by Hourwatch Ltd Mr P Leech had confirmed that he would prepare a brief for the Public Inquiry and attend the proposed meeting with Mr Middlemiss. Mr Leech would also prepare a brief for the Chairman on Green Belt Designations and White Land. A circular letter would be distributed to residents.

4. Northern Parishes District Plan The Development and Amenities Committee in May would be asked to approve, or amend, or disapprove the new Draft of the Plan following which the Plan would be put out for public consultation.

14/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to purchase 11 copies of the latest Draft of the Northern Parishes District Plan for use by members of the Council.

VILLAGE HALL

Mr P Griffiths produced copies of the latest Profit and Loss Account for the Hall which was showing a deficit of around £250 per year. Mr W Hill reported that the building was structurally sound, the roof was reasonable but the emergency exit door frame was completely rotten and at least one window was in need of repair work. Mr Hill estimated the cost of replacement of the door and windows at between £1500 and £1600.

The regular users of the Hall were the Parish Council, the Young Farmers, the Over 60's and the Women's Institute but the income did not cover the annual expenditure. Mr Griffiths felt that some capital expenditure was required in order to make the facilities more attractive to potential users. However, there was also a lack of help to run the Hall.

The Chairman reported that Wrightington Parish Council have 3 Halls under their control which are run by a small committee consisting of the Chairman, 2 councillors and one co-opted lady who are given an annual budget to spend.

The recent meeting of the Committee had agreed to approach the Charity Commissioners regarding a scheme to transfer the Hall to the Parish Council but it was now reported that the scheme could take 6 months to prepare, and also agreed to request members of the Parish Council to join the Committee. All members present indicated that, in principle, they were not averse to joining the Committee and a number of ideas for raising money were discussed.

Mr Griffiths agreed to call a meeting of the Village Hall Trustees at which steps would be taken to co-opt members of the Parish Council to assist in the running of the Hall.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Chairman confirmed that re-surfacing of the roads and footways would take place after a period of settlement had elapsed. He also reported the provision of a new barrier at the top of the steps on the bridge.

PJ A.

BUS SHELTERS

The County Council had agreed to provide some protection for the bus shelter situated at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane.

Merseybus had been asked to undertake a survey of all the shelters in the Parish.

The Chairman reported that Mr T Quinn, who had been cleaning the shelters had met with a fatal accident.

15/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an advertisement for a new cleaner on the Parish Council's Notice Boards.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Meeting with the Boys Football Club The Chairman reported on the meeting held on the 8th May 1989. The events of a year ago had been discussed and the air cleared in that respect. The Council had given the Club some general information about the making up of School Fold and the possibility of the hut and play equipment being painted this year.

The Club had suggested that about 100 tons of soil was required on the pitch because of the poor drainage and 3 bags of grass seed were required for the bare patches. Other concerns of the Club were the use of creosote for marking the pitch and access to the ground for an ambulance.

The Chairman reported that the District Council could undertake a survey of the drainage of the ground and that the County Council would provide 2 bags of grass seed instead of the usual one bag. The County Council were also aware of the problems caused by the use of creosote and were urgently looking for an alternative method of marking the pitch.

16/89 RESOLVED:- That the Club be advised of the current position regarding the use of creosote, that the Parish Council will try to obtain 3 bags of grass seed from the County Council, that the District Council will be asked to undertake a survey of the drainage of the field, that the Council will not pay for any soil pending consideration of the report on the drainage, that access for an ambulance should, for the present time, be via Delta Park Drive, and that a further meeting be held in the Autumn.

B. Painting The Chairman reported that MSC had no painters and could not undertake the painting of the equipment and the changing hut.

17/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to approach Mr Tom Iddon to see if he will undertake this work, and if he will to obtain an estimate of the cost of the work.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area This issue was still in the hands of Mr P Cooley of the District Council.

3. Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Chairman reported that the County Council did not object to plastic coated fencing being placed on the existing fence up the side of the bridge, and also had no objection to shrubs being planted on the grassy bank of the bridge. The Clerk had advised the District Council and asked for the Planning Application to be put before the Committee. The Clerk had also asked the District Council for a grant towards the cost of the shrubs.

It was also reported that part of the banking on the site of the play area had been removed by the Contractors and that they would be returning to the site to complete some work for the Hotel.

4. Recreation Ground Play Area A letter had been received from a resident of Belsfield Drive regarding nuisances caused by older youths using the equipment. The resident suggested that the swings should be locked at night, say from 6.30pm and 10.00am, and he offered to carry out that task on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman had spoken to the local Police Officer who was aware of the problems and undertook to keep an eye on things. The Chairman also had a sign saying that the equipment was for use by the Under 12's.

18/89 RESOLVED:- That the offer of Mr R Hunt to lock and unlock the swings be accepted for a trial period, subject to the swings being locked at 9.00pm and unlocked at 8.00am, that if the terms are acceptable, suitable locks and chains be purchased by the Parish Council, and that Mr Hunt be asked if he has any ideas as to where the sign can be placed.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies It was reported that Plot No 20 had not been worked this year.

19/89 RESOLVED:- That the tenant of Allotment No 20 be requested to give an assurance that the plot will be worked and advised that failing that he will be deemed to have broken the terms of the tenancy and the plot re-allocated to another tenant.

2. Finney's Gutter

20/89 RESOLVED:- That the Environmental Health Officer of the District Council be requested to investigate the apparent pollution of the ditch as a matter of urgency.

3. Inspection

21/89 RESOLVED:- That the Allotments Committee be requested to make their Annual Inspection of the Allotments in July. and, in particular, examining the building of Finney's gutter. P.J.H

P.J. Handley

12 June '89

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12th JUNE 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, C Finnan and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill and S Iddon Mrs J Witter, PG. 14

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw, Mr P Griffiths, Mr J Hodson and The Clerk

One member of the public and one member of the press were present.

MINUTES

22/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment. the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 1989. be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

'ALLOTMENTS - Inspection Minute 21/89 Add at end of minute and, in particular, examine the bridging of Finney's Gutter.'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Accounts A copy of the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1988 had been received.
- c. Chairman's Lady's Charity Committee A Mediaeval Banquet to be held on the 30th June 1989, was noted.

2. Other matters

- a. Resignation of Councillor A letter of resignation had been received from Mr P Griffiths due to his impending removal to Derbyshire.

23/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the Clerk be requested to send a letter to Mr P Griffiths to thank him for his services to the Parish Council,

and B. That the Chief Executive of the District Council be advised of the resignation and asked for advice on the steps to be taken to fill the vacancy.

- b. Civic Service The Vice-Chairman had attended this event in place of the Chairman .

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

24/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| A. | J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive | £ 60.00 |
| B. | B Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's salary & expenses | £265.80 |
| C. | CPRE - Annual subscription | £ 8.00 |

2. Audit of accounts The Books were deposited with the Chairman.

3. Other matters Receipts had been received from Mr P Leech and the Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster reported that the cover of the junction box on the lamp at 55 Station Road was missing and water appeared to be leaking from the main at 2 and 56 Moss Lane.

Mr Foster was also concerned about the possibility of 'nodding donkeys' being sited in Banks and asked if a similar operation might occur in Hesketh Bank. The Chairman reported that the Gas Board was still negotiating with 15 landowners regarding rights of way down Dunkirk Dib.

Mr Foster also questioned an item in the new Development Plan for the Northern Parishes.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. No 08/89/0552 - Outline for one house, southerly side of Newarth Lane

25/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that this site is within the Green Belt and its development would lengthen the ribbon development along this narrow lane.

b. No 08/89/0557F - 2 storey domestic extension, rear of 50 Shore Road

26/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/89/0600 - Outline for 4 detached dwellings, The Brow (Off Station Road)

27/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council do not disapprove of residential development on this site but that, because of the many traffic hazards on The Brow, the Parish Council feel that House No 1 should not be built and the site used to improve the access to Station Road.

d. No 08/89/0594 - Detached bungalow & garage, 5 Chapel Gardens

28/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/89/0622 - Outline for Agricultural Workers Dwelling, 208 Moss Lane

29/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

f. No 08/89/0628 - Use as Rest Home, Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate

30/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee

31/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

A. No 08/89/0194 - Replacement agricultural workers dwelling, land at front of Moss Lane (Recommended refusal)

B. No 08/89/0341 - Use of agricultural implement shed as light engineering workshop, 407 Moss Lane (Recommended refusal)

C. No 08/89/0010 - Use as play area for children, land adjoining Beconsall Hotel (Recommended approval)

D. No 08/89/0115 - Nine detached dwellings etc., land off Silverdale (Recommended approval)

3. Application by Hourwatch Ltd It was noted that the Director of Development and Amenities was to discuss the appeal with the Council's Solicitor and the County Surveyor prior to discussing matters with the Parish Council.

Mrs C Finnan arrived at this point in the meeting.

4. Development at Tarleton Mr P Bannister understood that 300 houses were to be built in Tarleton and he felt that this Parish Council should be advised of large developments as they affect the amenities and services to this Parish. The Chairman confirmed that this large development was included in the Northern Parishes District Plan but it would be built in stages over a period of years.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hazelwood Drive NWA were to repair the stop tap. The District Council had referred the 'Cul-de-sac' sign and the painting of the bollards to the County Council whilst application for the street light should be made to the Joint Liaison Committee. The Clerk was asked to forward a location plan to the Liaison Committee.

2. Other matters

a. Station Road

32/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to, at the appropriate time, do major work of the surface of Station Road to the same standard as Church Road, Tarleton.

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b. Station Road Sewer Concern was expressed about foul smells coming through the sewer chamber lids. The Chairman reported that the matter was in hand.

c. Overgrown hedges

33/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the hedge between The Grange and Mr Scofic's piggery requires cutting back and that the name of the owner be passed on to the County Council.

d. Car park in village centre The Clerk was requested to ask Henry Alty's if any progress had been made in this respect.

e. Grasscutting

34/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach Mark Taylor regarding the cutting of the grass on the railway bridge and the top end (south) of School Fold.

f. Footpaths It was reported that the County Council had filled in the low wet area, as promised, and that the Footpath Officer was to look at the bonfire site near the footpath at the boatyard. It was also reported that the footpath at the junction of the Old Bank and Guide Road was blocked with barbed wire.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Use of football pitch The Boys Football Club had indicated that the decisions of the Council would be reported to their Committee and had thanked the members of the Council for their time in meeting them. The Boys FC had reported that the field had been creosoted and they felt this was unacceptable. The Boys FC requested use of the pitch on Sunday mornings and afternoons and they believed that the Seniors FC required the pitch on Saturday afternoons. The Chairman reported that an Officer from the District Council would advise the Parish Council on the drainage.

35/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the County Council Playing Fields Department be requested to use a type of marking other than creosote on the field,

B. That the Senior FC be asked to make written application for the use of the pitch next season,

C. That Mr S Iddon be requested to meet the Officer from the District Council to show him the line of the drains.

b. Painting of equipment Mrs L Kershaw reported that Mr Iddon was unable to undertake this work.

36/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advertise on the Notice Boards for a handyman to undertake the work.

c. Use of equipment Mr Hunt had accepted the Council's decision regarding the hours that the equipment should be available and the Chairman had priced the necessary padlocks and chains at £70.

37/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the notice board be erected on two posts and placed against the school fence near the slide,

B. That Mr N Marsden be requested to erect the board,

C. That a decision to purchase the padlocks and chains be postponed on the grounds of the expense involved,

and D. That the situation be kept under review and that Mr W Hill be authorised to monitor the issue on behalf of the Council.

d. Inspection of equipment Mr W Hill had inspected the areas adjacent to the slide and the swings and felt that the low areas had been caused by parents standing at those spots.

38/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be authorised to ~~concrete the~~ low areas in question.

OBTAIN A QUOTATION TO CONCRETE

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2. Area adjacent to the Beconsall Hotel The District Council had asked Mr Greenwood to level the site and planning permission should be granted on Thursday. Mr Farrington of ET had indicated that the fencing may not be fastened on the existing fence until the autumn.

39/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to request ET to undertake the fencing work in the autumn.

3. Poop Scoop Bylaws The District Council had forwarded copies of the Bylaws for sealing by the Parish Council.

40/89 RESOLVED:- That this item be deferred to the next meeting and that the Clerk be requested to clarify the position regarding the sealing of the documents.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Finney's Gutter NWWA had indicated that this was not their responsibility and suggested that the District Council be contacted.

41/89 RESOLVED:- That a copy of the letter from NWWA be forwarded to the District Council with a request for advice as to the responsibility for cleaning the ditch.

2. Tenancy of Plot No 20 Mr Sergison had replied to the effect that he was concerned about the sludge from the ditch being deposited on the plot. It was indicated that the work to the ditch was done in February and that planting would not have been undertaken at that time.

42/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr Sergison be advised that his comments have been noted, that there are no other available plots at this time, and asked about his intentions regarding this plot.

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3. Annual Inspection

43/89 RESOLVED:- That the Annual Inspection be undertaken by the Allotments Committee on Monday the 10th July 1989 at 6.30pm.

Mr P Bannister and Mr S Iddon left the meeting at this point.

BUS SHELTERS

A report had been received from Merseybus who wished to discuss the contents with the Clerk and Chairman.

44/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to meet representatives of Merseybus before the next meeting of the Council.

VILLAGE HALL

In the absence of Mr P Griffiths there was no discussion on this item.

P. J. Handley.
10 July '89.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10th JULY 1989

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames C Finnan; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter.

Messrs W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon.

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr P Bannister and 2 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

45/89 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

a. The addition of Mrs Witter's name to those members who tendered their apologies and

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b. Resolution No 38/89 being amended to read as follows:-

' That Mr W Hill be authorised to obtain a quotation to concrete the low areas in question. '

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council (A) Various agenda and minutes had been received.

(B) Copies of the Capital Programme 1989/90 - 1991/92 and the Revenue Estimates for 1989/90 had been received.

(C) A poster about West Lancashire Training Services had been received for display on the Council Notice Board.

2. Other matters

(A) Copies of the Local Council Review, the Annual Report of the CPRE and the Annual Report and Directory of the West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service had been received.

(B) Details of the A1 Nursing and Home Care Nursing Agency had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

46/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. NWWA - Water charges £ 8.75
- b. Mark W Taylor Esq - Various grass cutting £ 62.00
(Grass verges - £27; Recreation Ground - £27; School
Fold footpath - £8)

(Mrs C Finnan arrived at this point in the meeting)

- c. J Chohan Esq - Work at Glenpark Drive £120.00
(A vote of appreciation to Mr Chohan for all the work
he has done was also passed)

2. Other matters

Notification had been received about a change in the Auditor from 1st April 1990.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J Chohan reported that a gentleman from Glenpark Drive had complained to him that the weedkiller he was using may be unsafe because children played on the area. Mr Chohan had produced documents to the Chairman of the Council that the weedkiller was not dangerous to children.

Mr Chohan also reported that one of the logs on Glenpark Drive may need replacement and that the tarmac would require re-surfacing in due course.

Mr Foster asked about the use of weedkiller sprays on the Parish Council allotments and the Chairman indicated that a licence was only required for the use of such sprays on land other than one's own land. Mr S Iddon indicated that very little was used on the allotments but the people who did use such sprays were experts in its application.

Mr Foster also asked whether the County Council employed Inspectors to look out for overhanging hedges and mentioned one in Station Road. The Chairman said that the County Council relied on individuals or Parish Councils reporting such instances but that they had the power to make the owner cut the hedge or do the work themselves and charge the owner with the cost of the work.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

47/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/89/0644 - Extensions, Adj to 29 Shore Road

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- b. No 08/89/0650 - Extensions, 52 Shore Road
- c. No 08/89/0730 - O/L Detached bungalow, Adj. 'Rosemeade',
Boundary Meanygate
- d. No 08/89/0743F - O/L Detached house & garage, Adj.
Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue
- e. No 08/89/0746 - Extensions, Taywood Farm, Boundary
Meanygate
- f. No 08/89/0779 - Extensions, Heather Glen, Boundary
Meanygate
- g. No 08/89/0797 - Extensions, 11 Moss Lane, Tarleton

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 13th July 1989

- A. Application No 08/89/0194 - O/L Detached dwelling
& garage & new vehicular access, Land at front of Moss Lane

48/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- B. Application No 08/89/0552 - O/L One house,
Newarth Lane

49/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- C. Application No 08/89/0340 - Removal of agricultural
occupancy condition imposed on Application 08/75/1260, Boundary Farm,
Boundary Lane

50/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- D. Application No 08/89/0594 - Detached bungalow &
garage, 5 Chapel Gardens

The Chairman reported that he intended to attend the meeting to speak on this item and suggested that the problems which had been experienced since this land was levelled should be sorted out before this development commenced.

51/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to make appropriate comments at the Planning meeting, on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

- a. No 08/89/0445 - Extensions, 49 Glenpark Drive
- b. No 08/89/0446 - Extensions, 92 Glenpark Drive
- c. No 08/89/0472 - Glasshouses, Rosepark Nurseries,
Guide Road

4. Planning appeal It was reported that an appeal in respect of 3 Enforcement Notices issued regarding 11 Beconsall Lane had been dismissed and the Notices had been upheld.

5. Appeal by Hourwatch Ltd It was reported that letters had been received from the District Council and the local MP regarding the Appeal Hearing. The Chairman and Mr P Leech had met with the Planning Officer for the District Council following which a Proof of Evidence for the Chairman had been lodged with the Department of the Environment. The applicants had now withdrawn the shops and health centre from the plan and replaced them with more dwellings. The District Council and the applicants had both engaged Barristers to present their respective cases. The only point of difference between the Parish Council and District Council was that the Parish Council felt the site should remain in the Green Belt whilst the District Council had classed it as White Land in the new Draft of the Northern Parishes District Plan. The Chairman had spoken to the County Surveyor and asked for accident figures to be researched prior to 1986.

(Mrs L Kershaw arrived at this point in the meeting)

It was further reported that the Chairman would read his Proof of Evidence and it was hoped that as many residents as possible would take the trouble to attend and speak individually. The dates needed to be publicised again and the Chairman undertook to contact the local papers. It was agreed that some posters should be prepared for display in the Parish. It was also agreed that the Clerk should invite Councillor B Gannaway-Jones, Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council, Mr L L Watson, Chairman of the Area Committee of the LAP&TC, and Mr K H Hind MP to attend the hearing and give their views to the Inspector.

6. Play Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel Planning Approval had now been received, subject to conditions and the Planning Officer had suggested, and the Committee agreed, to an additional condition relating to the preservation of the trees on the site.

7. Car Boot Sales The Planning Officer had confirmed that Planning Permission was required and had asked that the Parish Council advise him of future sales.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge Banking The Chairman had spoken to Mark Taylor about cutting this grass banking and it had been suggested that weedkiller should be used. Mark Taylor had quoted £30 for this work.

52/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Chohan be asked for a price for this work.

2. Grass verges The Chairman had spoken to the County Council about an area on Chapel Road and been advised that the Parish Council should claim the £200 again from the County Council.

53/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to submit an account to the County Council for cutting the grass verges in the Parish owned by the County Council.

3. Footpaths & Bridleways A number of matters concerning footpaths & bridleways in the Parish were reported.

54/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the Environmental Health Department be requested to investigate the bonfires in the vicinity of Footpath 46, and

(B) That the County Council be requested to investigate the following matters:-

a. The bonfires near and the blocking of Footpath No 46 in the vicinity of the Hesketh Bank Boatyard,

b. The barbed wire across Footpath No 12 where the Old Bank meets Guide Road,

c. The eroded footbridge near the junction of Footpaths 9 & 51 which makes it impossible to cross the ditch,

d. The blockage of the bridleway between Boundary Lane and Boundary Meanygate.

4. Station Road Sewer It was reported that during recent heavy rain the sewer had been backing up on Titmouse Brow. It appeared that there was a basic problem in that the discharge from Titmouse Brow would not enter the new sewer when there was a lot of water in that sewer. The Chairman had been assured that the matter would be put right but the road had been closed for a week whilst remedial works were carried out.

55/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the District Council be requested:

a. To forward a copy of the drawings of the sewer scheme to the Parish Council,

b. To explain why the sewer is backing up on Titmouse Brow,

c. To explain why there are repeated smells from the manholes on Station Road,

d. To confirm whether or not the new 36" pipe connects with a narrower pipe at the top of The Brow,

e. To indicate whether there are any comments the District Council wish to make, and

(B) That the Parish Council receive an answer to the above questions prior to the Public Inquiry to be held on the 1st August 1989 as these issues are relevant to the case to be put forward at that Inquiry.

5. Speeding matters

56/89 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to investigate the continued speeding on Shore Road, in the vicinity of the school, and the speed testing of cars after repair along Guide Road.

6. Matters for the County Surveyor

57/89 RESOLVED:- That the following issues be brought to the attention of the Divisional County Surveyor:-

a. That the final surface on Station Road be of the same standard as the recent re-surfacing of Church Road, Tarleton,

b. That urgent attention be paid to the overgrown hedge on Station Road between 'The Grange' and Mr Skofic's piggery,

c. That the ~~re~~-surfacing of Moss Lane be deferred until after NWWA have completed their connections to the new main,

d. That, in the meantime, the potholes in Moss Lane be filled in,

e. That an investigation of the stone barrier in Mill Lane

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be undertaken and that the Parish Council be advised whether any action can be taken,

f. That consideration be given to raising the kerbstones at the junction of Shore Road and Guide Road in an attempt to discourage heavy goods vehicles from mounting the footway.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Application from Hesketh Bank AFC

58/89 RESOLVED:- That Hesketh Bank AFC be granted the use of the football pitch on the Recreation Ground for one team on Saturday afternoons at a charge of £20 for the season, to be paid in advance, and subject to the usual arrangements with the Boys FC regarding the use of Station Road by the Boys. P.G.H.

B. Delta Park Entrance A complaint had been received from Mrs L Townsley about sand deposited at the Delta Park entrance to the Recreation Ground by the Boys FC and which was blowing all over her property when the wind was blowing. The Boys FC had been asked on numerous occasions, both verbally and in writing to remove the sand, but at 6.20pm this evening, the sand was still there.

59/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That arrangements be made for the sand to be removed this weekend,

(B) That Mr Chohan be requested to inspect the sand and indicate to the Chairman whether or not he feels he can undertake the work,

(C) That, in the event that Mr Chohan cannot do the work, the Clerk & Chairman be authorised to arrange for the sand to be removed,

(D) That the Boys FC be advised of the action being taken by the Parish Council and told that the cost of removing the sand will be recharged to the Club and that their application to use the football pitch will not be considered until this issue is resolved to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

(Mrs L Kershaw left the meeting at this point)

C. Drainage Mr S Iddon had met one of the District Council's Officers who had merely offered the opinion that the pitch was overplayed. It was suggested that the solution was to lay mole drains as had been done by Tarleton Parish Council last year. The Chairman undertook to investigate that suggestion.

D. Litter Mr G G White of Belsfield Drive had complained about litter blowing into his garden and had suggested that the Parish Council should provide a litter bin on the Ground. Mrs J Witter undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting of the School Governors.

60/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr White be advised of the action taken and that the Parish Council will give further consideration to his suggestion.

E. Play equipment Mr W Hill reported that he had been monitoring the use of the equipment and had not seen anyone acting in an untoward manner or creating a disturbance. Mr Hill also reported that to concrete along the length of the slide and under the steps would cost in the region of £150 but if any problems were encountered requiring the use of hardcore, this could increase by a further £30.

61/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be requested to obtain a firm quotation for the work for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

F. 'Poop Scoop' Byelaws

62/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the Draft Byelaws now presented be approved and placed under seal,

(B) That copies of the Byelaws be available for members of the public at a cost of 30pence per copy,

(C) That two copies of the Byelaws be placed under seal,

(D) That the Byelaws be made available for public inspection at the home of the Chairman, 1 Charles Close, Hesketh Bank

STANDING ORDERS

63/89 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.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS (CONT)

2. Glenpark Drive The Council considered the question of the log reported by Mr Chohan.

64/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs J Witter be authorised to purchase a replacement log.

3. Play area adjacent to the Beconsall Hotel The Chairman had arranged for the area to be levelled and Mrs J Witter reported that the Lancashire Playing Fields Association had grants available for play areas.

BUS SHELTERS

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met Mr McMahon of Merseybus to discuss the works necessary to the shelters. As a result, a quotation had been received from Merseybus for the replacement of the two shelters which were in a dangerous condition in the sum of £1436.31 + VAT.

65/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the Clerk be authorised to make application to the County Council for 50% of the cost of replacing the two bus shelters, and

(B) That an order be placed with Merseybus for the replacement of the shelters at a cost of £1436.31 + VAT subject to the colour matching the colour of the other glass shelters.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Inspection Mr W Hill and Mrs C Finnan had inspected the allotments and the ditch known as Finneys Gutter. The ditch was clear and running well. A bridge of strengthened sleepers, concreted into each bank had been erected at the end of Mr Baxter's garden and it looked as though the job had been done whilst he had been concreting his back garden. The Chairman reported that the District Council were able to require riparian owners to clear blocked ditches.

It was also reported that the Cropper brothers had agreed to take over Plot No 20 until the end of the current season and to pay the full rental for the plot. In addition Plots Nos 16 and 17 had not been worked during the current season.

66/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That Plot No 20 be allocated to Croppers for the remainder of the current season only at the full rental of £6.50 per annum,

(B) That Mr Sergison be advised that Plot 20 has been allocated to someone else and asked if he wishes to remain on the waiting list,

(C) That the tenants of Plots Nos 16 & 17 be advised that if no work is done within the next few weeks, the Parish Council will consider what action should be taken.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

It was reported that the West Lancashire Area Committee meeting would be held on the 21st July 1989 and that the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee meeting due to be held on the 20th July 1989 had been cancelled.

P. J. Handley
7 August 1989.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th AUGUST 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan; Mr W Hill and Mr J Hodson and two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

67/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendments the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Minute No 45/89 a. Mr Witter's to read Mrs Witter's
- b. Minute No 57/89 c. er-surfacing to read re-surfacing
- c. Minute No 58/89 grated to read granted

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Mr J Hodson was in hospital and members present signed a Get well card.

The Chairman also reported that Mrs C Finnan would be leaving the village in about 4/5 weeks time as they had sold the shop. He believed she would be tendering her resignation in due course.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items to report under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Agendas and minutes of District Council meetings had been received and there were no items affecting this parish.
2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils The Clerk reported that the AGM would be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 11th November 1989.
3. Community Council News The latest edition had been received.

P. J. H.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

68/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. J Chohan Esq., - Removing sand from Recreation Ground - £ 70.00
- b. Lancashire County Council - Grass seed - £104.69
- c. Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Play equipment - £ 43.60
- d. J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive - £ 50.00
- e. P Handley Esq., - Photocopies - £ 10.50
- f. Mrs L Kershaw - Parish Council's contribution to Audit Notice - £ 2.45

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster, who had attended the recent Planning Inquiry in the village indicated that it had been said that Hesketh Bank had no identity of its own in that it was classed as one conurbation with Tarleton. He asked whether that meant that the Parish Council in Hesketh Bank would be abolished.

The Chairman replied that Hesketh Bank and Tarleton were looked at as one area for planning purposes but that the Boundary Commission would not look at the possible joining of the two parishes unless it received a request from the District Council to undertake a review and this Parish Council would have to be consulted on any proposals to vary the present structure.

Mr Foster also reported a large amount of litter on the east side of the Recreation Ground.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

69/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/89/0887 - Extensions at Wyverne, Guide Road

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 10th August 1989

a. No 08/89/0628 - Use as a Rest Home, Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate

70/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

b. No 08/89/0743 - O/L Detached house and garage, land adj. Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue

71/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

c. No 08/89/0644 - Detached dormer bungalow and new vehicular access (Amendment of No. 08/89/0026), adj 29 Shore Road

72/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

P. J. H

3. Appeal by Hourwatch Ltd The Chairman reported on the public inquiry and indicated that it was not yet known when the result would be announced. He felt the Hesketh Bank case had been well put and it had been accepted that there would be a 5% increase in traffic in Hesketh Lane/Station Road. Also that West Lancashire were providing enough land in the district to meet the target figure set by the Government without utilising land in Hesketh Bank.

It was also reported that there had been a lack of support from the village at the inquiry.

The Clerk reported the ^{receipt} of a letter from Mr C D Loynes of Chandlers Croft who was making the same points of objection as had been made at the inquiry. P.J.A.

73/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman of the Council, Councillor P J Handley, be thanked for the excellent way he had presented the Parish Council's case at the inquiry.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr J Chohan who had been unable to match the price quoted by Mr M Taylor for spraying weedkiller on the banking. An order had, therefore, been placed with Mr Taylor. It was further reported that a lot of weeds were growing out from under the fence and encroaching onto the footway. It was suggested that a strimmer was required to clear these weeds.

74/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the action of the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, in placing an order with Mr M Taylor to spray weedkiller on the banking of Station Road bridge, be confirmed,

B. That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr J Chohan or Mr M Taylor for the strimming of the weeds growing through the fence on Station Road bridge.

2. Station Road Sewer It was reported that the plans had been received, that if the smells persist arrangements will be made to flush the sewer, that the back-up had been caused by two blockages, one by a deflated child's football and the other by a piece of timber, that a storage reservoir had been provided by installing an enlarged pipe of 36" diameter upstream of The Brow, that the sewer from Titmouse Brow had been re-routed to outfall below the hydrobrake at The Brow, and all the work had been approved by the NWWA. The Chairman reported further smells and had informed the District Council accordingly.

3. Speeding matters - Shore Road and Guide Road The Police were investigating these matters.

4. Matters referred to Divisional County Surveyor

a. Station Road this would be resurfaced in September using the same material as in Church Road, Tarleton. The Chairman had been told that the contractor would be requested to fill in the potholes.

b. Station Road hedge the owner would be approached.

c. Moss Lane NWWA were proceeding as quickly as possible following which the Divisional Surveyor will complete the re-instatement.

d. Mill Lane was described as a hot bed of neighbourly troubles. The road was unadopted and the only solution was to have it made up. Mrs L Kershaw took exception to the remarks of the Divisional Surveyor. The main concern of the Council was for all the people who visit the Bank's private car park. It was agreed to ask the Divisional Surveyor what making up would entail and who would be responsible for paying the cost of the work.

P. J. H.

e. Shore Road/Guide Road it is not possible to raise the kerb as consideration needs to be given to prams and the disabled. It was suggested that we need to make the best of things as they are.

5. Station Road Car Park A reminder had been sent to Henry Alty Ltd.

6. Footpaths A meeting was to be held at the District Council offices on Thursday 24th August 1989 at 7.30pm It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should attend the meeting.

7. Guide Road It was agreed that the County Council be requested to do something about the poor visibility caused at the point where there is a banking on both sides of Guide Road.

8. Station Road Footway It was agreed that the County Council be requested to effect repairs to the footway between Alty's and the block of shops.

9. Litter bin It was reported that the bin outside the Today shop was broken and agreed that the District Council be requested to replace it with a neater design.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Use by Boys Football Club Further discussion was held on this issue.

75/89 RESOLVED:- That the Boys Football Club be charged for the removal of the sand i.e. £70, less an allowance of £10 for the sand removed, the total of £60 to be paid before the next meeting of the Council when further consideration would be given to their request to use the pitch and that in the meantime, the Boys be refused permission to use the facilities.

b. Boundary of ground It was reported that the hedge was in the need of cutting but it was agreed to defer this work until the work of making up School Fold was completed. In that respect, it was reported that the lampposts had been erected and the remaining work would be completed as soon as NORWEB connected the electricity supply.

c. Delta Park entrance One bollard required replacing and additional bollards were required.

76/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to ask Messrs N Marsden and R Carr to provide quotations for the provision and erection of 3 bollards at the Delta Park entrance to the ground.

P. J. H.

d. Play equipment It was reported that the maximum cost of the concreting would be £150.

77/89 RESOLVED:- That the quotation of £150 for concreting work alongside the play equipment be accepted.

e. Marking of football pitches The County Council had responded that overmarking for School Sports Days was usually done in white and apologised for the oversight in not marking out in white for this summer's sports. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Boys Football Club and to the Headteacher at the School.

f. Car Park It was reported that the owner of the house next to the car park had started to dig out foundations for a wall but had been advised by the Clerk to submit his proposals to the Council for consideration. Permission was requested to build a wall on the boundary between the car park and the house and to take the opportunity of straightening out the boundary at this point. It was intended to re-instate the area between the wall and the footpath to the same standard as the car park. Members felt that a re-alignment should be agreed only if it was of advantage to both parties.

78/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to meet the applicant on site with the power to agree the line of the proposed wall on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area It was reported that the log had been replaced and agreed that the old log be disposed of as appropriate.

3. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel It was reported that the area had now been levelled.

79/89 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to bring forward to the full Council some proposals for the type of play equipment to be installed on this site together with a possible layout.

BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk reported that the County Council's Officers had indicated that 50% of the cost of 2 new shelters would be available and on that basis an order had been placed with Merseybus.

ALLOTMENTS

Consideration was given to the future rentals of the allotments bearing in mind that 12 months notice had to be given if increases were planned.

80/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the tenants be advised that the rentals would be increased to £8 per plot (£7.50 for plots 19 & 20) with effect from the rentals due in August 1990, and

B. That the tenants of plots Nos 16 & 17 be not asked for their rental for the year 1990/91 pending the receipt of their intentions regarding those plots.

P. J. H

LANCS. ASSOC. OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Parishes were to be asked to take part in a survey on the need and space for low cost housing in rural areas, that the Advisory Committee were to present a report on the District Countryside Recreation Strategy to the next meeting, that nothing firm had yet been decided on the Community Charge, and that bids for capital schemes for 1990/91 had to be in before the next meeting of the Committee.

P. J. Handley

4th Sept. '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill; J Hodson
and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan and 16
members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

81/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendments, the
Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th August 1989 be confirmed and
signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Page 3, Item 3, Paragraph 3 'recipt' to read 'receipt'
- b. Page 4, Item d, Final sentence 'payimg' to read 'paying'

RESIGNATION

In addition to sending her apologies for being unable to
attend this meeting, Mrs C Finnan had also formerly submitted her
resignation from the Parish Council.

82/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to thank Mrs C
Finnan for her services to the Parish Council over the past 6 years
and to send her the Council's best wishes for the future.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lancs. Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. West Lancashire Area Committee Dates of future
meetings and details of representatives on various bodies had been
received.

b. Annual General Meeting of Association Details
of the delegates were required by the 20th October 1989. It was
agreed to appoint the delegates at the next meeting of the Council.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

83/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Mark W Taylor Esq., - Grass cutting at Recreation | |
| | Ground | £ 27.00 |
| b. | Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual | |
| | Subscription | £ 10.00 |
| c. | B W Rimmer Esq., - Salary & expenses | £ 270.13 |
| d. | J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive | £ 50.00 |
| | Work adj. to Becconsall Hotel | £ 96.85 |
| e. | Mrs J Witter - Log for Glenpark Drive Play Area | £ 7.47 |
| f. | M Whiteside Esq., - Rotavating allotment plot | £ 8.00 |

2. Bank Mandate As a result of the resignation of Mrs C Finnan, a member of the Council was required to be mandated to sign Parish Council cheques.

84/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to be the third signatory for Parish Council cheques.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Development at 66 Station Road Mrs J Johnson of 74 Station Road, addressed the Council on the planning application submitted to create a 'Granny flat' at 66 Station Road and indicated why she & her husband considered the proposal to be unacceptable. Mrs Johnson handed the Clerk a copy of a letter they had forwarded to the Director of Development and Amenities.

2. Provision of Clay Pigeon Shoot etc, Guide Road Mrs Farrington addressed the Council on the planning application for this development and indicated that a petition, a copy of which was handed to the Clerk, had been collected against the proposals.

3. Highways in Hesketh Bank Mr R Carr circulated copies of photographs he had taken during the past couple of days which showed the poor state of various roads and footpaths in the Parish.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their contributions and indicated that their views would be taken into account when the items were discussed by the Council later in the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists Applications affecting this Parish were dealt with as follows:-

A. No. 08/89/0940 - Replacement joiners workshop, Blair Atholl, Guide Road

85/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

B. No. 08/89/0968 - O/L 5 detached houses & garages etc.,
Rear of 111 Station Road

86/89 RESOLVED:- That an objection be lodged with regard to this development on the grounds that it is back-filling; that it is designated as White Land in the new Northern Parishes District Plan and that it will increase the number of access points on Hesketh Lane/ Station Road to 28.

C. No. 08/89/0977 - Extensions, 66 Station Road

87/89 RESOLVED:- That an objection be lodged with regard to this development on the grounds of the unacceptable visual aspect which would be created; the loss of light to the adjoining property and the general unsuitability of the development at this location.

D. No. 08/89/1010 - Clay Target Shooting Range etc.,
Westgate Farm, Guide Road

88/89 RESOLVED:- That a preliminary objection be made to this development on the grounds that it will increase the traffic along Guide Road; that the noise from the range will be unacceptable and that the size of the development is inappropriate for the Parish. The Director of Development and Amenities also to be requested to investigate the current level of activity by the applicants.

E. No. 08/89/0998 - Extensions, 1 Langdale Avenue

89/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

F. No. 08/89/1023 - Replacement Shop and Office Building,
23 Station Road

90/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

G. No. 08/89/1060 - O/L 3 detached dwellings etc.,
land between 143/159 Moss Lane

91/89 RESOLVED:- That an objection be lodged with regard to this development on the grounds that the land is Grade 1 agricultural land which is designated as White Land in the new Northern Parishes District Plan.

Mr P Bannister arrived at this point in the meeting.

H. No. 08/89/1039 - Extensions, 33 Cropper Gardens

92/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 7th September 1989

1. Planning Applications

93/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No. 08/89/0743 - O/L detached house & garage, land adjacent Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue

b. No. 08/89/0622 - O/L Agricultural Workers' dwelling etc., 208 Moss Lane

c. No. 08/89/0730 - O/L Detached bungalow,
land at Rosemeade, Boundary Meanygate

2. Appeal It was reported that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for 27 dwellings at Chapel Road. The Chairman reported that the Officers of the Planning Department felt that this was less likely to succeed because the site was not surrounded by houses.

3. Appeal by Hourwatch The Clerk reported that the Appeal had been upheld and costs awarded against the District Council. The Chairman indicated that the appeal had been judged on urban standards which would make life easier for other developers.

CASUAL VACANCY

It was reported that an election had not been called and the Parish Council had to fill the vacancy by Co-option as soon as practicable.

94/89 RESOLVED:- That, in the light of the second vacancy having been declared, the filling of this vacancy be deferred pending the advertisement of the second vacancy.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Mill Lane A letter had been received from the Divisional County Surveyor in which he apologised for using a word or words that anyone has considered to be offensive and/or inaccurate when describing Mill Lane as a hot bed of neighbourly troubles. The Clerk was asked to pass copies of the correspondence on Mill Lane to Tarleton Parish Council.

2. Car Park in Village Centre Henry Alty's had now replied drawing the Council's attention to their previous letter as the Northern Parishes Plan had not yet been confirmed.

3. Police Matters

a. Shore Road Random radar checks and a poster campaign would be mounted during the coming months.

b. Guide Road Appropriate advice had been given by the police.

4. Footpaths

a. Meeting at District Council The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended the meeting. The District Council may receive some money from the Countryside Commission for the purchase of materials to be spent on footpaths. A survey was to be carried out on all paths on the definitive map and a co-ordinator was required in each parish. Since the meeting, Mr Kent of the District Council had spoken to Mr J Hodson.

95/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Hodson be appointed by the Parish Council as Co-ordinator for the survey of footpaths to be undertaken by the District Council.

b. Report from County Surveyor The Clerk reported the following:-

Footpath 46 - The County Council had written to the Boatyard owner and advised the Environmental Health Department of the problem.

Footpath 9 - The bridge was awaiting repair by the appropriate section of the Surveyor's Department.

Footpath 12 - This was clear of obstruction when visited and the County Council keep an eye on it in the future.

Footpath 18 - This is not a bridleway and will be inspected in the near future.

5. Station Road Bridge Mr J Chohan had cleared the offending weeds AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. P.G.H.

6. Hazelwood Drive The County Surveyor feels a second 'cul-de-sac' sign is not necessary but the bollards will be painted white in due course.

7. State of roads in the parish In response to the points made by Mr Carr, the Chairman indicated that Station Road would be re-surfaced in September/October following a settlement period with the footways being attended to at a later date. Shore Road had been reported to the Surveyor.

8. Station Road - Smells There was still a problem in the vicinity of the 'Today' shop and Mrs Kershaw undertook to report the matter to the Environmental Health Department.

9. Moss Lane This would not be re-surfaced until all the water main connections had been completed.

10. Boundary Lane/Moss Lane The Chairman undertook to report that water was coming up at this location.

'A', 'B' AND 'C' SCHEMES

96/89 RESOLVED:- That application be made for £1000 to provide additional play equipment at the site adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies Messrs Croppers had undertaken to work Plot No 20 for the current season and Mr T Iddon had indicated that he no longer required Plot No 17.

2. Finneys Gutter

a. Maintenance The District Council had indicated that the cost of maintenance should be shared between the landholders on both sides of the ditch.

b. Pollution

97/89 RESOLVED:- That the Environmental Health Department be requested to investigate the pollution in the ditch as a matter of urgency.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive Mr J Chohan had reported continued vandalism to the young trees. The Chairman undertook to speak to the local Police Officer and look into the possibility of a 'Wilful Damage' notice being erected.

2. Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Recreation Committee had looked at a catalogue of equipment and recommended the following:-

1 - Redwood Climber; 1 set of Dual Swings; 2 Turtles for the young

The total cost was £2156 + erection costs + safety surfacing.

98/89 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to look at alternative catalogues and bring further suggestions to the next meeting, and the Clerk asked to apply for a grant from the Playing Fields Association.

3. Recreation Ground

a. Drainage A report had been received from the District Council which indicated that the Council may wish to employ a Consultant. The Chairman undertook to speak to the District Council and the Consultants and the Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the letter to the two football clubs.

b. Use by Football Clubs Hesketh Bank AFC had paid the rental of £20. The Boys Football Club had spoken to a Solicitor who had contacted the Clerk with a view to mediating between the two sides. The Clerk had consulted the Chairman and had agreed to allow the Boys to use the pitch in advance of this meeting on the basis that the Club would make a positive move to resolving the problem over the payment of the charges for moving the sand. The Clerk had subsequently received a cheque for £25 towards the total cost of £60.

The Parish Council were anxious to find a way of resolving the problem without leaving the ratepayers of the parish out of pocket, whilst the Club appeared to be concerned at the amount charged for removing the sand although they admitted being at fault in not taking steps to remove it when requested to do so by the Parish Council.

It was suggested that permission be given to play the next fixture, on Tuesday night, but that a meeting be held between the two sides before future fixtures were played.

99/89 RESOLVED:- That permission be granted for the Club to use the pitch for their fixture on Tuesday, 5th September 1989 and that a meeting be held between members of the Council and the Boys Football Club at the conclusion of this Parish Council meeting.

MRS BAXTER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

P.G.H.

STANDING ORDERS During the consideration of the preceding item it was:-

100/89 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.

P.G.H.

c. Dog Byelaws The Byelaws had been publicised by the District Council and were on deposit at the Chairman's house. The sealed copies would eventually need to be returned to the District Council.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

101/89 RESOLVED:- That the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there is to be a disclosure of information which is exempt by virtue of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

RECREATION GROUND

Nuisance to resident The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Solicitors representing a resident of Belsfield Drive in which the Council were advised that failure to stop the nuisance within two weeks would lead to legal action being commencing against the Council. The letter suggested that the Council were able to secure the ground in order to stop the nuisances caused by youths.

Mr W Hill had been monitoring the situation for the past few months and reported that it was usually quite orderly when he visited the site and only on one occasion had there been a problem which he was able to sort out without difficulty.

102/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to respond to the Solicitors to point out the length of time the equipment has been in position, the length of time the Recreation Ground has been in being, the reasons for not agreeing to lock up the swings, the steps taken by the Council to monitor the situation and to ask for clarification of the letter sent to the Council.

TRANSFER OF LICENCE

103/89 RESOLVED:- That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence at the Becconsall Hotel as outlined in the official notification received by the Clerk.

P. J. Handley

2ND Oct. '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd OCTOBER 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill; J Hodson
and S Iddon

Apologies were received from the Clerk and 8
members of the public were present.

MINUTES

104/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendments, the
Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 1989 be confirmed
and signed by the Chairman:-

a. Page 5 Item 5 after 'offending weeds' add 'as far as
possible'

b. Page 6 after Resolution 100/89 add 'Mrs M Baxter left
the meeting at this point'.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Resignation A letter of thanks from Mrs C Finnan
was read and noted.

2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils It was agreed
that the Chairman and Mrs M Baxter would represent the Council at the
AGM of the Association on 11th November 1989.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council A number of agendas had been received.

2. Other matters

A. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils Two
copies of a 'Local Charity' newsletter had been received and one copy
was handed to The Layfield Charity representative..

B. West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme AGM None
of the Councillors were available to attend this meeting.

C. LAP&TC - Area Committee - 13th October 1989
The Agenda had been received and was noted.

D. Lancashire Water Services Council - Annual Report
A copy had been received.

P. J. H.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

105/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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|----|--------------------------------------|---------|
| a. | North West Water - Water charges | £ 9.50 |
| b. | Mark W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting | |
| | i Recreation Ground - £27 | |
| | ii Grass verges - £32 | £ 59.00 |
| c. | R Carr Esq. - Removal of bus shelter | £ 36.80 |

2. Other matters

Insurance Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd had increased the premiums for playground inspections.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Station Road - Site of demolished bus shelter Mr Spencer complained at the state of the footway following the demolition and suggested that the account should not be paid. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman undertook to investigate and take the appropriate action.

Clay Pigeon Shooting Centre Mr Foster asked if the police had been contacted about this development because of the possible dangers to the public. Mr Carr was also concerned about how to combat this development.

The Chairman indicated that he had spoken to officers of the District Council who had indicated that the development should not generate more traffic and that the noise from gunfire would be monitored.

Mr Hodson had seen an officer measuring the width of Guide Road and he had been told that the junction was not wide enough and the developer may have to pay for widening works.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists Applications affecting this Parish were dealt with as follows:-

A. No 08/89/1065 - Use of farm building for storage of furniture & carpets, 'Lambourn', Shore Road

106/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Officer be asked to place a restriction on the advertising notices at this site and that the site be landscaped.

B. No 08/89/1096 - Extensions, 33 Cropper Gardens

C. No 08/89/1110 - 11,000v Overhead electricity line, Shore Road

107/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications

D. No 08/89/1153 - Agricultural worker's dwelling, adj. to 184 Moss Lane

It was reported that the applicant's son worked full-time in agriculture

108/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

E. No 08/89/1155F - O/L for sheltered flats and new vehicular access, land between 20 & 38 Shore Road

Mr W Hill left the meeting whilst this item was considered

Mrs Baxter indicated that several householders had not been notified about this application and the Chairman undertook to take details and advise the Planning Department accordingly.

109/89 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the site is in the Green Belt.

Mr W Hill rejoined the meeting.

F. No 08/89/1157 - Extension, 90 Chapel Road

110/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Sub-Committee - 5th October 1989

A. No 08/89/977 - Extensions, 66 Station Road. The recommendation was for approval.

111/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Committee be requested to defer taking a decision to enable a site visit to be made by members. (N.B. The Vice-Chairman to write to the Planning Officer & the Chairman to attend the meeting to speak to this item)

B. No 08/89/998 - Extensions, 1 Langdale Avenue

112/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. Appeals The following had been dismissed:-

No 08/88/270 - Bank Cottage, Chapel Road

No 08/88/269 - South End Cottage, Chapel Road

D. Application granted The following had been granted:

No 08/89/887 - Extensions at 'Wyverne', Guide Road

3. Application No 08/89/1010 - Clay pigeon shooting centre

A number of comments were made including whether there was a demand for an archery centre; existing use has been virtually every day for the past month; the traffic problem will be mainly at the southern end of Guide Road; most of the money generated will be spent at the centre and not in local shops; there is no hotel accommodation in the area; it would be useful to obtain information on other such sites in order to assess their impact on the surrounding area; there is another shoot at Longton which is only used on Sundays and what the views of the Nature Conservancy Council might be.

113/89 RESOLVED:- That the main objection be made on traffic grounds.

P J H

4. Northern Parishes District Plan Mrs Baxter asked why the District Council were using the new draft plan when considering applications when the Parish Council did not have a copy. The Chairman undertook to speak to the appropriate officer about this matter.

5. Circulation of Planning Control Sub-Committee Agenda The Chief Executive of the District Council had apologised for the late dispatch of the Parish Council's copy of the agenda and indicated that steps had been taken to prevent a re-occurrence.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Mill Lane The County Surveyor had suggested that this issue should be taken up with the District Council. It was agreed to take no further action in this matter.

2. Station Road The footway would be re-surfaced in the next financial year. It was reported, however, that the 'dip' in Station Road had been repaired.

3. Guide Road Mr P Bannister undertook to contact the Divisional County Surveyor regarding this problem.

4. Footpaths The District Council had asked for the name of a Co-ordinator and this had already been supplied.

5. Station Road - Smells The Environmental Health Department would not investigate the smells emanating from the side of the 'Today' shop unless the name and address of the owner was known. Mr P Bannister undertook to report to the Divisional Office in Bamber Bridge the fact that raw sewage is entering Centre Ditch down Guide Road.

114/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advise the District Council that the sewer still smells at Moss Lane/Station Road and in Mill Lane, Shore Road and Marsh Road.

6. Waste Disposal Mr J Hodson reported that builders rubble was being transported down Dunkirk Dib Road and deposited in a 50 acre field. The Vice-Chairman had contacted the Waste Disposal Department of the County Council and the Ministry of Agriculture and was awaiting replies.

7. Big Brow Wall

115/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to initiate an inspection of the wall as many residents feel it may be unsafe.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Use of football pitch The Boys Club had indicated that they wished to use the pitch every Sunday morning and afternoon throughout the season. In addition the Seniors were using the pitch every other Saturday afternoon. The total usage was, therefore, 3 matches one weekend and 2 matches the next weekend.

116/89 RESOLVED:- That the usage requested by the Boys Club be approved at a rental of £20 for the season.

PJH

B. Delta Park Drive entrance

117/89 RESOLVED:- That the estimate submitted by R & E Carr for the provision and erection of 3 concrete bollards at this location, in the sum of £48.90 + VAT, be accepted.

C. Play Area Mr W Hill reported that the concreting around the slide and swings had been completed and suggested that further mats be placed at the bottom of the slide.

118/89 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to visit the site and decide on whether additional mats are necessary at the bottom of the slide.

2. Glenpark Drive There were no items raised about this area.

3. Area adj. to Beconsall Hotel Mrs Baxter and Mrs Witter had investigated the situation and suggested that specialist advice was required on surfacing, equipment etc. The Clerk had ascertained that firm proposals with costs were required for the Lancashire Playing Fields Association when a grant was applied for.

119/89 RESOLVED:- That Wickstead Leisure Ltd be requested to send a representative to meet members of the Recreation Committee on the site and a report be presented to the next meeting of the Council.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Replacement shelters The County Council had confirmed that 50% grant would be paid on the 2 shelters to be replaced this year and Merseybus had indicated that the new shelters would be erected during the current week.

2. Shelter jct. of Moss Lane and Station Road This shelter had been demolished by a van and it was understood that the police had details of the van and the driver. R & E Carr had been asked to remove the shelter and had indicated that not enough was saved to enable it to be rebuilt. An estimate had been received from R & E Carr for the provision and erection of a new wooden shelter in the sum of £752 + VAT. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

ALLOTMENTS

Mr Iddon paid over some allotment rents.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was still not known whether an election had been called as a result of the second advertisement.

120/89 RESOLVED:- That the co-option be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

TRANSFER OF JUSTICE'S OFF-LICENCE

121/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the application to transfer the Justice's Off-Licence in respect of 87 Station Road.

P. J. Handley
30th Oct. '89

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 30th OCTOBER 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon

Five members of the public were also present

MINUTES

122/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish and Town Councils It was reported that approval had been given to a further grant of £1000 towards the cost of play equipment; that the specifications for amenity cleansing had still not been finalised; that the District Council were being pressed to do something about low cost housing; that Councillor Dr Small was the District Council's representative on the Conservation Areas Advisory Panel; that Parishes wanting to host a meeting of the District Police Liaison Committee should advise the Clerk to the County Council; that the number of people liable for community charge payments would not be known until the end of November. and that the precept could either be paid as a lump sum or in 10 monthly instalments.
2. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The Committee had recommended the Policy & Resources Committee to approve the grant of £1000 to be available in April 1990.
3. Waste Disposal Mrs D Trippier reported on a visit by the Waste Disposal Officer to the site down Guide Road. The owner of the land had not registered with the County Council and had been advised of the correct procedure. If any member of the Council was concerned that similar operations were taking place elsewhere in the Parish they should report it to the Waste Disposal Officer on Preston 263009.
4. Proposed Clay Pigeon Shoot It was reported that a similar facility was operated in Beverley, Yorkshire and the applicant was willing to take members of the Parish Council to visit that site if they so wished. It was hoped to market the facilities via hotels offering a package including the shooting with 20/30 people visiting the site at a time and supervision at the rate of 1 supervisor per 7 visitors. It was suggested that if the existing site was developed the traffic would be taken away from Guide Road as it could travel via Dib Road.

P. J. H.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Development & Amenities Committee The Committee had approved a grant of £300 towards a structural survey of the Old Church of All Saints, Becconsall Lane.

b. Housing Committee The Committee had discussed a proposed questionnaire about the provision of low cost housing. Various suggestions had been made and a further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

2. Lancashire County Council A copy of the Lancashire County (C of E) (Voluntary Aided) Schools (Articles of Government) Order 1989 had been received.

3. War Memorial The Rector had written a letter of thanks to the Council for repairing the War Memorial. The Chairman indicated that the usual pew had been reserved for this years Remembrance Sunday and Parish Councillors should assemble outside the Church between 10.15 and 10.20am.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

123/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A.	Mark W Taylor - Grass cutting - Verges	£ 27.00
	Recreation Gd.	£ 27.00
B.	Coopers & Lybrand - Audit Fee	£ 61.67
C.	J Chohan - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 50.00
D.	Merseyside Transport Ltd. - 2 Bus shelters	£1744.06
	(50% of the cost, less VAT, to be reclaimed from the County Council)	
E.	W Hill - Concreting at Recreation Gd.	£ 150.00
F.	Royal British Legion - Wreath	£ 10.00

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - 2nd half of concurrent expenditure £ 582.00

3. Donations It was agreed to defer considering a request from the West Lancashire Enterprise Trust until the New Year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Former cart road 32. Mr Foster asked about the status of this road which ran from ~~Gottons~~ ^{Cotmans} Farm to Pear Tree Farm.

2. Clay Pigeon Shoot Mr Foster was concerned at waste material being dropped on the roads from vehicles.

3. Waste Disposal Mr Foster indicated that planning permission was required for a tip and a licence was required for bringing in material even onto land owned by the importer.

4. Development at 66 Station Road Mr Johnson thanked the Parish Council for all their help and support over the proposed development next door to his house.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. No 08/89/1191F - O/L 2 dwellings etc., Brow Farm, Shore Road. This site was no longer in the Green Belt.

124/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/89/1218 - 27 dwellings etc., Chapel Road
This was an identical application to that which was the subject of an appeal. If this is approved, the appeal will be withdrawn.

125/89 RESOLVED:- That the previous views about development on this site be repeated.

c. No 08/89/1206 - 1 detached bungalow, Plot 2 Station Road

126/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

Mrs J Witter left the meeting whilst the next item was dealt with.

d. No 08/89/1226F - Farm produce store, R/O 165 Moss Lane

127/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

Mrs J Witter returned to the meeting at this point.

e. No 08/89/1303 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition on No 8/6/12552, 169 Moss Lane

128/89 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that there appear to be no overriding circumstances to warrant the removal of the condition.

f. No 08/89/1309F - O/L 1 detached house etc., land adj. to 88 Moss Lane

129/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

g. No 08/89/1310F - O/L 1 detached house etc., land at 84 & 86 Moss Lane

130/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee

a. No 08/89/977 - Extensions at 66 Station Road
This was deferred at the last meeting and a site visit was to be made on the 31st October 1989.

b. No 08/89/1161 - Detached house & garage, land adj., 12 Boundary Lane

131/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

c. No 08/89/968 - O/L 5 detached houses etc., land rear of 111 Station Road

132/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/89/1060 - O/L 3 detached houses etc., land between 143/159 Moss Lane

133/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. Draft Northern Parishes Local Plan Two copies had been handed to the Chairman and it had already been decided to purchase a further 10 copies for Councillors. The consultation period had been put back due to pressure of work.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road It was reported that a contract had been let for resurfacing Station Road. The County Council would level the footways and they would be resurfaced in April/May 1990.

2. School Fold Work was proceeding very slowly, the lamp standards had been erected and the electricity had now been switched on.

3. Streetlighting It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

4. Brow Wall This was to be inspected.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Moss Lane/Station Road An estimate for a replacement wooden shelter had been obtained from R & E Carr in the sum of £864.80. It was agreed to ask Merseybus for an estimate for a metal and glass shelter.

2. Use of land in Shore Road The Clerk was asked to ascertain how much rental was now owed to Messrs Croppers.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies for 1990/91 All tenants had paid their rentals for next year and it was noted that Plots 16, 17 and 20 were currently empty for next year. In addition, Mr J Ball had recently died and it was believed that his two plots were to be given up.

134/89 RESOLVED:- A. That a refund be made to Mr Ball's daughter in respect of the rental already paid for next year,

B. That Mr M Baxter, the only person on the waiting list, be offered an extra plot for next year,

C. That all other tenants be asked if they wish to take on an extra plot for next year.

2. Finneys Gutter The District Council were investigating this ditch.

P. J. H.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground It was reported that the ground was being used as a golf driving range. The Chairman had asked the local Police Officer to investigate.

2. Area adj. to Beconsall Hotel

a. Equipment The representative of Wicksteed Leisure had visited the site and would provide a written estimate in about 2 weeks time. However, the greatest expense would be for safety surfacing. He had also suggested that the areas between the equipment be grassed. The total cost was likely to be in the region of £3700.

b. Bridge fence The placing of the wire on this fence was in hand.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES FOR 1990/91

The District Council had indicated that concurrent expenditure next year was likely to this years figure plus 4% i.e. Approx. £1211. The Clerk reported that he was thinking of installing an answering machine at home and as the Council already paid half of the telephone rental he wondered if that could be extending to include half the cost of the answering machine, about £35 per year.

135/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the Clerk be re-imbursed half the cost of the rental of the answering machine to be installed at his home,

B. That the Clerk & Chairman be authorised to prepare draft estimates for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

VILLAGE HALL

A new Committee had been formed consisting of 8 people and Mr J Jackson was the new Secretary and Treasurer, with Mrs M Bailey as the Bookings Secretary and Keyholder. A cleaning party had been held and the carpet tiles had been relaid. The Council thanked Mrs D M Trippier for her efforts with regard to the tiles. A Committee meeting was to be held on the 16th November 1989 and the Clerk was asked if he could get some copies of the Constitution for members of the Committee.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Nominations, duly seconded, were received for the election of Mrs D Cohen, Mr L Greenwood and Mr M Goodier to fill the two vacancies on the Parish Council caused by the resignations of Mrs C Finnan and Mr P Griffiths.

A ballot was held whereupon it was:-

136/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr L Greenwood and Mr M Goodier be co-opted to serve on the Parish Council until May 1992.

P. J. H.

STANDING ORDERS

137/89 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining item of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

138/89 RESOLVED:- That the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of information which is exempt by virtue of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

RECREATION GROUND

Nuisance to resident The Clerk reported a further letter from Solicitors acting for the resident of Belsfield Drive which indicated that no action would be taken until after the Council had given further consideration to the issue at this meeting.

The Clerk also reported letters received from West Lancashire District Council, the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils, and the Superintendent of Police at Skelmersdale which were all in response to letters from the Clerk requesting advice as to the current position.

The Chairman reported on a conversation he had had with the local Police Officer who had recently visited the resident in question and advised him of steps he could take, through the police, if the nuisance persisted.

139/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to respond to the Solicitors that the Council believe that, as a result of the Police Officer's visit, the resident concerned is content to leave matters for the time being, and that in the meantime the Council will continue to monitor the situation.

P. J. Handley

27th Nov. '89

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 27th NOVEMBER 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw, D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs M Goodier and L Greenwood

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter, Mr P Bannister, Mr J Hodson and Mr S Iddon.

Two members of the press and public were present.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed Messrs M Goodier and L Greenwood to this their first meeting of the Parish Council.

MINUTES

140/89 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th October 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Item 1. 'Cottons Farm' to read 'Cottams Farm'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Planning Matters - Extensions at 66 Station Road It was reported that this application had been approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Development & Amenities Committee A report was being presented on the possibility of Joint Recreational Facilities being provided at Tarleton High School. The Committee were to be asked to approve the scheme in principle.

2. Community Council of Lancashire Copies of the Annual Report for 1988/89 and the latest CCL News had been received.

3. British Gas It was reported that work on the site should start on the 27th November 1989 and that drilling should start at the end of January/beginning of February 1990. The Chairman undertook to ascertain the date of the delivery of the rig.

P. J. H.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

141/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. | Mr P Leech - Planning services | £ 632.33 |
| 2. | Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses | £ 270.48 |
| 3. | Mr T Cropper - Ground rent for bus shelter | £ 2.50 |
| 4. | Mr P Handley - Cleaning bus shelter - Work actually undertaken by Mr Ball | £ 5.00 |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

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| A. | Hesketh Bank Boys FC - Rental for changing hut | £ 20.00 |
| B. | Lancashire County Council - Contribution towards replacement of bus shelters | £ 758.29 |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster reported a water leak between Alty's and 'Country Pantry' which he had reported on more than one occasion but was still awaiting attention. The Chairman agreed to look at it and take the appropriate action. Mr Greenwood reported water near to the Old Barn Club in Moss Lane. The Chairman undertook to investigate that also.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

A. No 08/89/1332 - Workshop, stores & office facilities, 160 Moss Lane

142/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

B. No 08/89/1363F - O/L detached dwelling for horticulturalist, land north of 168 Moss Lane

143/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

C. No 08/89/1393A - Retention of non-illuminated sign, Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane The Planning Officer was investigating this application.

144/89 RESOLVED:- That as a result of this application, the Planning Officer be requested to look at the bed and breakfast facilities being provided and in particular the parking problems created by such a business.

D. No 08/89/1387 - Detached garage, rear of 5 Chapel Gardens

145/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

P. J. H.

E. No 08/89/1426 - O/L 10 detached houses etc.,
Moss Lane

146/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application
at this stage

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee The following items
were for consideration on Thursday, 30th November 1989:-

A. Tree Preservation Order - Rear of 29-45 Shore Road

The recommendation of the Officers was that the objection to the
confirmation of this Order should be over-ruled.

B. Application No 08/88/918 - O/L 1 detached dwelling
etc., land adj. to 202 Moss Lane

147/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

C. Application No 08/89/1309 - One detached house
etc., adj. to 88 Moss Lane

148/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

D. Application No 08/89/1310 - O/L 1 detached house
etc., land between 82/86 Moss Lane

149/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

E. Application No 08/89/1218 - 27 dwellings etc.
land at Chapel Road

This was an identical application to one already refused by the Council
and for which an appeal had been lodged. The Planning Officer was
suggesting a deferment for one month to enable a legal opinion to be
obtained as to whether different reasons could be given for refusing
this application than those given in respect of the previous application.

150/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application

3. Northern Parishes Local Plan The Clerk had now obtained
a copy for each member of the Council.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Brow Wall This had been inspected and remedial works
would be discussed with the owner.

2. Streetlighting Outstanding requests were reported
and members suggested other locations for footway lights.

151/89 RESOLVED:- That the following locations be suggested for
additional footway lights:-
1. Moss Lane, O/S Chapel at Hundred End
2. Moss Lane, O/S No 296
3. Moss Lane, Near to 268
4. Shore Road, Near to The Mount
5. Marsh Road, 30/40 yds from Shore Road

P. J. H.

3. Sewerage problems It was reported that a chemical odour suppression unit was to be installed at the Moss Lane Pumping Station and it was felt this would cure the problem of the smells emanating from the sewers.

4. Footpaths Mr J Hodson had sent a note with the Chairman to the effect that the County had told a landowner to remove an obstruction on Footpath No 38; that another landowner had been told to erect a suitable stile at the Old Railway end of Footpath No 38 and to fit a latch on the gate at the Chapel Road end of the same footpath; and that a further landowner had been thanked by the County for erecting a stile on Footpath No 10 at its junction with Footpath No 25.

5. Station Road Work had started on the resurfacing of Station Road

6. Shore Road The Chairman undertook to investigate the footway trench adjacent to No 25 Shore Road and to take the appropriate action.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane Merseybus had visited the site with the Chairman and had undertaken to provide two quotations, one for a shelter with just a glass back and a roof and the second for a glass corridor type of shelter. The representative who had visited the site had indicated that the roof must be at least 18" away from the kerb and there was just enough room without encroaching on land in the ownership of the shop behind the site of the shelter.

152/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to consider the quotations from Merseybus and the previous quotation from R & E Carr and take the appropriate action, in consultation with the Council's Insurers, to replace the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane.

2. Cleaning of glass shelters The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the advertisement regarding the cleaning of the glass bus shelters and the Chairman reported that Merseybus did clean bus shelters for West Lancashire District Council and would forward a price for cleaning those in this parish.

153/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to consider and take any action they consider to be appropriate, on any quotation received from Merseybus for the cleaning of glass bus shelters in the Parish.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

Meeting with Boys FC

154/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange a meeting with the Boys FC to be held in the Village Hall prior to the next meeting of the Council.

P. J. H.

2. 'Poop Scoop' Byelaws The Home Office had now confirmed the Byelaws which would come into effect on the 1st January 1990. The District Council were arranging for their own byelaws to be printed and wished to know if the Parish Council wished to use the same printers.

155/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to arrange for the printing of the Parish Council's Byelaws when arranging for the printing of their own Byelaws.

3. Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel A quotation from Wicksteed Leisure in the sum of £3819.40 excluding VAT had been circulated to all members of the Council. The Chairman and Mrs M Baxter had visited a site in Kew designed by Russell Leisure Products Ltd., of Skelmersdale and the firm had submitted a scheme for in the region of £3000 for this site in Hesketh Bank. The Clerk had made contact with the Yorkshire Purchasing Authority who arranged contracts with all the leading suppliers at discount rates and had indicated that they could arrange the purchase of safety surfacing at very competitive rates.

156/89 RESOLVED:- That a quotation be obtained from the Yorkshire Purchasing Authority for the items identified in the Wicksteed catalogue and that the Chairman, Mrs M Baxter and Mrs J Witter be authorised to bring a positive recommendation to the next meeting of the Council to enable a final decision to be taken on the equipment to be installed on this site.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that Mr M Baxter had indicated that he would be willing to take on another plot provided it was adjacent to his existing plots, and that he understood that Mr Ball's family wished to keep on the two plots for which the Clerk had refunded the rental paid to Mrs A Woodhouse. None of the other tenants had indicated that they wished to take on an additional plot.

157/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ascertain the intentions of the Ball family in regard to Plots 6 & 7 on the Allotments.

STANDING ORDERS

158/89 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS - AGM

The meeting was attended by the Chairman and Mrs M Baxter, representing the Parish Council and by Mrs L Kershaw, in her capacity as Secretary of the Area Committee.

It had been reported that not enough information was known about the Poll Tax to enable advice to be offered to the Parishes; that an increase in subscriptions for 1990/91 had been approved; and that as from 1st April 1991, the subscriptions would be based on the number of Community Charge payers in a Parish.

P. J. A.

A total of 12 resolutions had been considered with approval being given to resolutions about the designation of Heavy Goods Routes through the County, support for the Government's 'Action on Litter' consultation paper, support for the Government's 'Action on Dogs' consultation paper, a national dog registration scheme, legislation to curb 'Acid House' parties, the Commission for New Towns paying regard to advice from local authorities on planning applications, and investigations to find alternative ways of raising finances for Local Government.

DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was reported that future meetings would be held on the following dates:- Tuesday 2nd January 1990, Mondays 29th January, 26th February, 26th March and 23rd April 1990.

159/89 RESOLVED:- That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Monday 26th March 1990 at 8.00pm with the Parish Council Meeting scheduled for that day commencing at 7.00pm.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Chairman wished all members of the Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P. J. Handley

2ND January 1990.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd JANUARY 1990

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood
and W Hill

Apologies were received from Mrs D Trippier,
Mr J Hodson and Mr S Iddon

Three members of the press and public were present

MINUTES

160/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on
the 27th November 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Gas exploration It was expected that the gas rig
would be delivered at the end of January or the beginning of February.

2. Water leaks

a. Station Road This had been reported to NWWA
and the foreman in charge of the re-surfacing work had also been
approached. The problem seemed to have been resolved.

b. Moss Lane This had been reported to NWWA who
had indicated that the damage had been done by their contractors
and they had been told to rectify the problem. The Chairman agreed
to ascertain the latest position.

c. Station Road/Mill Lane A drain had been left proud
at the corner of Mill Lane and the Chairman undertook to speak to
the County Council about this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. DISTRICT COUNCIL

a. Chairman's Office A Christmas Card had been
received.

b. Agendas

i Housing & Health Committee A modernisation
programme for council houses in Greenfield would be undertaken in
January, February and March 1990.

ii Other Committees There were no other items affecting this Parish.

2. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

a. Newsletter It was noted that the Spring Conference would be held from 20th to 22nd April 1990 and the Annual General Meeting on the 3rd November 1990.

b. West Lancashire Area Committee An agenda for the meeting on the 12th January had been received and Councils were asked to consider making a donation towards the expenses of sending a delegate from the Area Committee to the Biennial National Conference.

c. Local Council Review The latest edition had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

161/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A. North West Water - Water at Recreation Ground	£ 10.71
B. Mrs L Kershaw - Contribution for delegate to National Conference	£ 5.00

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

NORWEB - Wayleave	£ 45.72
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The arrangements for public participation were explained to the meeting.

Mr Foster asked whether any further information was available in respect of the footpath by Cottam's Farm. The Chairman indicated that investigations were continuing.

Mr Foster reported that a sign had been erected on Dib Road which indicated that the road was for vehicular access only. The Chairman said that Dib Road was on the Definitive Footpath Map and the situation would be investigated.

Mr Foster also reported the tipping of brick rubble at the stable adjacent to Cabin Road and that erosion was taking place to the Sea Defence Bank at footpaths 50 and 51.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/89/1462 - Mobile home, Heather Glen, Boundary Meanygate

162/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

R J . H

b. No 08/89/1450 - Detached double garage, to rear of 407 Moss Lane

163/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/89/1507 - O/L Agricultural workers' house, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road

164/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/89/1510 - First floor extension, at rear of 52 Glenpark Drive

165/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/89/1503 - Use as General Medical Practitioners practice unit, 291 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

The Chairman reported that he had visited this site and the applicant had been advised by the County Surveyor that the existing garage should be demolished to allow access to the rear of the property where there was plenty of room for off street parking.

166/89 RESOLVED:- That this application be noted.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 4th January 1990

The following reports were considered:-

A. No 08/89/1218 - 27 dwellings etc., Chapel Road

This application was the second one submitted by the developer who was prepared to let the original refused application go to appeal if permission was refused on this occasion. The recommendation was for refusal.

167/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

B. No 08/89/1153 - O/L Agricultural workers' dwelling etc., land adj. to 184 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for refusal.

168/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. No 08/89/1023 - Replacement shop & office building, 23 Station Road

The recommendation was for approval.

169/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

D. No 08/89/1191 - O/L 2 dwellings etc., Brow Farm, 9 Shore Road

The recommendation was for refusal.

170/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

PJ.H

Mr W Hill left the meeting at this point, and Mr L Greenwood left the meeting whilst the next item was considered.

3. Weekly lists (cont) The following application was considered.

a. No 08/89/1459 - O/L Dormer bungalow & garage etc., land adj. to Sub-station, Boundary Lane

171/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council hope that the Council's policy not to allow building on BS3 land would be adhered to except for those cases as outlined in the policy.

Mr L Greenwood returned to the meeting at this point.

4. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 4th January 1990 (Cont)

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

A. No 08/89/0029 - New access etc., The Barn, Becconsall Lane
B. No 08/89/1387 - Detached garage, Rear of 5 Chapel Gardens

5. Lancashire Structure Plan The Plan had now been approved and a list of modifications had been received.

6. Indiscriminate tipping

172/89 RESOLVED:- That the Waste Disposal Officer be requested to investigate the following two sites:-

a. Site of stable off Cabin Road
b. West side of access to Bank Farm, Shore Road

Mr P Bannister arrived at this point in the meeting.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Streetlighting The list of streetlights required had been forwarded to Mrs L Kershaw for the next meeting of the Area Committee of the LAP&TC and a document from the County Council on the 'Social role of streetlighting' was noted.

2. Footpaths The Council noted that the County Council were to close, temporarily for 8 months, parts of a number of footpaths in the Parish to enable the National Rivers Authority to undertake some work on the Central Drain Tidal Outfall. A list of footpath survey co-ordinators had also been received.

3. Glenpark Drive/Shore Road The footway on Shore Road was obstructed with sand and the Chairman undertook to contact the County Surveyor.

4. School Fold BT were to lay a replacement cable in January and the County Council would then make up the road. Informal discussions had taken place regarding the provision of a dropped kerb to allow access to the Recreation Ground from School Fold.

P. J. H.

5. Station Road

173/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to send a letter of thanks to the County Surveyor for the improved surface of Station Road and for the speed and efficiency with which the work was carried out.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane Quotations had been received from Merseybus for a cantilever shelter and a corridor shelter and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were minded to accept the lower quotation for a cantilever shelter but wondered if it would be possible to supply one with two ends to help to keep out the wind. The Chairman was to speak to Merseybus and an order would be placed under the authority granted at the previous meeting of the Council.

2. Cleaning of glass shelters

Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Merseybus - £3.60 + VAT per shelter per month + Damage report

Mr D Ward of Wigan - £2 per shelter per month

174/89 RESOLVED:- That the quotation of Mr D Ward be accepted to clean the existing 5 glass shelters once per month at a cost of £2 per shelter per month giving a total cost of £10 per month.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Meeting with Boys FC It was reported that a very amicable meeting had been held with representatives of the Boys FC. The new Dog Byelaws had been explained to the Club. The Club indicated that all matches had been cancelled on two weekends due to water lying on the lower end of the pitch. It was suggested that a new drain be laid alongside the touchline nearest to Belsfield Drive. The question of the marking of the running track for the School sports was raised and the Boys FC offered to do the work using their own marking equipment. It had been agreed that a further meeting be held on the 27th March 1990.

175/89 RESOLVED:- A. That Mr L Greenwood be authorised to make enquiries regarding the line of the existing drains on the Recreation Ground.

B. That the Chairman be authorised to sound out the County Council regarding assistance towards the cost of additional drainage on the Recreation Ground.

C. That the Chairman be authorised to speak to the Headteacher of the School and the County Council regarding the marking out of the running track for the School sports day.

D. That the arrangements for the next meeting between the Parish Council and the Boys FC be confirmed.

PJ. H

b. Play equipment The equipment had been inspected by the Insurance Company and no work was required to any of the equipment.

2. Play Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Chairman had circulated details of three schemes suggested following his meeting with Mrs Baxter and Mrs Witter as follows:-

a. 2 swings and 1 small climber from Wicksteed plus safety surfacing - Approximate cost £3,750

b. Timber equipment from Tom Russell on sand or sand and bark - Approximate cost £3,422

c. 1 swing, 1 rocking horse, 1 small climber and 1 seat for parents from Wicksteed plus surfacing of sand or sand and bark - Approximate cost £2,600

It was indicated that £4,000 was available in 1989/90 and 1990/91 and option 3 would allow for the play area to be fenced. It was also suggested that safety surfacing could be obtained at a later date.

176/89 RESOLVED:- A. That option 3 be approved for use on this play area.

B. That the Chairman be authorised to ascertain from Wicksteed a firm price for the supply delivery and erection of the equipment,

C. That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Wicksteed for the equipment to be erected in March 1990,

D. That the Clerk be authorised, following consultation with the Chairman, to submit the details of the equipment to the District Council for approval,

E. That quotations be obtained for the supply and erection of a fence around the equipment,

F. That the District Council be requested to supply and fix a litter bin at the site,

G. That the Chairman be authorised to ascertain the latest position with regard to the fixing of the chain link onto the existing fence on the bridge,

H. That the Clerk be requested to thank Mr T Russell for the time and effort he has put into providing a scheme and estimate for this play area.

3. Dog Byelaws The byelaws came into effect on the 1st January 1990. The District Council were to erect notices and receptacles on the two sites in this Parish.

TRANSFER OF OFF-LICENCE

Notification had been received of the transfer of the licence in respect of No 1 Station Road. The hearing would be held at Ormskirk on the 19th January 1990.

177/89 RESOLVED:- That no objection be raised to the transfer.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

178/89 RESOLVED:- That the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of information which is exempt by virtue of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

RECREATION GROUND

Nuisance to resident A further letter had been received from the Solicitors to the effect that a sign should be erected to the effect that the equipment was for children upto 12 years old and the wording and siting should be agreed with the resident concerned and that the Council should either pay the resident's legal expenses or make a contribution towards those expenses. The Clerk had sought advice regarding the legality of paying a third party's legal expenses.

179/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for a sign to be erected indicating that the play area closes at sunset,

B. That the Council are minded not to contribute towards the legal expenses of the resident but defer taking a final decision pending the receipt of the legal advice sought by the Clerk.

C. That at the present time, no contact be made with the resident concerned.

P. J. Handley

29 Jan. '90

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 29th JANUARY 1990

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood
and W Hill

Apologies were received from Mr J Hodson and
Mr S Iddon and six members of the press and
public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed a number of Scouts who were attending
the meeting in connection with one of their Scout Badges and also
Alison Tarpey of the Southport Visiter.

MINUTES

180/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the
2nd January 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee Mrs L Kershaw
presented a report on the meeting and highlighted the following
matters:-
- a. Low cost housing - A pilot project was being run in
Scarisbrick with a questionnaire which would be extended to other
Parishes if successful.
 - b. Community Charge - The Parochial Accounts were to be
closed and credits or debits either returned or added to the Poll Tax
as appropriate. It was not known if Parish Councils would receive
part of the Business Rate. Precepts below £7,500 would be paid as
one payment, over that amount in 2 instalments. Election expenses
would have to be raised through the precept.
 - c. Streetlighting - The District Council had allocated
£5600 for next year. Also the County Council would maintain any
lights erected by Parish Councils.
 - d. Litter Bins - Finance was available from the County
Councils, bids to be in by the end of February.
 - e. Transport Liaison Committee - Had been told that
there was a need to upgrade the North West Rail System to provide
links to the Channel Tunnel.
 - f. 'Acid House' Parties - Notify the District Council
immediately if one is suspected of being held in the Parish.
 - g. Restriction of HGV's - Halsall had successfully
obtained restrictions on 2 of the 3 Moss Roads in the Parish.
 - h. Centenary of Parish Councils - This would be held in
1994 and it had been suggested that a celebration be organised in the
District with Councils setting aside £5 per year for 5 years.

P. J. H.

i. Bi-ennial Conference - The Vice- Chairman of the Lancashire Association from Aughton would attend.

j. Footpath diversions - If objection to diversions are continued after Planning Permission has been obtained which results in a Public Inquiry which is found in favour of the applicant, the Parish Council would be liable for the costs of that Inquiry.

k. Waymark signs - Are available from the Country Landowners Association.

2. Gas Exploration It was reported that drilling was expected to start in early March.

3. Water leaks (a) Station Road It was reported that there appeared to be a leak in the sewer pipe outside Alty's. The Chairman undertook to deal with this matter.

(b) Station Road/Mill Lane The Chairman had this matter in hand.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The meeting had been cancelled due to lack of business.

b. Development & Amenities Committee
Policy & Resources Committee There were no items affecting this Parish on these agendas.

c. West Lancashire District Twinning Association
Places were available on a Weekend Trip to France in April.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils A circular letter had been received and nominations were required for Chairmen of Local Councils to be included in the ballot for places at a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

181/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman's name be forwarded for inclusion in the ballot for the Garden Party.

FINANCE

Accounts for payment

183/89 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Village Hall Committee - Rental for use of hall
1988/89 and 1989/90 £108.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None of the persons present wished to speak.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

PJ.H.

a. No 08/89/1557 - O/L for 4 detached 2-storey houses etc.,
Chapel Road

It was reported that this land was not in the Green Belt.

184/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/89/1558 - O/L for 6 detached bungalows etc.,
Shore Road

It was reported that this land was designated as BS3 in the Draft Northern Parishes Plan.

185/89 RESOLVED:- That this application be objected to on the grounds that it is designated as BS3 in the Draft Northern Parishes Plan.

c. No 08/90/0008 - Single-storey extension at side and detached double garage at side, 'Rosedale', Marsh Road

186/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/0035 - O/L for detached house and garage, land adjacent to 21a Station Road

No details were available.

187/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the plans of this development for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

e. No 08/90/0052 - Use as Rest Home, 47 Shore Road

A copy of the plan was available and it was noted that there would be no physical change to the building. There would be 6 bedrooms and parking for 4 cars.

188/89 RESOLVED:- That this application be objected to on the following grounds:-

- i. There is already a concentration of Rest Homes,
- ii. The location is too far away from the shops,
- iii. There are inadequate car parking spaces,
- iv. There will be a danger to children,
- v. A home for 6 residents will not be viable thereby

leading to a possible extension which would be out of character with the area.

2. Planning Committee - 1st February 1990 The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/89/1303 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on No 8/6/12552, 169 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for refusal.

189/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/89/1226 - Farm Produce Store & portakabin office, Rear of 165 Moss Lane

Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this application but took no part in the discussion. The recommendation was for approval.

190/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

c. No 08/89/1510 - First floor extension, rear of 52
Glenpark Drive

The recommendation was for approval.

191/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/89/1426 - O/L for 10 detached dwellings and new access.
Moss Lane

The recommendation was for approval.

192/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the
Parish Council do not object to the development but are concerned
about the concentration of properties in the application.

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

No 08/89/1450 - Detached double garage, rear of 407 Moss Lane.

4. Application No 08/89/1507 - O/L Agricultural Workers'
House, Brookfield Nurseries

The Chairman reported that in 1984 NORWEB had indicated that
the electricity supply to Guide Road was at full capacity and plans
had been prepared for a new system. The scheme was never carried out
as the siting of the new pylons was unsatisfactory to the landowners.
It was also reported that the supply also served the sewerage works.

193/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to look at
the electricity supply when considering this application and the
one for the Clay Pigeon Shooting Range.

5. Unauthorised tipping The two sites reported at the
last meeting had been inspected by the County Surveyor as follows:-

a. Cabin Road - A close watch would be kept on this site.

b. Bank Farm - The materials originated from the Farm and
no action could be taken.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Glenpark Drive/Shore Road The sand on the footway had
been removed and the footway cleaned and washed down.

2. Proposed Speed Limits in Hesketh Bank The Council had
been consulted on proposed speed limits in Station Road and Shore Road.

194/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the
Parish Council has no objections to the proposals.

3. Speeding on Shore Road adj. to the School

195/89 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested for their observations
and suggestions regarding additional signs and a larger 30mph sign at
this location.

P.J.H.

4. Streetlights

196/89 RESOLVED:- That an additional request be made to the West Lancs. Area Committee of the LAP&TC for a light in Meadow Lane.

5. State of roads The Chairman undertook to speak to the District Council's Officers regarding refuse left on the roads by the Refuse Collectors.

6. Flooding in Shore Road

197/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to investigate the little pumping station on Shore Road near to Chapel Road and the flooding which occurs at Fylde View Farm.

7. Litter Bins It was agreed to discuss possible new locations at the next meeting.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane This was still in the hands of the Insurance Company.

2. Cleaning of Glass Shelters This work was in hand.

3. Shore Road, opp. the shops

198/89 RESOLVED:- That the provision of a shelter at this location be reviewed in the next financial year.

ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr S Ball wished to keep one of his father's allotments but the Clerk had not received a reply to two letters to the family. Mr M Whiteside had requested a further plot and Mr M Baxter was interested in a further plot next to his existing plots.

199/89 RESOLVED:- A. That Plot No 7 be reserved in case Mr S Ball decided to make a written application for a plot,

B. That Mr M Whiteside be offered Plot No 6,

C. That Mr M Baxter be offered a choice of

Plots 16, 17 or 20.

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground Mr L Greenwood had identified 17 drains in the football pitch each 21" apart. He suggested that additional drains were required in between the existing drains at a depth of 18". The Chairman had spoken to Mr Airey of the Playing Fields Department who had indicated that the Education Department should be approached. The Chairman would contact him again in 2/3 weeks time.

P.G.H.

P.G.H.

200/89 RESOLVED:- That the Sports Council be asked if any help was available from their source.

2. School Sports The ground would be marked out in white a few days before the sports.

P.G.H.

3. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel A written quotation had been received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd in the sum of £2594.30 and the company were prepared to supply the goods for £2525.00 + VAT. The question of a fence around the equipment was also discussed.

201/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the quotation in the sum of £2525.00 + Vat from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd be accepted,

B. That Messrs M Goodier, L Greenwood and W Hill be authorised to make recommendations to the next meeting as to the type of fence best suited to this location.

4. 'Poop scoop' Byelaws

202/89 RESOLVED:- That 50 copies of the byelaws be ordered via the District Council at a cost of £40.00

LENGTHSMAN

The Chairman reported that the District Council had included £5,500 in the Draft Estimates for 1990/91 for the provision of a lengthsman in Hesketh Bank. He had met officers of the District Council and obtained a great deal of help regarding the organisation of a lengthsman. A revised schedule of work (a copy of which appears in the Minute Book) had been forwarded to the District Council and circulated to Members of the Council. The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr J Chohan, the former lengthsman for Tarleton, during the next week or so.

203/89 RESOLVED:- A. That this Parish Council resolves to undertake its own street cleaning from April 1990, subject to satisfactory recompense from the West Lancashire District Council,

B. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to prepare and place advertisements inviting written applications to contract for street cleaning in the Parish, as soon as it appears appropriate.

STANDING ORDERS

204/89 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT

The Council considered the Estimates for 1990/91 and the proposed precept in the light of the information available about the number of Community Charge payers in the Parish and the likely level of Concurrent Expenditure to be met by the District Council. The Council also took into account the current balances which had been considerably reduced due to the cost of the Planning Appeal and the need to replace two bus shelters which were in a dangerous condition.

205/89 RESOLVED:- That the Estimates for 1990/91 (a copy of which appears in the Minute Book) in the net sum of £3,830 be approved and that a precept of £1.50 be levied on the District Council.

P. J. H

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

206/89 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of information which is exempt, by virtue of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that the Council had no legal power to pay the legal expenses of the person concerned. The Chairman reported that MR R Carr would make a simple notice and fix it to the top bar of the swings. It was also reported that the resident concerned had an open invitation from the Police Officer to contact the Police whenever there was a problem.

207/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the Solicitors be advised that the Parish Council has no legal power to meet their expenses, and

B. That the resident concerned be advised that a notice will be appearing on the site regarding a restriction in the hours the equipment may be used.

P. J. Handley

26th February 1990.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26th FEBRUARY 1990

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood and W Hill

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and one member of the public was present.

MINUTES

208/89 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January, 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5, Recreation Ground - 21" to read 21', and 'Hin' to read 'Him'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Water leaks a. Station Road The Chairman had spoken to the engineers who had decided that the problem was not a leak in the sewer pipe but rather rainwater holding on the ground.

b. Station Road/Mill Lane The County Council had undertaken to deal with this problem in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council a. Committee Agendas - A number of agendas were noted and it was reported that the speed limit proposal for Shore Road included an extension of the 30mph to a point 115 metres west of Chapel Road.

b. District Council Byelaws - Copies of byelaws made by the District Council had been received.

c. Water Services Customer Service Committee. - Details of a new Committee had been circulated.

2. Best Kept Village Competition Details of the 1990 competition had been received.

3. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

4. Gas Exploration The rig was to be delivered on the 6th March and drilling should commence on the 8th March.

P.J.H

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

209/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Village Hall Committee - Donation £52.00
- b. D Ward Esq. - Cleaning glass bus shelters £20.00
- c. Munro Horticultural Ltd. - Fencing £62.10

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

Lancashire County Council - Grass cutting verges £200.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr R Foster asked about recent disclaimers put on Planning Approvals on sites in the vicinity of Alty's. The Chairman indicated that recent legislation required checks to be done on all landfill sites and the possible presence of methane gas to be drawn to applicants for planning permission. He did not know about the effects on the insurance of property.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

- a. No 08/90/0074 - Single storey rear extension, 108 Moss Lane

210/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- b. No 08/90/0112 - O/L detached dormer bungalow, land adj. 107 Chapel Road

211/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Committee be requested to place a condition on any approval that the pavement be continued in front of this development.

- c. No 08/90/0118 - O/L Two bungalows with garages, land adj. 9 Shore Road (Re-submission of 08/89/1191)

The previous application, on which the Council did not comment, had been refused partially because houses would be too high and partially because it was unsuitable for 3 dwellings to share one access drive.

212/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- d. No 08/90/0116 - Extensions, 6 Norwood Avenue

213/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- e. No 08/90/0126 - Continued use of room of dwelling for hairdressing, including modification of condition No 5 to permit use on Thursdays from 0900 - 1630, 19 Silverdale

214/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

f. No 08/90/0148 - Change of use to Guest House and single storey extension, Douglas Bank Farm

215/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council feel that this is a controversial application and that the Council's comments will be forwarded after the next meeting of the Council after the plans had been borrowed and studied.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 1st March 1990

The following applications were considered:-

A. No 08/89/0600 - O/L 4 detached dwellings, The Brow, off Station Road

216/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

B. No 08/89/1065 - Retention of use of Farm Building for storage of furniture & carpets, Lambourne, Shore Road

217/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

C. No 08/89/1332 - Use of building as workshop/stores/office facilities to serve nursery etc., 160 Moss Lane

218/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

D. No 08/89/1557 - O/L 4 detached houses etc., Chapel Road

219/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

E. No 08/89/1558 - O/L 6 detached bungalows etc., Shore Road

220/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

F. No 08/90/0035 - O/L detached dormer bungalow & garage, land adj. 21A Station Road

221/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

3. Approved since last meeting The following had been approved:-

No 08/89/1206 - Detached bungalow, Plot 2, Station Road

4. Application No 08/89/1426 - O/L 10 detached dwellings, Moss Lane

The Director of Planning had indicated that there were no firm policies regarding the density of dwellings on a site and that the Northern Parishes Local Plan provided for the provision of dwellings for small households.

5. Northern Parishes Local Plan The Chairman reported that the plan had been amended to bring the land next to the Hourwatch site into the building land category.

P-J-H

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Speeding on Shore Road This issue was being investigated by the Traffic Department at Skelmersdale. It was suggested that a similar exercise should be carried out on Moss Lane.

2. Grass verges

222/89 RESOLVED:- That Mark Taylor be asked for a quotation for the same work that he undertook last year.

3. Refuse collections The Chairman had approached the District Council about litter left on roads by the refuse collectors and the staff were to be told about the complaints. The service had been re-organised and some houses had been missed this week. The District Council were, however, aware of the situation.

4. Moss Lane The Chairman responded to a question to say that the road would be re-surfaced after the current work had been completed.

5. Flooding on Shore Road This had been reported to the District Council.

6. Bus shelters

a Chapel Road by Methodist Chapel It was reported that this shelter was lying at an angle of 45% and required to be re-concreted into the ground. There was also some slight damage to the back of the shelter.

223/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden to move and ultimately replace the shelter.

a Station Road/Moss Lane This was still in the hands of the Insurance Company.

7. Station Road sewer It was reported that the pumping in Tarleton was nothing to do with the new sewer in Hesketh Bank as the sewerage from Tarleton went to Mere Brow Pumping Station.

8. School Fold The Chairman confirmed that the kerb at the entrance to the Recreation Ground would be dropped to facilitate access.

LENGTHSMAN AND LITTER BINS

1. Provision of lengthsmen Details of the job had been prepared for issue to applicants and advertisements would appear in the Ormskirk Advertiser, Southport Visiter and Lancashire Evening Post. Interviews were likely to be held on Thursday 22nd March 1990 and Councillors were asked to keep that date free if possible. The Chairman had spoken to Mr Chohan from Tarleton and had received some useful tips.

2. Litter bins It was suggested that the bin outside the Co-op shop be replaced and put behind the street sign and a list of other possible sites was handed to Mrs L Kershaw for consideration by the Area Committee of the LAP&TC.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel The order had been acknowledged by Wicksteed Leisure and the Chairman had arranged to meet Officers from the Leisure Services Department on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the siting of the equipment and the provision of safety surfacing. Mr W Hill reported that he had discussed a possible fence with Messrs Goodier and Greenwood and they felt that to be of any use a substantial fence would be required. He undertook to obtain a budget price for the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that Mr Russell had written that he was disappointed not to be given the contract and that he produced competitively priced swings etc. at his factory in Skelmersdale.

2. Recreation ground The Chairman reported that the Education Department may be able to spike the football pitch but he would not know for certain until the end of March.

There would be a meeting with the Boys Football Club on the 27th March and the Chairman proposed to advise the Club of the findings with regard to the drainage on the pitch and that some money may be available to carry out some work during the close season.

3. Glenpark drive Mr J Chohan had resigned and had suggested that Mr J Wilkinson of Tarleton may be prepared to undertake his work for the Council.

224/89 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J Chohan be thanked for all his work for the Parish Council, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to contact Mr J Wilkinson about the weedspraying which is required in the near future.

4. 'Poop scoop' Byelaws The District Council had now indicated that there was no need to have the Byelaws printed and the Clerk undertook to get some duplicated copies. In addition, the maximum price should be 20 pence per copy.

The Clerk also reported that it would be possible to extend the byelaws to cover the new play area although if the area was enclosed then a total ban may be possible.

The Chairman reported that the District Council were to put signs on every third lamppost in the District and he had asked the Officer responsible for enforcing the byelaws to pay particular attention to Rankin Avenue and Sidney Avenue. Also a receptacle for deposits should be placed on the Recreation Ground in the near future.

5. Playground Safety A circular from a survey firm was noted.

6. West Lancashire Play Association A new Play Forum Committee was to hold its first meeting on March 1st.

225/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to pass on to the Association the Council's appreciation for all the work done by the Association in the parish.

P. J. Handley

ALLOTMENTS

Written applications had been received from Mr S Ball, Mr C Aughton and Mr T V Markendale. A Mr A Rostron had spoken to the Clerk but had not come back after visiting the site. Mr Ball had paid the rental of £7.

Mr M Whiteside had accepted Plot No 6 and if the applicants were to be allocated plots 7, 16 and 17, then plot 20 currently operated by Messrs Croppers, would be the only one not allocated for this season. Mrs Trippier said that Mr W Taylor of Tarleton was interested in renting that plot.

226/89 RESOLVED:- 1. That Plots Nos 7, 16 & 17 be allocated to Messrs S Ball, C Aughton and T V Markendale respectively,

2. That Mr P Bannister be authorised to approach Messrs Croppers regarding the tenancy of Plot 20 for this season,

3. That in the event of Messrs Croppers not wanting the plot, it be offered, on a one year tenancy to Mr W Taylor of Tarleton.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Chairman reminded members that the Annual Assembly would be held on March 26th at 8.00pm and the Parish Council meeting would, therefore, commence at 7.00pm.

P. J. Handley

26 March 1990.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH MARCH 1990

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, L Kershaw, D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister, M Goodier, L Greenwood and W Hill

Apologies were received from Mr J Hodson and 3 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

227/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February, 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Allotments Mr T Markindale had accepted his plot and paid the rental. It was also reported that Messrs Croppers would work Plot No 20 again in the coming year.

2. Water leaks It was reported that smells were present even in dry weather and the Clerk was requested to write to Mr K Brownbill of the District Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Committee minutes There were no items affecting this Council.

Other matters a. Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1989 had been received.

b. Register of Electors for 1990 had been received.

c. Chairman's Lady's Charity A function was to be held at the Civic Hall, Ormskirk on the 28th April 1990.

d. Reception for Parish Chairmen & Clerks would be held on the 28th March 1990 and the Chairman and Clerk would be attending.

2. Other correspondence

A Age Concern had asked for details of organisations for the elderly. The Clerk undertook to provide the information required.

B Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

a. Spring Conference details had been received.

b. Local Council Review for Spring had been received.

PJH

C Transfer of Licence in respect of the Becconsall Hotel from Mr G Johnson to Mr T Harrison, had been advised. It was agreed that no comments be made on this transfer.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

228/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	N W Water - Water at recreation ground	£ 9.50
b.	Ormskirk Advertiser - Advert for lengthsman	£ 46.92
c.	Lancs. Evening Post - Advert for lengthsman	£ 25.13
d.	Trinity Newspapers Ltd - Advert for lengthsman	£ 43.99
e.	Mr N Marsden - Repairs to bus shelter(Chapel Rd)	£112.36
f.	Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary etc.	£285.12

2. Donations

229/89 RESOLVED:- That no grant be made to the Skelmersdale & District Women's Refuge.

Mr W Hill arrived during consideration of the next item.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

A. No 08/90/0299 - Detached dwelling etc., land between 82 & 86 Moss Lane

230/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

B. No 08/90/0309F - O/L residential development, land at Boundary Lane

231/89 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made on the grounds of traffic hazards and backland development.

C. No 08/90/0327 - Detached bungalow, Meadow View, Boundary Meanygate

232/89 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made on the grounds that the site is in the Green Belt and that the Planning Officer be requested to examine this site.

D. No 08/90/0340 - Extensions to existing workshop etc., 6 Guide Road

233/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the drawings for the next meeting of the Council.

E. No 08/90/0302 - Extensions, Rear of 78 Shore Road

234/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

F. No 08/90/0321 - Retention of garage, rear of 1 Rankin Avenue

235/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

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2. Planning Control Sub-Committee The following applications were considered:-

A. No 08/90/0052 - Use as Rest Home, 47 Shore Road
The recommendation was for approval.

236/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made.

B. No 08/89/1507 - O/L Agricultural Workers' House, Brookfield Nursery, Guide Road
The recommendation was for approval subject to a Section 52 Agreement.

237/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made.

C. No 08/89/1459 - O/L dormer bungalow etc., land adj. Sub-Station, Boundary Lane
The recommendation was for refusal.

238/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made.

D. No 08/90/0112 - O/L detached dormer bungalow etc., adj. 107 Chapel Road
The recommendation was for approval.

239/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made.

F. Approved since last meeting:-

No 08/89/0622 - O/L Agricultural workers' dwelling, 208 Moss Lane.

No 08/90/0074 - Extensions, 108 Moss Lane.

G. Appeals lodged:-

No 08/89/0091 & 1218 - Development, Chapel Road (Whelmar Homes). The Chairman will attend this inquiry.

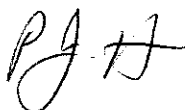
No 08/89/0743 - O/L detached house etc., land adj., Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue. To be dealt with by written reps.

3. Other Matters

Application No 08/90/0148 - Change of use to Guest House, Douglas Bank Farm, Beconsall Lane

240/89 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made on the grounds of the proximity of a grade 2 Listed Building, the narrowness of the road, the extension is larger than the original building and that it would be inappropriate in a residential area.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm to enable the Annual Parish Assembly to be held.



CONTINUATION OF MEETING
Annual Parish Assembly.

The meeting reconvened at 9.00pm following the

PLANNING MATTERS (CONT)

Tree Preservation Orders It was reported that a Tree Preservation Order was being ignored.

241/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council what the current policy was in relation to Tree Preservation Orders, and also ask about the case reported to the Council.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Grass verges

242/89 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Mr M Taylor in the sum of £30.00 per cut + VAT for the grass verges (7 cuts) and £20.00 + VAT for the tri-angular plot on Chapel Road and School Fold passageway, be accepted.

2. Footpaths The temporary closure on the bank had been extended to 31st August 1990.

3. Sewage Pumping Station, Shore Rd/Chapel Rd A letter had been received which had outlined the recent problems. It was agreed that a copy be passed to Mr & Mrs White and that they be advised to contact the District Council when surcharging occurred.

4. Bus shelters

a. Shore Road/Chapel road

243/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Goodier be authorised to paint out the graffiti on this shelter.

b. Station Road/Moss Lane The Clerk was asked to send a reminder to the Insurance Company.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground A meeting with the Boys Football Club was to be held in the Changing Hut on Tuesday evening when it would be suggested that if the Boys could dig trenches for new drains, the Council would pay for the tiles.

Mrs Baxter reported that the County Council would be spiking the pitch but in return the School should be able to use the pitch for five-a-side matches. It was agreed to advise the Boys Football Club that the pitch would be marked out for five-a-side football across the width of half the pitch.

A quotation for grass cutting had been received.

244/89 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Mr M Taylor of £30 + VAT percut for grass cutting (7 cuts) be accepted.

PJ.H

2. Play Area adj. to Becconsall Hotel It was reported that delivery and erection were imminent in accordance with a drawing prepared by the District Council. Although the District Council required safety surfacing to be installed, it had been agreed that turf could be provided as a temporary measure.

245/99 RESOLVED:- A That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be authorised to place an order for rotavating and turfing once the equipment is in place,

and B That Mr W Hill be authorised to bring to the next meeting of the Council an estimate for the provision of a fence around the play equipment.

STREET CLEANING

It was reported that a contract had been forwarded to Mr R Foster who had been awarded the contract for street cleaning for the year 1990/91

ALLOTMENTS

A letter was delivered by Mr C Aughton to the effect that he would not be able to take up the Council's offer of an allotment.

246/89 RESOLVED That the remaining plot (No. 16) be offered to Mr A Rostron on the basis that he makes a written application for a plot for the forthcoming year.

P. J. Handley

23rd April 1990.