

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH APRIL 1995

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; H Sephton; and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister (from 7.45pm); M Goodier;
L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw and Mrs J Witter and 4 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

162/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

Page 4 - Item 3 Footpaths Second line, 'Chapel Road' to read 'Moss Lane'.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery referred to the Minutes of the previous meeting and said he was surprised that the survey of residents adjacent to Glenpark Drive had revealed that the majority had no objection to football being played on that area as he had previously received complaints about balls hitting the fence panels surrounding the area.

In response to items raised, PC Thackery undertook to keep an eye out at The Green where children had been playing around the old greenhouses and certain abandoned cars and also at Cropper Gardens where cars were being parked in front of the sheltered housing making it difficult for emergency vehicles to gain access. PC Thackery indicated that he could not force people not to park in front of the sheltered housing but only ask them politely not to do so.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Tarleton and Hesketh Bank Village Questionnaire

It was reported that about 64 had attended the meeting and, after 4 group discussions, a plenary session had been held involving representatives of a number of statutory and voluntary organisations. The Organisers had been pleased with the response to the exercise.

2. The Brow Wall

The County Surveyor would undertake a survey of the wall and a response was still awaited from the District Council.

3. Chapel Road

The hedge would be cut back but the owner was not happy and felt that the Council should have more pressing things to attend to.

4. Glenpark Drive Play Area

Mr M Goodier indicated that he had received letters from residents some time ago and the Council had considered the possibility of erecting a 'No football' sign.

5. Station Road - Flooding

The County Surveyor had not been able to find the source of the problem and had requested a map. It was suggested that the sewer was subsiding on the car park and when the dip in the ground filled up it overflowed onto the road and ran down to Mill Lane. The Clerk undertook to advise the County Council accordingly.

6. Streetlighting

The Clerk reported that the County Council were to undertake an inspection of the lights in Hesketh Bank this evening and that the Council were also not satisfied with the performance of NORWEB and had asked that Company to improve on previous performance.

7. Replacement Shrubs

Mrs H Sephton had obtained some replacement shrubs from Mahood's and suggested some sites where they could be planted. The Clerk undertook to write to thank Mahood's for their assistance and generosity.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas

There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Parish Council's Charter

Due to the initial lack of response from Parishes, only 5 including this Parish having replied, the Sub-Committee would now consider the matter on the 20th June, 1995.

c. VE Celebrations/Commemorations

Advice from the District Council was noted. *St.*

d. Civic Reception - 25th April 1995

The Chairman and Clerk would attend the Annual Reception for Parish Councils.

2. Other Matters

a. Lancs. Association of Parish and Town Councils

1. Area Committee This would be held on the 21st April, 1995.

2. Newsletter A draft consultation document for increased consultation between the County Council and Parish Councils was included.

b. Association for Conservation of Energy

The Home Energy Conservation Bill had now passed through the Commons and was in the Lords. The Council were now asked to support the Energy Saving Materials (Rate of VAT) Bill 1995. The Clerk was requested to write to the persons listed voicing the Council's support for this measure.

c. Lancashire Constabulary

A copy of the Skelmersdale Division Policing Plan had been received.

d. B. A. Defence - Military Aircraft

B.A. had indicated that the current night flying programme was to last until the end of April with a maximum of 2 flights per week.

e. MANWEB

It was noted that MANWEB shops were to be converted to Dedicated Customer Service Centres.

f. Good Neighbour Scheme

The AGM would be held in the Village Hall on Thursday the 27th April, 1995 at 7.30pm and all members of the Parish Council would be made most welcome.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

163/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Yates Playgrounds - New chains | £ 64.62 |
| | (The Clerk would await confirmation from the Chairman that the chains were the correct length) | |
| b. | Mr M Whiteside - Drainage pipes | £ 24.72 |

2. Receipts

The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Street Cleaning	£ 622.61
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3. Donations

The Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme had thanked the Council for its donation.

4. Water Supply at Changing Hut, Recreation Ground

The Football Club had paid the water bill of £52.98 together with the rental for the use of the Recreation Ground of £40.00. The Club, however, did not accept that the amount of water stated had been used and had asked if the Council would approach NW Water about the possibility of there being a leak in the system. The Clerk had written to NW Water and was awaiting a response.

The Club had also asked for details of the area of the Station Road Centenary Sports Ground to be included in the proposed lease as a Rate Demand had been received from the District Council based on area.

5. West Lancashire District Council Budget

A copy had been received.

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PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

164/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0237 Continuation of use - Use of 1 room of dwelling for hairdressing (Renewal of 08/90/0126) - 19 Silverdale

b. No 08/95/0261 Reserved matters - Detached dwelling and garage Land adjacent to 1 The Green

c. No 08/95/0287 Conversion of barn to single dwelling - Dunkirk Farm Barn, Shore Road (This would be determined by the Committee and would be approved if it complied with the Barn Conversion Policy)

d. No 08/95/0293 Erection of 2 storey detached dwelling - Land adjacent to 1A Guide Road (This would be determined by the Committee)

e. No 08/95/0288 Single storey/first floor extension at rear 50A Newarth Road

f. No 08/95/0302 Incorporation of land into residential curtilage 10 Moss Lane

g. No 08/95/0309 Conversion of vacant coach house to a granny flat (including covered link) - 163 Station Road

The Parish Council also noted that the District Council had made an application in respect of the Recreation Hall at Greaves Hall, Banks.

2. Development and Planning Committee - 13th April 1995

The Clerk had not received his copy of the agenda but Mr M Goodier indicated that there did not appear to any contentious items on the agenda.

BUS SHELTER - STATION ROAD/CHAPEL ROAD

The Council considered the location for the replacement shelter which had been damaged in an accident at the end of 1994. The owner of the property behind the shelter was anxious to know the Council's plans so that he could take appropriate action in respect of his property.

It was pointed out that only 1/3rd of the buses passing through the village used the bus stop at the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road. It was felt that permission would not be given to reposition the stop prior to the junction and, therefore, alternative sites were considered.

165/95 RESOLVED:- That permission be sought to resite the shelter at Cropper Gardens opposite No 141 Chapel Road.

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Assessors had offered the Council the sum of £1,152.50 in settlement of the claim for damages which was less than the actual costs to be met by the Council.

166/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the offer of £1,152.50 in ^{respect} ~~respect~~ of the Council's insurance claim be not accepted, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to obtain an up to date price for the new shelter as a matter of urgency and advise the Assessors of the total actual cost of the replacemnet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm for the Annual Parish Assembly to take place.

The meeting was reconvened at 10.00pm with the same members present except for Mr P Bannister.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

167/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business.

STANDING ORDERS

168/94 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND, STATION ROAD

1. Leases for Sports Clubs It was suggested that members may wish to bring comments on the draft lease to the next meeting and that the areas to be included should be measured and defined on a plan to be attached to the leases.

169/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to measure up the areas to be included in the leases and agree those areas prior to the next meeting of the Council,

2. That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to prepare a plan for the next meeting of the Council indicating the areas to be leased to the 3 Sports Clubs,

3. That members of the Council bring to the next meeting of the Council any comments they may have on the draft leases,

4. That, following the next meeting, the Council's Solicitor be requested to prepare leases for submission to the 3 Sports Clubs, and be ~~requested~~ ^{requested} to advise the Council on future action in respect of the Sports Ground.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from the Council's Insurance Company, the Chairman of the Football Club (with minimum information), the Secretary of the Football Club and the Operations and Development Manager of the Football Club. The Council noted that the Chairman of the Football Club had indicated that all future correspondence should be channelled through the Football Club's Secretary. The Football Club had apparently not taken any steps to regularise the position with regard to planning permissions for various structures on the site. The Football Club had also requested permission to erect a fence around the pitch.

170/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That permission to erect a fence around the football pitch be refused and the Football Club be advised accordingly,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to answer the various points made by the Football Club and remind the Club of the pre-conditions set by the Council before a lease will be signed in respect of the football pitch.

3. LAND ADJACENT TO SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that the owner of the land had been fined, a 3 figure sum, and been ordered to remove the caravan from the site.

John T. P.
15-5-95.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th MAY, 1995

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier
and J Witter & Mr K. Wavering.

Messrs M Goodier and R Iddon

Apologies were received from Mr L Greenwood and the Clerk

Six members of the public were present

The Minutes were taken by Mrs L Kershaw

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be elected as Chairman of the Council for the year 1995/96.

Mr Trippier duly made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/95 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1995/96.

MINUTES

3/95 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Page 2 - VE Celebrations 'advise' to read 'advice'.
- b. Page 2 Item 4 Delete 'some time ago' and insert 'since the last meeting'.
- c. Page 4 Resolution 166/95 'rsepect' to read 'respect'.
- d. Page 5 Resolution 169/95 'requseted' to read 'requested'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. The Brow Wall It was understood that the wall was being surveyed today.
2. Streetlighting The County Surveyor had indicated that only two lights were out immediately following the last meeting. These were both awaiting repair by NORWEB who had been expedited.
3. Water Supply Still no reply from NWWater.
4. Village Appraisal Mrs D Trippier reported a very poor attendance. However, a group had been formed to look into a 'car scheme' which LCC is operating. Samlesbury has had a car scheme operating for years and it works well. The Officer is arranging a meeting with a little group in the Library on the 22nd May. 3 or 4 members offered to form a group to look into the setting up of such a scheme. Someone would be provided with an answer phone and will offer to be on duty for two hours every day to co-ordinate the transport volunteers, who would be given money for petrol.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

4/95 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the year 1995/96:-

- a. LAP&TC WEST LANCS AREA COMMITTEE - Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs N Goodier.
- b. LAYFIELD CHARITY - Mrs D Trippier.
- c. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - Mrs L Kershaw.
- d. LANCS PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION - Mrs J Witter
- e. COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - Mr S Trippier

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

5/95 RESOLVED:- That the Constitution and Membership of Committees for the season 1995/96 be as follows:-

- a. RECREATION COMMITTEE - Chairman plus 4 members - Mesdames N Goodier & J Witter and Messrs M Goodier & R Iddon.
- b. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE - 5 members - Mr P Bannister (Chairman), Mesdames H Sephton & J Witter and Messrs L Greenwood & K Wareing.
- c. FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Chairman plus 5 members - Mesdames L Kershaw, H Sephton & D Trippier and Messrs M Goodier & K Wareing.
- d. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE - Chairman plus 3 members
Vice-Chairman, Mrs N Goodier and Mr K Wareing.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
 - b. Parish Council Finance Confirmation had been received from the District Council of an allocation of £3,000.
- 6/95 RESOLVED:-
1. That safety surfacing be provided for the slide on the Recreation Ground at Shore Road and the swings at Glenpark Drive,
 2. That the Clerk be requested to check the specification which is believed to be BS 575, and
 3. That quotations be invited from Yates Playgrounds and Russell Leisure.
- c. Concurrent Expenditure The District Council had requested financial information from Parish Councils to include acreage of recreation areas and numbers and locations of seats and bus shelters. The Clerk would arrange for the information to be provided with assistance from various Councillors.

2. Other Matters

a. Council for Voluntary Service A meeting had been held on the 9th May 1995 but was not attended by a representative of this Council. Some leaflets had also been received.

b. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

1. Course for new Councillors One would be held on the 17th June 1995. Mrs H Sephton was interested in attending and Mr R Iddon was uncertain if he would be available.

7/95 RESOLVED:- That authority be given to the attendance of Mrs Sephton and Mr Iddon and the Clerk be authorised to pay the necessary fees.

2. Salaries for Clerks A new method of calculating the salary of the Clerk had been circulated and the Clerk had undertaken to look at the implications for this Council.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

£/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	M H Whiteside - Repairs to drain on allotments	£ 10.00
b.	CPRE - Annual subscription	£ 15.00
c.	Mr N Marsden - Repairs to bus shelter and seat	£ 68.90
d.	Mr A Coxhead - Grass mowing	£ 35.25

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

a.	West Lancashire District Council - Precept	£ 7,500.00
	- Concurrent expenditure	£ 710.00

3. Grants All Saints PCC had thanked the Council for the grants towards the Burial Ground and the repairs to the clock face and estimates of income and expenditure for the Burial Ground had also been submitted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was stated that the Salvation Army and book Skips had been moved to the front of the Village Hall because not enough clothes etc. were being deposited whilst they were sited at the back of the Hall. The evening the skips had been moved a gang of hooligans had congregated making a fearsome noise and throwing beer cans around etc. The residents were advised to call the Police but continued to shout at members of the Council until the Chairman eventually restored control and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

9/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0164 - Extensions to greenhouses; alterations to access, parking and turning areas and fencing - Briarcroft Nurseries, 115 Moss Lane

b. No 08/95/0390 - Renewal of permission (o8/91/0896) - Retention of caravan (7'6" x 14'6") for use as rest room in connection with market garden business - 140 Moss Lane

c. No 08/95/0391 - Retention of garden shed & erection of greenhouse 6 Rose Gardens

d. No 08/95/0394 - Reserved matters Landscaping - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road

2. Planning Committee - 18th May 1995

10/95 RESOLVED:- That the following items be noted:-

a. No 08/93/1008 - Change of use of existing shop, joiners shop and snooker club to 4 flats, construction of 1 bungalow to the rear, associated external works, parking and alteration to access - 12A Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

b. No 08/95 0203 - Two storey extension - Hesketh Cottage, Shore Road (Recommendation - Granted)

c. No 08/95/0179 - Erection of detached dwelling and new vehicular/ pedestrian access to existing bungalow - 77 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

d. Appeal Lodged - TPO (No 1) 1986 - Felling of 1 sycamore tree at 10 Rose Gardens (To be dealt with by written reps).

e. Applications approved by Director of Development

i. No 08/94/0894 - Packing shed and alterations to existing vehicular access - 255 Moss Lane

ii No 08/94/1181 - Consideration of details for Prior Approval - Erection of agricultural building including office, wc and store - 416 Moss Lane

iii No 08/95/0118 - Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details - Agricultural storage/packing building - New House Farm, Boundary Lane, Hundred End

iv No 08/95/0152 - Retention of 1.2m diameter satellite dish - 87 Station Road

3. Local Plan - Consultation Meetings It was agreed that the District Council would be advised that 10 members would wish to attend. A possible venue would be the Village Hall seating about 30, car parking for 10/12, not to be held on the 19th June 1995.

4. Low Cost Housing A revised application had been submitted for Fermor Road. A letter from the Director of Housing at West Lancashire District Council had also been received.

11/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council has nothing to add to the objections already made in respect of this application, and

2. That the Director of Housing be thanked for his support to the Parish Council's proposals for low cost housing in Hesketh Bank.

5. Best Kept Village Competition Mr M Goodier reported that the Parish had been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hedge Cutting It appeared that the former Sports Company used to cut the hedge in front of the Village Hall and it was asked who would cut it in future. Hourwatch are to be asked to cut their hedge.

2. Grass Cutting It was asked who should cut the grass to the east of the Chapel in Chapel Road. Mr M Goodier had told the County Council but no action had been taken.

3. Bus Shelters Mr M Goodier referred to a rolling programme of maintenance of bus shelters some of which were now looking tatty. The Clerk was asked about possible finance for such a programme.

Reference was also made to the siting of the bus shelter at Cropper Gardens which was not popular with residents. It was suggested to move it to Nook Farm, Chapel Road or the bottom of Meadow Lane. The latter site was agreed subject to further discussions after the insurance claim has been settled.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mr M Goodier asked if the area had been sprayed. It appeared that it had been and it was decided to wait and see whether it had taken.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee would undertake an inspection when crops were growing.

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

12/95 RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held at 7.30pm on each of the following dates which are all Monday evenings except where shown:-

19th June 1995	24th July 1995	4th September 1995
2nd October 1995	30th October 1995	27th November 1995
2nd January 1996 (Tuesday)	29th January 1996	26th February 1996
25th March 1996	22nd April 1996	

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Mrs D Trippier reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Good Neighbour Scheme which was not well attended. She felt more assistance was required from new persons to keep the scheme going. It was suggested that she asks Jill Burke of the Village Visitor to do an interview and also perhaps put an article in the Parish Magazine.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs J Witter suggested that Public Participation should be suspended and replaced by written applications to speak. No-one else supported this view and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

St. Stephen Trippier
A-6-95.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

13/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Leases (Mr P Bannister declared an interest in this item as he receives an honorarium from one of the Sports Clubs)

The members of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee had not been able to discuss this item and the matter was, therefore deferred to a future meeting.

2. Conifers at entrance A verbal request for a meeting to discuss the conifers had been received from the Football Club. It was agreed to request the Clerk to ask the County Surveyor for his advice as to whether or not the conifers and hedge complied with the terms of the Planning Permission.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 19th JUNE 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw, H Sephton, D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister, L Greenwood, R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies received from Mrs N Goodier Mr M Goodier and The Clerk. Four members of the press and public were present.

PC M Thackery attended for part of the meeting.

Mrs L Kershaw took the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES

14/95 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the addition of Mr K Wareing to the members present, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. The Brow Wall This had been inspected by the County Surveyor's Department and discussions were taking place with the Highways Maintenance Section to decide the next action. There was, however, no immediate danger to road users.

2. Water Supply at Recreation Ground A reply was still awaited from NWWater.

3. Course for New Councillors Mrs H Sephton and Mr R Iddon would now attend a course on the 8th July 1995.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District council - Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

2. County Council

Burscough Youth & Community Centre The official opening was to be on Saturday, 1st July, 1995 at 1.30pm and the Council had been invited to send a representative. No councillors were able to attend.

3. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

a. Application for HGV Operators' Licence - Annadale Farm, Shore Road

Mrs H Sephton lives 3 doors away and had objected. No other comments were made.

b. AGM of West Lancashire Area Committee - 14th July 1995

The agenda was noted.

4. Other Matters

a. West Lancashire Victim Support Scheme There was a poor attendance at the AGM.

Prof. W Kershaw had resigned as Vice-Chairman and been replaced by Councillor Mrs U Atherley. A Fund-raiser was required to replace the new Vice-Chairman. A very good talk was given by a psychiatric nurse from Park Lane/Ashwoth Hospitals, Maghull.

b. Crossroads Mrs D Trippier undertook to attend the AGM on Monday, 10th July 1995 at 7.30pm.

c. Correspondence from Mr J R Foster Letters to the Clerk and District Council were read together with the reply from the District Council. It was felt that as Mr Foster attended all Parish Council meetings he should have known the answers to his questions.

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

e. Hesketh Bank Silver Band Mrs D Trippier had written to the Council about the recent centenary of the Silver Band and outlined the various events staged to make the occasion.

The Clerk was asked to write to thank the Band for all the time and effort put into its organisation for the enjoyment of the village and the public at large.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

15/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Cornhill Insurance - Premium	£ 209.70
b.	West Lancashire DC - Election expenses	£ 803.36
c.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 12.35
d.	Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 476.81

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire DC - Street cleaning payment	£ 1646.44
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Taylor & Mr Hodge complained about youths congregating outside the Village Hall and the 'eyesore skips'. They were advised that the District Council refused to move the skips as they were not used when sited behind the hall.

Complaints were also made about speeding cattle wagons, one in particular. It was agreed to take this up with the local PC.

FUTURE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs L Kershaw proposed that Standing Orders in relation to public Participation be suspended for 3 months. She said that councillors had been distressed and offended by comments made at the last 3 meetings and on other occasions, and that she was no longer prepared to put up with the noise and obstreperous behaviour of some members of the public. She explained that Public Participation was not mandatory or a statutory requirement and that many Parish Councils had no Public Participation.

On being put to the vote, all Parish Councillors, except the Chairman, who abstained, voted in favour of the motion and it was, therefore,

16/95 RESOLVED:- That Standing Orders in relation to Public Participation be suspended for 3 months.

After the vote, a member of the public asked what they should do if they wished to ask questions of the Council and was advised either to contact any Councillor or to put the matter in writing.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning & Control Committee - 22nd June 1995

a. Application

No 08/95/0164 Extension of existing greenhouses; alterations to access, parking and turning areas, inclusion of fencing and landscaping details Briarcroft Nurseries, 115 Moss Lane (RECOMMENDATION - Granted)

17/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Approved by Director The following were noted:-

No 08/95/0302 Incorporation of land into residential curtilage
10, Moss Lane

No 08/95/0391 Retention of garden shed and erection of greenhouse
6 Rose Gardens

2. Weekly Lists

18/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0398 Part first floor, part 2 story extension at side
122 Chapel Road

b. No 08/95/0473 Erection of barn & construction of access road
Land at Shore Road/Dib Road

3. West Lancashire Local Plan - Consultation The Chairman indicated that the only land to be developed, apart from 'in-fills' would lie between Mill Lane and Asland Gardens.

The Council were reminded that the caravan exhibition would be at The Becconsall Hotel on the 30th June, 1995.

19/95 RESOLVED:- That no collective comments be made on the Local Plan.

4. Development at 140, Station Road This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

4. Amended Plan in respect of No 08/95/0261 The application for a detached dwelling and garage, land adj. 1 The Green had been amended.

20/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

POLICING MATTERS (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery was advised about the earlier discussion on youths congregating at the Village Hall and the speeding of cattle wagons through the village. It was also reported that white paint had been used on the play equipment at Station Road but had been removed by Mr J R Foster.

PC Thackery indicated that he had also had complaints from the public about these matters but said he had not noticed more than 3/4 youths at the Village Hall lately. There had also been a large group drinking and action had been taken against one person.

Turning to crime in the village, PC Thackery indicated that last year had been an all time low but it had slightly increased so far this year although it was still lower than the year before last. There had been a spate of thefts from cars but in May a man from Leyland had been arrested who had made two visits to the village and been responsible for 20 thefts.

Mrs D Trippier asked about the possibility of placing a traffic island in the middle of Chapel Road, at its junction with Station Road, mainly to prevent vehicles from cutting the corner. PC Thackery undertook to speak to the Traffic Department about this suggestion. He also undertook to speak to them about the possibility of examining tachographs in respect of the speeding cattle wagons referred to earlier.

A discussion took place about the possible re-siting of the skips at the Village Hall but no firm conclusions were reached.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelters

a. Maintenance There was an amount of £350 in the estimates which was the cost of cleaning the shelters last year. An amount had been included for the replacement of one shelter but this was dependent on a grant being received from the County Council.

It was agreed to leave further discussion until the Clerk was present.

b. Grant for Replacement A grant had been applied for in respect of the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Meadow Lane.

2. Grass and Hedge Cutting The Divisional County Surveyor had been approached and a reply was awaited.

3. Flooding in Station Road The Divisional County Surveyor would look again at the problem during the next spell of wet weather.

4. The Walk (Shore Road) It was reported that a post had been erected at the bottom of The Walk with a sign, 'Footpath' on it. The post was still there but the sign was missing. It was agreed to take no action as it was suspected that a local landowner had removed it.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground There were no items to report.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area No items were raised.

3. Station Road Play Area Mr J R Foster confirmed that the play equipment had been covered in white paint which he had scrubbed off.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee had inspected and reported that everything was 'fantastic', neat, tidy and most pleasing.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

21/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Entrance to site The Clerk had spoken to the County Surveyor's Department about the sight lines at the entrance and whether the previous planning conditions regarding the visibility at the entrance could be enforced. The Clerk was advised to speak to the Planning Department at the District Council. If the planners felt it could be enforced, the Surveyor would assist in identifying the true line and height of the conifers.

2. Planning Application for site adjacent to Sports Ground A copy of the detailed planning application was shown to the meeting by the Chairman. It was noted that, as in the outline application, the site edged blue and the road to the playing field were shown on the plan as being controlled/owned by the Football Club and not the Parish Council.

22/95 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Football Club have not approached the Parish Council regarding negotiations as to access to the proposed site and that, in any event, under no circumstances would the Parish Council grant access across land in its ownership.

3. Northern Boundary of Sports Ground The Chairman suggested three possible courses of action in respect of the northern boundary of the Sports Ground. Considerable discussion took place on this issue and the possible cost of legal advice.

23/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to seek advice from his Solicitor, who is an expert on boundary disputes, and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

4. Sign for Bowling Club Mr R Iddon, on behalf of the Bowling Club referred to matches imminent in July and asked if the Club could erect a sign so that visiting teams could find the Club. Mr Iddon was advised that planning permission should be sought but it was agreed that the Club could erect a temporary sign.

A further discussion took place on the hedges and conifers alongside Station Road. It was indicated that the conifers were obscuring the Sports Ground sign.

24/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Coxhead be requested to trim the outside of the hedges and trim the conifers round the sign.

5. Proposed Leases The question of the issuing of leases was discussed at length.

25/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs L Kershaw be requested to consult the Council's Solicitor regarding the possible consequences of charging the three sports clubs rents without leases having been entered into to,

2. That in the light of the advice given Mrs Kershaw be authorised to write letters to the clubs as agreed at the meeting requesting rental for the year 1994/95 and indicating the rental for the year 1995/96, without prejudice to the future issue of leases,

3. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to ascertain from the Secretary of the former Sports Company, the most recent rents paid by the sports clubs, and

4. That leases be proceeded with when the current boundary dispute has been settled and the previous conditions set by the Council have been complied with as appropriate.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th JULY, 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mr P Bannister

PC M Thackery attended for part of the meeting and three members of the press and public were present.

MARK GOODIER The Council stood in silent tribute to Mark Goodier who had tragically died since the previous meeting of the Council.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mark's work in the parish and suggested that councillors may wish to contribute towards a donation at the end of the meeting.

Mrs N Goodier thanked all members of the Council who had sent messages of sympathy to her and her family.

The Council indicated that it would be necessary to advertise the vacancy for a Parish Councillor, notwithstanding that the normal elections would be held next year and he would liaise with the District Council over possible dates for District and Parish elections if they were requested by the electorate.

MINUTES

26/95 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the correction of three spelling mistakes, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June, 1995, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Crossroads AGM No-one had been able to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Community Liaison Sub-Committee A meeting was to be held tomorrow night, Tuesday, to discuss the Parish Council Charter and Concurrent Expenditure. Each Parish Council had been invited to send three representatives. Mesdames L Kershaw, H Sephton and D Trippier agreed to attend the meeting.

2. Lancashire Police Authority A copy of the Annual Policing Plan for 1995/96 had been received.

3. Council for Voluntary Service A meeting had been held about a possible Car Sharing Scheme. Four drivers had come forward and the scheme may start in October, 1995.

4. Association for the Conservation of Energy The latest newsletter had been received.

5. The Pond Project The Chairman and Mr R Iddon undertook to read the information received on this project.

6. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. Local Government Review The latest part of the review, covering Blackburn and Blackpool had now started and the first stage submissions had to be with the Commissioners by the 10th August, 1995.

b. Training Courses Details of two courses had been received, one for Planning on the 16th September and one for New Councillors on the 28th October. The Chairman wished to attend the first course and Councillors should indicate by the next meeting if they wished to attend the second course.

c. Charities Information and Advice Service Details of the Service had been received.

d. Allotment Survey The Clerk undertook to complete the survey and to ask the District Council if it still owned allotments in Chapel Road.

e. National Association of Parish & Town Councils The Annual Report and latest edition of the Handbook had been received.

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

7. Community Care Charter and Plan Mrs L Kershaw had received some correspondence and undertook to consider it and reply as necessary.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

27/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Lancs. Playing Fields Assoc. - Annual Subscription | £ 10.00 |
| b. | Zurich Municipal - Play Equipment Insurance | £ 186.96 |
| c. | Mr N Marsden - Seat repairs
(The Clerk to check the previous invoice for seat repairs) | £ 147.43 |
| d. | Village Hall Committee - Rental and donation | £ 255.00 |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

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| a. | Lancs. County Council - Bus shelter grant | £ 300.00 |
| b. | HM Customs & Excise - VAT refund | £ 2658.42 |
| c. | NIG Skandia - Insurance claim, bus shelter | £ 1277.50 |

28/95 RESOLVED:- That £2,500 out of the VAT refund be transferred to the Sports Facilities Account.

3. Annual Audit of Accounts The audit had been completed but the books would only be on deposit, by arrangement with the Chairman, from the 2nd to the 22nd August, 1995.

POLICE MATTERS (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery said that he had spoken to the owner of the wagon which had been speeding and latest indications were that the speed had reduced. He had received some complaints about a green van parking in Moss Lane, again, after speaking to the owner, he hoped it had been resolved.

PC Thackery had referred the idea of a crossing to the Traffic Department but indicated that the construction of a crossing would create no-parking areas on either side. Investigations were also going on about the creation of a centre island as at Rufford.

When asked about Mill Lane, he was not sure about the latest position but he knew that the Midland Bank had been involved in various discussions with one of the residents.

PC Thackery was advised that there was now 4 bullet holes in windows at the Village Hall and he undertook to keep an eye on the situation. He also undertook to look out for speeding motor cycles especially at weekends.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

29/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0495 Reserved matters - Sports facilities etc. - Land at 140 Station Road (This had been amended on the 10th July 1995)

b. No 08/95/0491 Extension to glasshouses, erection of new glasshouse block, new barn and new storage/office/canteen building. Provision of new access and hardstanding to farm and new access to bungalow and erection of conservatory at side of dwelling - Anchorage Farm, Guide Road

c. No 08/95/0550 Single storey rear extension - 16 Delta Park Drive

2. Development & Planning Committee - 27th July, 1995

a. Planning Applications

30/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/95/0287 Conversion of barn to single dwelling - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road (Recommendation - Granted).

b. Planning Appeal The following appeal had been dismissed:-

No 08/94/0386 Certificate of lawfulness of existing use, use of land as a wagon/goods storage yard - Old Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane.

c. Approvals since last meeting The following were noted:-

a. No 08/95/0261 Detached dwelling & garage - Land adj. 1 the Green (Approved)

b. No 08/95/0288 Single storey/first floor extension at rear - 50A Newarth Lane (Withdrawn)

c. No 08/95/0390 Renewal of permission (08/93/1002) for the retention of caravan for use as rest room in connection with market garden business 140 Moss Lane (Approved)

d. No 08/95/0398 Part 1st floor, part 2 storey extension at side 122 Chapel Road (Approved)

3. Other matters The following documents were noted:-

- a. Regional Planning Guidance for the North West - A summary
- b. Listed Buildings in West Lancashire (There were 5 in the Parish)
- c. A Tourism Strategy for Lancashire

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Various matters in the Parish

a. Hedges

1. Station Road The County Council were to inspect the hedge at the 'Hourwatch' site and take appropriate action.

2. Moss Lane/Boundary Lane The Clerk was to write to the owner of the hedge at the junction of these roads about the overhanging haedge.

b. Verges The County Council had indicated that the verges were cut 3 times a year and they were unable to cut them more frequently. The Parish Council could cut the verges at its own expense.

2. The Brow Wall The wall was in private ownership. The County Council had inspected the wall and whilst there had been some movement there was no danger. It was a gradual deterioration not a sudden recent decline. The wall owner would be advised of local concerns.

3. Bus shelters Mrs H Sephton had conducted a survey in Chapel Road, by Cropper Gardens, and the positioning of a shelter there would cause great distress to the residents.

31/95 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked if it will be possible to site the shelter on Chapel Road adjacent to Nook Farm.

Mrs D Trippier and Mrs H Sephton had undertaken a survey of the Street Seats and Bus Shelters and a copy was handed to Councillors. It was agreed to consider the various recommendations at the next meeting of the Council.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Play Equipment There were no items under this heading. The Clerk was working on the invitation of tenders for the safety surfacing work to be undertaken with the Grant from the District Council.

B. Football Pitch The Chairman had received a letter from the Headteacher at the School complaining about bald areas on the football pitch. Whilst the school did not use the pitch for matches, the children used the recreation ground as a play area and she was concerned that the area would become muddy during wet weather periods in the winter.

It was reported that the school paid for the pitch to be mown and expected the Parish Council to maintain the area to a reasonable standard.

The Football Club had previously carried out maintenance of the pitch in return for a low rental. In addition, the Council used to provide the grass seed with the Club undertaking the work.

It was felt that it would not be possible to re-seed the ground at this time of the year.

32/95 RESOLVED:- That the Football Club be requested to re-turf the bare patches on the football pitch, to the satisfaction of the Headteacher of the School and that the pitch must not be used again until such time as the turf has taken.

C. Water Supply The Clerk reported that NW Water had now investigated the situation at the changing hut with regard to the water supply and had concluded that wrong readings had been taken. After looking at the payments over the past 18 months or so, it appeared that the Council owed an amount of £4.83 which would appear on the next account.

2. Station Road Play Area More graffiti had been painted on the play equipment and had been cleaned off by Mr Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS
WEST LANACSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

Mrs L Kershaw gave a report on the recent meeting:-

The positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman had both been contested but there was still no-one willing to take on the office of Secretary.

Regional Railways North West had indicated that the cost of opening the Burscough Curves was likely to exceed revenue and they were unlikely to support the proposition unless a heavy subsidy was forthcoming.

The Police and Community Forum would continue as before with additional resources being provided in the Chief Executive's Department to assist with servicing the meetings.

The District Council would like to know in which quarter this year's grants would be requested and there was currently no news regarding concurrent expenditure for next year.

The first meeting of a new Rights of Way Forum would be held on the 7th November 1995 at 7.30pm. It was suggested that councillors should ensure that all rights of way are walked at frequent intervals.

The Victim Support Scheme Co-ordinator had resigned and a new person had been appointed.

LOW COST HOUSING

Mrs L Kershaw had received correspondence on this subject which when followed up had indicated that Miss K Scivyer had left Rural Housing Trust and the work was now being co-ordinated from London. It appeared that there was some confusion between the scheme in this Parish and the proposals for Fermor Road but Mrs Kershaw had now set the record straight and had forwarded a plan showing the areas in this parish originally suggested as possible sites for the development.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

33/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Entrance to site The Clerk had spoken to the Planning Department about the original conditions relating to sight lines etc., and had been advised that consideration would be given to including the same conditions in any new approval granted.

2. Northern Boundary Mr K Wareing reported on meetings between himself and Mr R Iddon with Mr Wignall, himself and the Chairman with the Council's Solicitor and between himself and the Architect for the current application.

Mr Wareing had also obtained a plan, circa 1937, from the Secretary to the former Sports Company.

It was suggested that measurements should be taken of the field to co-incide with the dimensions on the plan.

34/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Messrs Wareing and Iddon be authorised to visit Mr Wignall regarding the boundary hedge with a view to reaching agreement as to the boundary of the Council's land, and

2. That the District Council be asked about the latest position with regard to the enforcement action against Mr Wignall.

3. Sign for Bowling Club Mr R Iddon indicated that the urgency for the sign had now passed and it would be pursued through the normal channels.

4. Leases for Sports Clubs Mrs L Kershaw reported on her meeting with the Council's Solicitor regarding the proposed leases and a request from the Council for the payemnt of rentals for the year 1994/95.

35/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Ground Committee be requested to meet to discuss the draft leases and report back to an early meeting of the Council with proposals,

2. That the Sports Clubs be advised that the Council should be in a position to submit a draft lease for comment within the next 2/3 months, but that, in the case of the Football Club, the Council will be looking for an indication that the Club has complied with the conditions previously outlined and

3. That the Sports Clubs be requested to pay the following rentals for the year 1994/95, without prejudice to the issue of a formal lease:-

Bowling Club	-	£ 383.00
Cricket Club	-	£ 191.00
Football Club	-	£ 165.00

Stephen Twiss
4th Sept 1995

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier.

Three members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

36/95 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th July, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. District Council Community Liaison Sub-Committee The Parish Council's 3 representatives had attended the meeting which had not lasted very long and it was felt it had been a waste of time. The one item to come out of the meeting, not from the Chair, was that money was available in the budget for street lights in rural areas.

2. Training Courses A Course on Planning was to be held on the 16th Septemebr, 1995 and a Course for New Councillors would be held on the 28th October, 1995.

37/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier and Mr K Wareing be authorised to attend the Course on Planning to be held on the 16th September, 1995 and that the Course fee of £50 be paid to the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Countryside Ranger Service - Conservation Roadshow This had now been completed and thanks were conveyed to all who had helped to make it a success.

b. Transportation and Amenities Committee There were no items affecting this Parish.

c. Casual Vacancy It was reported that an election had not been called and the Parish Council could co-opt a new member.

38/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr Carl Pickering, who was second in the last election, be co-opted to the Parish Council for a period to May, 1996.

Mr R Iddon asked why the District Council had requested details of election expenses. The Clerk indicated that this was to verify that the expenditure was within the limits allowable.

2. County Council

Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Details of Technical Reports, which were available for inspection, had been received.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

Annual General Meeting This would be held on Saturday, the 18th November, 1995 at County Hall, Preston at 10.30am. The Parish Council were entitled to send 2 Voting representatives and other Non-Voting representatives. It was agreed to nominate representatives at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Other correspondence Dr R K Gulati had written to say how much the late Mark Goodier would be missed in the Parish.

4. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

39/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 126.00
N W Water - Water Charges	£ 73.38
Acland Bracewell & Co. - Surveying Fee	£ 117.50
Mr A Coxhead - Hedgecutting	£ 15.00
Mrs L Kershaw - Contribution to Audit Fee	£ 2.10

The Parish Council considered the recent account from N W Water which again was in excess of the average charges for the past two years. It was indicated that any leak would be very noticable due to the extremely dry weather.

40/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to investigate the water meter over the next few days,

2. That the Clerk forwards a copy of the account to the Football Club with a request for payment for the water used, and

3. That N W Water be requested to change the Account Holder's name to the Football Club as the Parish Council has no means of access to the premises to check whether or not taps have been turned off or not.

2. Annual Audit of Accounts No residents had asked to see the accounts whilst on deposit at the Chairman's house.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. Application No 08/95/0645 Two storey side extension and rear porch - 74 Moss Lane

41/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Application No 08/95/0706 Two storey extension to home for elderly, including flat at first floor - 224 Moss lane

42/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. Application No 08/95/0677 O/L Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings and erection of No 2 - 4 bedroom detached dwellings with detached garages - The Brow, Station Road

43/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That no objection be made to this application, and,

2. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council consider that the Conservation Area Advisory Panel should be consulted on the design and architecture utilised to ensure that it fits in with the existing development in this area of the Parish.

d. Application No 08/95/0726 Two storey rear extension - 82 Chapel Road

44/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Development and Planning Committee

1. Applications for consideration

No 08/95/0491 Extension to glasshouses, erection of new glasshouses block, new barn and new storage/office/canteen building, provision of new access and hardstanding to farm and new access to bungalow and erection of conservatory at side of dwelling and alterations to curtilage of dwelling - Anchorage Farm, Guide Road (Recommendation - Granted)

45/95 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

2. Applications approved since last meeting

a. No 08/95/0309 Conversion of vacant coach house to a granny flat and covered link - 163 Station Road

b. No 08/95/0473 Erection of barn and construction of access road - Land at Shore Road/Dib Road

c. No 08/95/0550 Single storey rear extension - 16 Delta Park Drive

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hedges

a. Moss Lane/Boundary Lane This hedge had now been cut.

b. 'Hourwatch' site This was still with the County Council.

2. The Brow Wall The District Council had indicated that the wall ~~was not~~ of sufficient interest to warrant designation. The County Council has written to the owner of the wall to draw his attention to the concerns recently expressed.

3. Footway Lighting The District Council were requesting bids for the provision of footway lights in rural areas.

46/95 RESOLVED:- That a bid be made for lights to be provided at the following locations:-

Moss Lane - Near to Moss Chapel

Shore Road - Extension of existing lighting towards Hesketh Bank

4. Bus Shelters

a. New Shelter - Chapel Road There was no response to date from the County Surveyor.

b. Repairs and Maintenance Consideration was given to the survey carried out recently by Mesdames H Sephton and D Trippier.

47/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be requested to replace the litter bins at Shore Road/Hundred End Lane and Shore Road, by the Poor Marsh,

2. That Mr A Sephton be authorised to undertake minor repairs to the shelter at Shore Road/Hundred End Lane,

3. That the Chairman be authorised to try to salvage some beading from the shelter demolished last year to repair the shelter at Station Road/All Saints Church, and

4. That quotations be received from 3 tradesmen for the painting of the shelters at Shore Road/Chapel Road (Southport bound) and Shore Road/Chapel Road (Preston bound) and applying wood preservative to the shelter at Chapel Road/Pardoe Close (Southport bound).

5. Street Seats Consideration was given to the survey carried out recently by Mesdames Sephton and Trippier.

48/95 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to arrange for an estimate to be obtained for repairs to street seats as indicated on the survey.

5. Grass Verges in Hesketh Bank The County Divisional Surveyor had visited the area and had been unable to identify any stones on Shore Road which would cause a nuisance to traffic. However, there was a location on Guide Road and he asked whether or not the Parish Council wished to approach the owner of the adjacent property or whether he should contact the person concerned. He also asked whether the Council had any idea why the stones had been placed in that position. It was indicated that liability rested with the person who placed the stones on the highway but the Highway Authority could be implicated if they failed to respond to the situation.

It was felt that the stones had been placed to deter vehicles parking at that point, especially at weekends, and perhaps a 'No Parking' sign was the answer. It was agreed to request the County Divisional Surveyor to raise this issue with the owner of the premises.

6. Speeding and other Traffic Problems in the Parish The Council's attention was drawn to the problems on Shore Road with speeding vehicles taking chances in overtaking slow moving vehicles. There were many farms on the road and slow moving farm vehicles were a daily feature of the road. It was suggested that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit on Shore Road to 50 m.p.h.

Concern was also expressed about speeding in the 30 m.p.h. area of Shore Road and on Station Road and Hesketh Lane. It was suggested that consideration should be given to the introduction of mini-roundabouts at Station Road/Moss Lane, Station Road/Chapel Road and Shore Road/Chapel Road as a means of slowing down the traffic at those locations. In making these suggestions the Council had in mind the current problems and the possibility of a further 110 dwellings being erected off Station Road.

49/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Divisional Police Commander be advised of the concerns of the Council regarding speeding on Shore Road and in other areas of the Parish and be asked to increase enforcement in those areas,

2. That the County Surveyor be advised of the Parish Council's concerns and requested to look at the possibility of erecting mini-roundabouts at various locations in the Parish in an attempt to slow down vehicles using the roads in the urban part of the village, and

3. That the County Surveyor be requested to arrange a meeting between Officers of his department and the Police and representatives of the Parish Council to enable the various suggestions to be discussed in detail.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Safety Surfacing Quotations had been received from I J Yates and Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

Glenpark Drive - Climbing Frame and Swings The quotations were

Yates - £1716 + VAT Wicksteed - £1527.55 + VAT (including storage and delivery)

Shore Road - Roundabout

Yates - No work required Wicksteed - £3654.60 + VAT (Wrong substance used previously, full replacement required)

50/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Wicksteed Leisure Ltd be asked to undertake the work at Glenpark Drive subject to storage being provided by the Parish Council, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to seek advice off Mr P Cooley as to whether any work is required in respect of surfacing by the roundabout on Shore Road.

2. Recreation Ground

a. Football Pitch The Football Club had indicated that turfing was not a feasible option but maintenance work would be carried out. The Club had spent some £3000 in five years and would continue to spend money on the pitch.

It was agreed to forward a copy of the letter to Miss Penman at the school.

Mr L Greenwood was asked to investigate the ditch on the Belsfield Drive side of the ground and the drains across the pitch.

b. Boundary with Belsfield Drive A resident of Belsfield Drive had complained about the height of the trees between his property and the Recreation Ground and requested that they be pruned to 10 feet high.

It was agreed that the Chairman would take advice from the District Council regarding the pruning of the trees concerned.

ALLOTMENTS

The drain from the playing field to the Poor Marsh had burst last year and had burst again and required cleaning out.

51/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Messrs P Bannister and K Wareing be authorised to obtain prices for the necessary work and the Chairman be authorised to accept a reasonable price for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to speak to Mr M Whiteside about interference to his crop which was alongside the ditch.

LOW COST HOUSING

It was reported that Mrs L Kershaw had been in correspondence with the District Council which had advised that this year's allocation would go to Banks with Hesketh Bank as top priority for 1996/97.

FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1. Parish Walks Leaflets produced for Upholland Parish Council had been received and were passed to the Chairman and Mrs D Trippier.

2. Other Matters

Footpath from Cottams Farm, Shore Road to Moss Lane It was reported that the Ramblers Association had placed notices on the footpath regarding a modification to the Definitive Plan to change the use from All uses to that of footpath only. Mrs Kershaw indicated that the Parish Council would be consulted on the proposal before a decision was taken by the County Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

52/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

a. Northern boundary Mr K Wareing presented a Surveyor's Report which clarified the ownership of the hedge but was not clear on the ownership of the ditch, although there should be a free flow of water along the ditch.

53/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to visit Mr E Wignall with the report to try to agree the ownership of the hedge and obtain agreement in respect of the ditch, and

2. That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to indicate the latest position in respect of the adjacent site.

b. Proposed Leases It was reported that a Solicitor acting for the Football Club had requested sight of the proposed lease and it was thought that a copy had been provided together with details of the conditions which must be complied with by the Football Club before the Council will sign the lease.

54/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs Kershaw be authorised to delay the submission of the lease to the Football Club, if not already sent, and

2. That, if the lease has been sent, copies should also be forwarded to the Bowling and Cricket Clubs.

c. Annual Rentals The Football and Cricket Clubs had paid the rentals and the Bowling Club had a Committee meeting shortly to approve the payment. It was agreed to advise the Football Club that payment had been made in arrears.

d. Rubbish on site

55/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the rubbish on the site be cleaned up
at a cost not exceeding £200, and

2. That the three Clubs be advised that this work
had been undertaken and that future rubbish was their responsibility.

e. Pond Project Mr R Iddon had read the document and felt that
attendance at the Seminar was not necessary.

Stephan Tappin
2 Oct 95.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd OCTOBER, 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier, L Kershaw, D Trippier and
J Witter

Messrs L Greenwood, R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs H Sephton and Mr C Pickering

One member of the public was present

MINUTES

56/95 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LOW COST HOUSING (Mike Parry of the West Lancashire District Council and James Bronfield of English Churches Housing attended the meeting for this item)

The Council were reminded that an initial survey had been undertaken in 1994 which identified the need for the scheme but a second, non-site specific, survey was now required to identify the exact mix of properties to be built.

In addition, the Rural Housing Trust had originally been looking at a site in Shore Road but alternative sites were now being sought for consideration to avoid building in the Green Belt.

The Council were advised that English Churches Housing had offices in Leigh and Liverpool and were currently developing sites in Southport and Banks.

It was suggested by the Council that there was a need for houses for young couples who wished to stay in the village whilst acknowledging that some homes for the elderly may also be required.

Mike Parry felt that a survey carried out solely from Ormskirk would seem somewhat remote to residents and suggested that the Parish Council should assist to localise the survey.

James Bronfield undertook to provide a brief description as to what Shared Ownership entailed and a discussion was held on the various merits and demerits of shared ownership with some members being against the principle.

Mike Parry suggested that the survey would be conducted similar to last time with the District Council preparing, printing and distributing the questionnaires and the Parish Council assisting in the collection by arranging for collection points in the village. If the Parish Council wanted any questions included then Mike Parry should be advised as soon as possible.

With regard to land, a section 106 agreement would allow building on Green Belt land if no alternative sites were available in the Parish. Mike Parry undertook to speak to the Planning Department about the possibility of building on Green Belt land.

The Chairman undertook to act as a contact point in the Parish and undertook to speak to Mrs H Sephton to see if she would consider taking on that role.

The Chairman thanked Mike Parry and James Bronfield for attending the meeting and looked forward to progress being made as soon as possible.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Training Course The Chairman and Mr K Wareing had attended a course on planning which had dealt more with public inquiries and strategic issues. It appeared that developemnt in Lancashire was being encouraged along the transport corridors i.e. M6 and M55.

2. Casual vacancy Carl Pickering had accepted the vacancy but was away on holiday. He would attend the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Committee Agenda There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Seminar A Seminar for Clerks and Chairmen was to be held on the 11th October, 1995 at Ormskirk. The Clerk and Chairman were both able to attend.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. Area Committee This was to be held on the 13th October 1995.

b. Newsletter

i. Local Government Review The recommendation was for Blackburn and Blackpool to become Unitary Authorities. A consultation period would end on the 8th November, 1995 and the final recommendation had to be with the Secretary of State by the 2nd January, 1996.

ii. Lancashire County Fire Brigade A copy of a Report and Community Service Plan for 1995/96 had been received.

iii. AGM - 18th November, 1995

57/95 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be appointed as the Voting Representatives to attend the AGM.

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

4. Other matters

a. MANWEB A list of contact points had been received.

b. Mr J R Foster Mr Foster had asked about the funds spent by the Parish Council in 1994/95 and 1995/96 and also about action being taken by the Council against local vandals. Mr Foster had also asked about byelaws to prevent drinking in the streets.

The Clerk undertook to respond to Mr Foster on these issues.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

58/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 467.78
P McConnachie Esq - Cleaning out allotment ditch	£ 50.00

2. Receipts The following amounts had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council	
- 2nd part of Precept	£ 4666.00
- Street cleaning	£ 1643.02

3. Other Matters

North West Water The Clerk reported a letter from North West Water admitting a clerical error on the last account which had been paid by the Council. The Football Club had also paid to the Council an amount of £57.55 equivalent to the amount of water used as stated on the account. The amended account would be sent to the Football Club by NWW and it was for the Club to negotiate a refund.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists There were no applications within the Parish.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 5th October 1995

59/95 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0491 - Development at Anchorage Farm, Guide Road (Recommendation - Granted subject to provision of 2 passing places in vicinity of 'Blair Atholl' and 'Brownrigg').

b. No 08/95/0293 - 2 storey detached dwelling - adj 1A Guide Road (Recommendation - Refused).

c. No 08/95/0495 - Development at 140 Station Road (Recommendation - Granted).

d. No 08/95/0706 - 2 storey extension to Home for the elderly including flat at first floor - 224 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Refused).

60/95 RESOLVED:- That the following Planning Applications approved by the Director of Development & Amenities since the Committee, be noted:-

a. No 08/95/0645 - 2 storey side extension and rear porch - 74 Moss Lane

b. No 08/95/0726 - 2 storey rear extension - 82 Chapel Road

3. Notice to Parish Councils on Planning Applications

61/95 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to complete the questionnaire on the lines indicated at the meeting.

4. Other matters

Application No 08/95/0677 Development at The Brow The Director of Development & Amenities had indicated that this application could not be referred to the Conservation Advisory Panel as it is not in a Conservation Area and does not affect a Listed Building. The Council's Conservation Officer will be consulted and the Department will endeavour to negotiate a scheme to fit in with the existing development and so enhance the area.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelters

a. New Shelter - Chapel Road The views of the County Surveyor were still awaited and the Clerk undertook to send a reminder.

b. Repairs to Shelters The Clerk had this matter in hand.

c. Shelter at Station Road/Moss Lane This shelter had been damaged by a car and the Clerk had contacted the driver with a request to pass the Council's interest to the Insurance Company.

2. Litter Bins The District Council had been asked to replace the broken litter bins.

3. Street Seats

62/95 RESOLVED:- That the quotation for the repair of seats submitted By Mr R W Solley in the sum of £ 198.50, be accepted.

4. Speeding and Other Traffic problems The County Surveyor had indicated he would consult the Police and contact the Council again. The Police had indicated that a 60 mph speed limit was appropriate for the rural area of Shore Road but the speed of vehicles would be monitored. With regard to traffic calming measures, the Police felt these would have a low priority due to the low accident rate in the village.

5. Temporary Road Closure The Council noted that Station Road would be closed for 20 metres, in the vicinity of No 165, from Monday, the 23rd October, 1995 to Friday, the 27th October, 1995, to enable a sewer connection to be made.

6. Other Matters

a. Public Footpath - Shore Road to Moss Lane The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been consulted in 1990 and had made no comments and offered no evidence either for or against the proposal.

b. Moss Lane Complaints had been received from cyclists about the state of Moss Lane which had a series of potholes at the side of the road. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the County Surveyor with a request that the road be resurfaced.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Safety Surfacing The Chairman had consulted Mr P Cooley who had indicated that none of the existing surfacing complied with the current British Standard and that no surfacing was required around the roundabout.

63/95 RESOLVED:- That Wicksteed Leisure be requested to provide a quotation for improving the safety surfacing around the slide on the Recreation Ground at a cost not exceeding the amount remaining after the work at Glenpark Drive has been completed.

2. Recreation Ground Drainage It was accepted that the drainage was inadequate and that a grant should be applied for to provide new drainage.

3. Trees on Belsfield Drive side of Recreation Ground The Chairman had consulted the District Council who had indicated that if the Council decided to pollard the trees, the problem would return in the future. An alternative would be to replace the existing poplar trees with hawthorn.

64/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Crabtree be asked for an estimate of cost to pollard the poplar trees adjacent to Belsfield Drive.

4. Play Equipment Inspection The Insurance Company's Inspector had again indicated that the clearance under the flat seat swings was inadequate. The Chairman undertook to check the clearance against British Standards.

ALLOTMENTS

The work required to the ditch was still with Mr P Bannister. The Chairman had spoken to the holder of the allotment alongside the ditch about possible disruption to his crop and reported that the person concerned considered that the benefits would outweigh the disadvantages and, therefore, the work should be undertaken as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL CONCURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The District Council had requested bids for capital schemes for 1996/97 by the end of October, had requested information about when the current years grant would be spent and comments about the existing scheme for concurrent expenditure.

65/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That application be made for the following 2 schemes:-

- a. New drainage for Recreation Ground, Shore Road - £6,000
- b. Extension of safety surfacing on Recreation Ground - £5,000

2. That the District Council be advised that a contract is about to be let for the grant obtained for the current financial year, and

3. That a review of the concurrent scheme is required as this Parish Council had started at a low base when the existing scheme had been introduced due to the Council, at that time, operating a particularly frugal financial policy.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

66/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Northern Boundary Mr K Wareing had visited Mr E Wignall who had accepted that the Parish Council owned the hedge and should have access to the ditch.

67/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to advise Mr Wignall that the Council intends to amend the Deeds accordingly and that Mr Wareing be also authorised to instruct the Council's Solicitor to make the necessary amendment.

2. Adjacent Site The Council noted the latest position with regard to action being taken by the District Council.

3. Leases

68/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to instruct the Council's Solicitor to forward a copy of the draft lease to the Bowling and Cricket Clubs.

4. Rentals The Bowling Club had now paid the rental due for 1994/95 and had requested a reduction in respect of the work they carried out on the roadway to the site. The Club indicated that a reduction of £100 per annum had been granted by the former owners of the site. The Club had acquired some material for filling in the potholes on the roadway.

69/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Bowling Club be thanked for their previous work to the roadway and asked to spread the material now acquired on the roadway, and

2. That the Bowling Club be advised that a reduction in rental will not be granted as the Parish Council wishes to operate a fairer system next year.

STANDING ORDERS

70/95 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.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (CONT)

5. Rubbish Mr K Wareing reported that he had currently spent £70 in tidying up the site but required a decision on the old toilets.

Mr Wareing was authorised to approach the Clubs concerned and take action as requested by them.

On completion of the work, the Clerk would write to the 3 Clubs to advise them of the position and particularly request the Clubs not to leave bin bags around the site.

6. Meeting with Football Club The Sports Ground Committee reported on a recent meeting with the Football Club. The Club had undertaken to apply for necessary planning permissions if they were required to do so. The Club had also requested consideration be given to enclosing the football pitch, utilising materials approved by the Council. In making this request, the Club pointed out that the bowling green and cricket pitch were both enclosed.

It was noted that the trees around the new notice board had been cut back to make the board visible.

The Chairman indicated that the Sports Ground Committee may wish to consider the overall use of the ground and this could affect the current plans of the Football Club.

71/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That, at the present time, permission be not granted for the enclosure of the football pitch, and

2. That the Sports Ground Committee be requested to consider a plan for the future use of the whole of the ground for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 30th OCTOBER 1995

PRESENT: Mr. S. Trippier (Chairman). Mesdames L. Kershaw, H. Sephton, D. Trippier and J. Witter Messrs. P. Bannister, L. Greenwood, R. Iddon, C. Pickering and K. Wareing. Five members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - The Chairman welcomed Mr. Carl Pickering to the Council and Mr. Pickering signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

In the absence of the Clerk through illness, Mrs. L. Kershaw took the minutes.

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs. N. Goodier.

MINUTES

72/95 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Trees at Bellsfield Drive.** A letter had been received from the District Council's arboriculturist indicating that the best solution would be to remove the poplar trees and replace them by hawthorns (*Crataegus Monogyna*) in order to maintain the long term screening along the boundary of the Recreation Ground. As estimated by Mr. Twist the cost of felling the poplars and treating the stumps would be £80. Mrs. Sephton volunteered to ascertain the cost of hawthorns.

73/95 **RESOLVED** that the poplar trees be felled and that the resident at Bellsfield Drive be asked if he would contribute half of the cost.

2. **Local Government Review**

74/95 **RESOLVED** that the Lancashire County Council be informed that this Parish Council is unanimously in favour of the retention of the status quo ante of Blackburn and Blackpool.

3. **Bus shelter, Station Road** - The Clerk had received a form from the Eagle Star Insurance Company and would ascertain the cost of repairs and return the form to the Company.

4. **Seats** - Mrs. Kershaw reported that the renovation of the benches had been completed by Mr. R. Solley; she had asked the Chairman to sanction the expenditure of a further £27. as it had been found that two more new bars were necessary.

5. **Public footpath - Shore Road to Moss Lane.** A letter had been received from Lancashire County Council asking whether the Parish Council now had comments to make on the proposal to make this track into a public footpath. Three letters of objection were to hand and the Council

75/95 **RESOLVED** that copies of these letters be sent to the County Council and that the County Council be informed that this Parish Council was not in favour of the proposal.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

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- a. **Committee agenda** - there were no items affecting this parish.
- b. **Byelaws in respect of pleasure grounds and open spaces** - the model bye-laws enclosed with this letter applied only to grounds owned by the District Council.
- c. **Parish Council Charter** - District Councillors would be visiting Hesketh Bank by coach for a very short time on 7th November. Mrs. Trippier volunteered to board the coach to show them the features of Hesketh Bank.
- d. **Residents' Groups** - a letter had been received from the Development Assistant about the possibilities of tenant participation. Mrs. H. Sephton volunteered for this duty.
- e. **Rights of way and access forum** - a meeting of the Forum was to be held on 7th November. It was possible that one or two councillors might attend.

2. **Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils** - the Chairman, reporting on the meeting of 13th October, said that parish councils had been advised to check whether they were covered against libel and slander; the cost of the cover would be £7.50. Mrs. Kershaw undertook to check with the Clerk. Advice had also been given about the erection of disclaimer notices on play areas and sports grounds and the Council

76/95 **RESOLVED** that such notices should be erected and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

3. **Lancashire County Council** - a copy of the County's Mineral and Waste Development plan had been received, together with posters and forms for objections. Mr. K. Wareing would study this and possibly attend the seminar on 9th November in Preston.

4. Other matters

- a. **Police plan** - a letter had been received from Superintendent Lincoln about policing in West Lancashire, asking for objectives for the new police plan. The Council decided to ask for the tightening of policing of sales of alcohol to under-age people.
- b. **Energy Saving Materials (Rate of Value Added Tax) Bill** - the Council decided to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to reduce the VAT on such materials to 8 per cent in the next Budget.
- c. **Letter from Mr. R. Foster** - Mr. Foster, who was present at this meeting, was told that no bye-laws had been made for the Sports Ground.

4. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

7795 **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be paid:

D. Halsted - clearing rubbish from sports field	£74.00
D. Huyton - drainage of allotments	£42.00
R. Solley - renovations of parish benches	£226.03

2. Receipts

West Lancs. District Council; half concurrent expenditure	£710.00
M. Whiteside - allotment rent	£36.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In answer to a question from a member of the public, the Chairman stated that no negotiations had yet started with the Hesketh Bank Football Club over the matter of access to their proposed development. The same member of the public was told that the conifers which had obscured the Centenary Sports field sign had been cut away. In answer to a further question about the skips in front of the village hall, Mrs. Kershaw said that both the charities concerned preferred them in front of the hall rather than behind, where they were not seen.

Members of the public asked whether a parish notice board could be placed in front of the village hall. The council agreed to consider this request at its next meeting.

On a member of the public becoming obstreperous and causing a disturbance, the police were called in and admonished him.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. Application No. 08/95/0706 - two storey extension to home for elderly. This application had been withdrawn.

b. Application No. 8/95/0869 - reserved matters - detached bungalow with attached garage. Rear of 174/176 Station road.

78/95 **RESOLVED** that no comment be made on this application.

c. Application No. 8/95/0875 - O/L erection of two detached houses and provision of private driveway. Land adjacent to 11A Chapel Road.

79/95 **RESOLVED** that no comment be made on this application.

d. Application No. 8/95/0879 - single story extension rear of 165 Moss Lane.

80/95 **RESOLVED** that no comment be made on this application.

e. Application No. 8/95/0880 - single storey extension and conservatory at side - Riccadonna, Boundary Lane.

81/95 **RESOLVED** that no comment be made on this application.

2. Application determined under delegated system

No. 8/94/0603 - planning permission granted for conversion of redundant farm building to detached dwelling - Mount Farm, The Brow.

3. District Council Planning Committee

There were no applications from Hesketh Bank for consideration.

4. Application approved since last meeting - detailed planning permission for all-weather playing field, community hall, changing rooms, etc. Land at 140 Station Road.

7. HIGHWAYS

1. Bus shelters - notification had been received from Lancashire County Council that a grant of £650 would be given for a new shelter and £650 for a replacement shelter, this being 50 per cent of the cost.

Two estimates had been received for painting three of the bus shelters and the Council

82/95 **RESOLVED** to accept an estimate of £180.00 from Mr. Gary Pitman.



7. HIGHWAYS (continued)

2. **Seats** - those of the parish benches which needed renovating had now been done.

3. **Other matters** - Mrs. Trippier reported that an application to use the old Railway Yard at Hundred End for vehicles (as shown in the Ormskirk Advertiser) was incorrect, as the Old Railway Yard was in Hesketh Bank, not in Banks. Mrs. Kershaw undertook to write to the Licensing Authority.

The hedge on the Hour Watch site at the northern end of Station Road needed cutting. The Council

83/95 RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to cut the hedge and send the bill to the owner.

Mrs. Trippier reported that a narrow strip of tarmac had been ripped up at Hundred End, as if a plough had dug into it. Also the surface of Moss Lane was in a parlous state. Mrs. Kershaw undertook to write to the County Surveyor about these matters.

West Lancs. District Council had issued a contract variation order to enable the footpaths and channels of Pardoe Close and Rose Gardens to be cleaned to Zone 3 standard, at a cost of £103.98 p.a.

8. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

The Chairman reported that Wicksteeds were coming to do the work on the swings on Glen Park Drive and to do the safety surfacing. the materials would be stored at Mr. Bannister's property.

9. ALLOTMENTS

Rent had been received from Mr. M. Whiteside. Drainage of the allotment had been completed by D. Huyton, who had sent a plan of the drains. Mrs. Kershaw undertook to photocopy this plan for the members of the allotment committee.

10. PARISH COUNCIL CONCURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

A letter had been received from West Lancs. District Council, enclosing an analysis of the expenditure of all the parishes in West Lancashire. Members of the Council had studied this analysis and asked that the District Council be informed that it was a pity that population figures were not given for each Parish Council.

Councillors felt that a fairer system for concurrent expenditure would be based on an allocation per capita of the population and asked the Clerk to write to that effect.

A form had been received on which bids for capital grants from the District Council were to be made. The Council had already decided to apply for £11,000 for the draining of the Shore Road Recreation Ground (£6,000 and for extending the safety surfacing round the slide and the climbing frame (£5,000)

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC


84/95 RESOLVED that the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

12. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Northern Boundary

Messrs. Wareing and Trippier had been to see Mr. Wignall, only to find that he had reneged on the agreement reported in last month's minutes, i.e. that the Parish Council owned the hedge and should have access to the ditch. Mr. Wignall maintained that he had agreed to the Parish Council's ownership of the hedge in return for the Parish Council granting access over its land to the Football Club for its proposed development. This was emphatically not so, and Messrs. Trippier and Wareing withdrew.

It was suggested that Mr. Wareing should see Mr. T. Whitehead to discuss with him the boundary on the rest of the field.



12. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (continued)

1. Northern boundary (continued)

85/95 RESOLVED that an early meeting should be arranged with the Football Club and Mr. E. Wignall to emphasise that the hedge is shown on the deeds as belonging to the Parish council and that this meeting should be open to all councillors.

86/95 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.

2. Survey

The Chairman reported that members of the University of Central Lancashire had done a survey of the whole site and would draw up a scale plan. There would be no charge for this, as it was an exercise.

3. Leases

It was reported that Mr. Davies was in process of drawing up a lease for the Hesketh Bank Football Club. The cricket club was pressing for their lease as a matter of urgency.

4. Marepitt

Mr. R. Iddon had had a long conversation with an area licensing and monitoring officer from the National Rivers Authority. On finding the bowling greens being watered from the "marepitt", she had immediately ordered a cessation and banned the abstraction of water from the marepitt. It was stated that a licence to abstract water was a very complex and costly business, costing up to £500. The officer had been very interested in the pond and in the ditch and took photographs.

87/95 RESOLVED that the council should seek an early meeting with the licensing/monitoring officer on the site to clarify the situation about the pond and the ditch

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25 p.m.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 1995

PRESENT: Mr. S. Trippier (Chairman); Mesdames L. Kershaw, H. Sephton, D. Trippier, N. Goodier and J. Witter. Messrs. L. Greenwood, R. Iddon, C. Pickering and K. Wareing. Mr. P. Barnister for part of the meeting. A member of the Press. Three members of the public.

In the absence of the Clerk through illness, Mrs. Kershaw took the minutes.

1. MINUTES

88/95 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Trees at Belsfield Drive.** Mr. L. Greenwood reported that the resident who had complained about the poplar trees had refused to contribute to the cost of removing them. Mrs. H. Sephton reported that the cost of hawthorn bushes was as follows:

2 feet: 28 p. 3 feet: 38 p. 4 feet: 50 p.

89/95 **RESOLVED** that the poplar trees be left in situ until it was known whether or not the Council received a grant for the drainage of Shore Road Recreation ground.

2. **Bus shelter, Station Road.** Mrs. Kershaw had written to Mersey Bus asking them to estimate for the repair of the shelter but had had no reply.

90/95 **RESOLVED** that Mrs. Kershaw should write again to Mersey Bus.

3. **Hedge on Hourwatch site.** A letter had been received from the County Council indicating that they would ask Hourwatch to cut the hedge.

4. **Repairs to Moss Lane.** In the same letter, the County Council had indicated that repairs to Moss Lane would be limited by cost.

5. **Disclaimer notices on play areas.** Mrs. Kershaw reported that this matter was to be clarified and discussed at the next meeting of the West Lancs. Area committee of Parish Councils in January and she would report back to the Council.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) **Committee agendas** - there were no matters affecting this Council.

(b) **Statement of District Council Accounts.** This was noted.

(c) **Tour of parish.** A letter from the District Council thanked Mrs. Trippier for accompanying the District Councillors on their extremely brief visit to the parish.

2. **Lancashire County Council** sent a notice of rejection of the claim for a public footpath between Shore road and Moss Lane.

3. **North West Water.** A Mr. John Hart had been appointed Territory Manager for West Lancashire and could be contacted at the Wigan Wastewater Treatment works at Hoscarr. Councillors noted his telephone number.

(4) Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

(a) **Spring Conference:** A draft agenda had been received. Mrs. Witter wished to attend and the council.

91/95 **RESOLVED** that Mrs. Witter should attend both days of the conference at a cost of £62.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

4. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils (continued)

(b) **LAPTC Annual General Meeting.** The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended the meeting. The Chairman reported on resolutions of interest to this Parish, namely:

Parish Councils want to be able to make representation directly to the Department of Transport regarding H.G.V. Licence applications.

The County Council be urged to consult with the Department of Transport to introduce traffic management measures to reduce danger, pollution and noise in rural Lancashire.

5. Other

(a) **An invitation from North Meols** had been received to attend their Civic Service. Mesdames Sephton and Trippier would attend, and possibly Mrs. Goodier.

(b) **Appeal from Lancashire Youth Clubs Association:** this was noted but the Council
92/95 **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of this appeal until the end of the financial year.

(c) **Red Squirrels.** A notice had been received from NPI Red Alert North West Lancashire Wildlife Trust, asking for information about dead and live red squirrels.

(d) **Local Council Review** - a copy had been received.

4. FINANCE

(1) **Accounts for payment.** The cost of dismantling and removing the bus shelter at the corner of Meadow Lane was £95 and the Council

93/95 **RESOLVED** that this account be paid.

Two new bus shelters had that day been erected at Meadow Lane and Chapel Road at a cost of £2861.12 (including VAT) and the Council

94/95 **RESOLVED** that this account be paid.

(2) **Receipts.** £1667.72 had been received from the District Council for street cleaning.

(3) **Other matters.** Parish Council concurrent expenditure - document from West Lancashire District Council.

Councillors, having perused this document before hand,

95/95 **RESOLVED** to tell the District Council that they favoured Option 4(3)

5. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists.

Application No. 8/95/0971 O/L Residential development, land adjacent to Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane. Councillors declined to commend until further details were known.

Application No. 8/95/0937 - Application for determination re prior approval for details of agricultural holding, Douglas View, Marsh Road. This application had been determined under the Delegated System.

2. Development and planning committee

Application No. 8/95/0875. O/L erection of two detached houses and provision of private driveway - Land adj. 11a Chapel road.

96/95 **RESOLVED** that no comment be made on this application.



5. PLANNING MATTERS (continued)

2. Development and planning committee (continued)

Application No. 8/95/0897 - Retention of use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums, rear of 429 Moss Lane.

97/95 RESOLVED that no comment be made on this application.

6. HIGHWAYS

1. Bus shelters - as reported above, new Autocross bus shelters had been erected at Meadow Lane and opposite Greenfields in Chapel Road.

2. Other matters - a parishioner had enquired whether a footpath could be laid in Guide Road. Councillors did not think this was a possibility.

there was a short piece of handrail missing on the left hand side of Titmouse. Mrs. Kershaw undertook to contact the clerk to find out whether he had approached the County Council about this matter.

Mrs. Trippier reported that outside the Winegro shop in Station Road, the kerb had crumbled away and two flags were tipping, having no support. Mrs. Kershaw undertook to write to the County Council on this matter.

Mr. Greenwood reported that the repairs to Moss Lane, done by Brennans, had been done very patchily.

7. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

the chairman reported that Wicksteed Leisure had completed the work on the glen Park Drive play area. An estimate had been received from them for safety surfacing under the swings; this had been a misunderstanding, and Mrs. Kershaw undertook to write to Wicksteed asking them to estimate for safety surfacing under the slide in Shore road.

8. ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing to report under this heading.

9., CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

Messrs. C. Griffiths and I. Tomlinson, of the Hesketh Bank Football Club, then addressed the meeting and answered questions.

Both gentlemen were members of the Executive Committee of the Hesketh Bank Association Football Club.

In 1993/94, the Junior and Senior Clubs were amalgamated under the present title. There are currently 14 teams from under 18's to over 35's. There are about 200 people active in the sport. The membership total is over 500. There is a turnover of £30,000 per annum. The Club is run by an Executive Committee of 8 people, meeting monthly. It is an ambitious and successful club and wishes to progress up the League ladder. This has led the club to consider two problems: (1) the League dictated the level of facility necessary and to this end the football field should be enclosed. (2) if the club moved up to the next League, the changing facilities should be immediately adjacent to the football pitch.

Furthermore, each of the teams trains at night during the week. Each team has to find its own training facility. Teams have to be transported to Penwortham, Burscough, Southport, Birkdale and Formby throughout the winter months and not only is this a problem for parents but costs £200 per week for the hire of facilities. The Club therefore wishes to have a central facility where all the teams can train. There are sponsors for all 14 teams.

They need a focal point for the club. They would include other sports, to use the area to its maximum. They have gained full planning permission.

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CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD (continued)

The Football Club do not envisage the initial plan as a final document. It satisfies criteria laid down by the A.F.C. and is the Club's attempt to maximise the ground available.

The Parish Council felt that prior to plans being drawn up, consultation with them should have been sought by the F.C., especially since access to the new development would be over parish council land. Also the Parish Council felt that consultation with potential users would have been advisable, considering the cost of the development.

While agreeing that prior consultation would have been better, the F.C. stated that the requirement of access had been mentioned in correspondence. Concerning the non-acquisition of planning permission for the various items requested by the Parish Council, the F.C. explained that until they obtained a lease for the ground it was not known if this would be necessary.

It was mentioned that there are already 7 halls available for public hire in Hesketh Bank and how was the F.C. development to be viable? The F.C. admitted that they would have to look into the financial viability of the project.

It was explained to the Council that if the F.C. were successful in obtaining a large grant, this would effectively take up all the grant aid available to Hesketh bank.

the F.C. reiterated that they wished for a lease on the football field to enable them to proceed. They stated that they have no security on Mr. E. Wignall's land and no lease. The first team and reserve and important games are played on the Centenary Sports Field and they regard it as their flagship field. It was suggested that their proposed facility would last them 25 years.

Objections were raised to the proposal by the F.C. to fence the pitch, as it is a village field and parishioners should not be excluded.

If the development was in private hands and it failed, then the mortgagors or lenders would have control and there would be no guarantee for the community.

The F.C. envisaged the proposed scheme being done in a single phase. It was stated that the owner of the adjacent land, Mr. E. Wignall, would not sell his land to the Parish Council.

This concluded the F.C.'s presentation.

Mr. R. Iddon presented a letter from the bowling club asking urgently for a lease. He then left the meeting.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. R. Foster complained that the parish had not had a District Councillor present when the Football Club planning permission had been discussed. It was explained to him that there had been no planning grounds for refusal.

A member of the public asked if the F.C. thought there was a future for the Football Club here.

Mr. R. Ball thought that the A.F.C. was living in cloud cuckoo land and ought to go somewhere else in the village. He was reassured by Mr. Griffiths that there was no residential element in the Football Club's plan.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10 p.m.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: B. W. Rimmer
Southport 214903

83 Rufford Road,
Southport PR4 8LL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2nd JANUARY 1996

PRESENT: Mr. S. Trippier (Chairman); Mesdames N. Goodier, L. Kershaw, H. Sephton,
D. Trippier and J. Witter. Messrs. L. Greenwood, R. Iddon, C. Pickering and K. Wareing.

In the continued absence of the Clerk, Mrs. Kershaw took the minutes.

1. APOLOGIES - there were none.

2. MINUTES. A member of the public objected to the word "admonished" used in Paragraph 3 of the minutes of the meeting of 30th October. The Council did not wish this word to be deleted and

1/96 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 27th November be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Rejection by County Council of claim for public footpath between Shore Road and Moss Lane.

Mrs. Trippier reported that she had been asked by a Mr. Cheetham of the Ramblers' Association for a sight of the minutes of some 15 years previously. It appeared that the Ramblers' Association would appeal against the rejection of the claim for a footpath between Shore Road and Moss Lane.

(b) Best kept village competition

Mrs. Goodier gave the result of the Best Kept Village Competition, from which it seemed that Hesketh Bank had fared better than last year. The judges had been particularly impressed with the Hesketh Lane Post Office.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Committee agendas - there were no matters of interest to this parish, apart from what follows under "Finance".

(b) Invitation to reception. The District Council Chairman invited the chairman and Clerk to a reception on 18th January. The Chairman thought it possible that he might accept.

2. Lancashire County Council

(a) Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. There was to be a further seminar on this matter; Mr. Wareing had attended the first one and nobody else wished to attend.

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4. **CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

2. **Lancashire County Council (continued)**

(b) **Defective kerbs, Station Road.** This matter had been attended to before the receipt of the letter giving the intention of so doing.

(c) **Development control and rights of way.** - The Council was pleased to be offered in this letter the opportunity of commenting directly to the County Surveyor on highway matters in planning applications. Furthermore, the Council 2/96 **RESOLVED** to invite a Rights of Way Officer to attend a council meeting in the near future.

3. **L.A.P.T.C.** - various documents were noted.

4. **H.M. Customs and Excise - VAT on energy saving materials.** The Council noted the refusal of the government to lower the rate of VAT on energy saving materials.

5. **FINANCE**

1. **Accounts for payment**

(a) **Clerk's salary and expenses.** The Council 3/96 **RESOLVED** that the amount of £421.94, being a quarter's salary and £19.94 being a contribution to telephone calls, be paid.

(b) **Attendance of Mrs. J. Witter at the L.A.P.T.C. spring conference costing £46.** The Council

4/96 **RESOLVED** that this amount be paid.

(c) **Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. - £623.05 for safety surfacing in the Shore road Recreation Ground.** The Council 5/96 **RESOLVED** that this amount be paid.

It was reported that the Council's application to the District Council for £3000 for drainage of Shore Road Recreation Ground had been unsuccessful.

2, **Receipts**

The receipt of £64.92 from NORWEB for wayleave was noted.

3. **Concurrent expenditure** - The Chairman read a document from the District Council detailing the method by which concurrent expenditure would in future be met. A tax base had been set for the village and the District Council, would under certain conditions, pay four times this amount by way of concurrent expenditure, which would, however, have to be strictly budgeted for.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS**

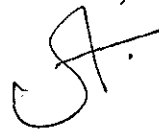
1. **Weekly lists**

Application No. 8/95/1026 - detached garage at front of dwelling, 140 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

6/96 **RESOLVED** that no comment be made on this application.

2, **Development and planning committee**

Application No. 8/95/0897 - retention of use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums. This application had been re-submitted after a site visit by members of the Development and Planning Committee. the Council again 7/96 **RESOLVED** that no comment should be made on this application.



6. PLANNING MATTERS (continued)

2. Development and planning committee (continued)

Application No. 8/95/0677 - The Brow, Station Road. O/L. Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings and erection of 2 4-bedroomed detached dwellings with detached garages. This application had been re-submitted for various reasons. The council noted that the Conservation Areas Advisory Panel had not apparently been consulted but was pleased to note that the planning officers were concerned to safeguard the character of The Brow. The Council

8/96 RESOLVED that no further comment be made on this application.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident drew attention to the poor state of the surface of The Brow, particularly during the current icy weather. The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of the County Council to this matter.

8. HIGHWAYS

As reported above, the defective kerb outside Winegro had been repaired. There were no other matters under this heading.

9. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

No estimate had as yet been received from Wicksteed for the safety surfacing under the slide in Shore road.

Mr. C. Pickering volunteered to inspect all the Council's play equipment once a week for insurance purposes.

10. ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing to report under this heading.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

12. CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

A letter had been received from the Football Club complaining about the waterlogged state of part of the Shore Road Recreation Ground. In view of the afore-mentioned failure of the District Council to grant £3000 for the drainage of this ground, the Council

9/96 RESOLVED to ask Cllr. Barnister to ask the man who had attended to the drainage on the allotments to see what he could do, at a cost of not more than £100.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had considered, together with Mr. Davies, the amendments proposed by the Football Club's Solicitors to the draft lease which had been issued to them and reported to the Council that neither they nor Mr. Davies agreed with any of the amendments. The Vice-Chairman would so instruct Mr. Davies.

The Council

10/96 RESOLVED to ask the Solicitor to issue draft leases to the Cricket Club and the Bowling Clubs.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

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Stephen Thripp
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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 29th JANUARY 1996 IN THE VILLAGE HALL STATION
ROAD HESKETH BANK COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr S Trippier (Chairman)
Mesdames N Goodier, D Trippier, J Witter and H Sephton
Messrs L Greenwood, R Iddon, C Pickering, K Wareing and
P Bannister.

In the continued absence of the Clerk, Mrs. H. Sephton took the minutes.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mrs. L. Kershaw.
2. MINUTES A resident objected to the word 'admonished' used in paragraph 3 of the minutes of the meeting of 30th October, 1995. The Council have noted his comment and
11/96 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of 2nd January be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No items were raised under this heading.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Committee Agendas

(i) A '999 Emergency Services Day is to be held on Sunday July 7th 1996 at Cross Hall School.

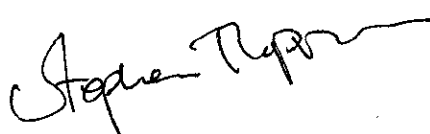
(ii) Kerbside Collection Of Waste Paper. Negotiations are progressing and it is hoped to introduce a recycling scheme in February 1996. It would involve fortnightly collections using a returnable 'blue bag'.

(b) Untidy Land at The Green, Hesketh Bank

Councillor R. Hodge reported on the progress made in the tidying up of this site.

2. Lancashire County Council

A letter was received from Mr. D. Webster, for the County Surveyor, concerning Development Control. He expressed his pleasure that the Parish Council is keen to comment on highway views and looked forward to increased liason between both parties.



3. L. A. P. T. C.

The Chairman had attended the meeting on 12th January, which gave advice on concurrent expenditure. It was stated that the Parish Council should base the precept on careful estimates before setting it, and that the money must be spent. The Parish Council has to now produce a budget as opposed to an estimate on expenditure, which auditors might like to see. Auditors will also be interested if any money accrues over 50% of the total precept.

4. Other

(a) A nature workshop is to be held at Beacon Country Park Visitors Centre on 12th February, 1996, starting at 2.00 pm.

(b) Bus Stop - Station Road A letter has been received from Eagle Star Insurance Company indicating that they would comply with items 1 and 2 on an estimate provided by the ~~John Mooney~~ ^{John Mooney} for repair to above. It was 12/96 RESOLVED that Mrs. L. Kershaw should deal with this matter.

(c) Information was received from Iles Waste System concerning litter bins.

(d) John Moores University had sent the second edition of 'Pondscapes', a newsletter concerned with ponds in the area. Also a leaflet on pond wardens is to be displayed.

(e) Mr. M. Taylor, Horticultural Engineer, had written advising the Parish Council that he was available for tenders. It was 13/96 RESOLVED he be asked to tender for the work he did last year.

(f) All Saints School A letter had been received from the Headteacher about the water logged condition of the adjoining recreation ground on Shore Road. A meeting was requested between a representative of the Parish Council and Mr. Bamber, the Client Officer of the School. The Chairman said that he had already spoken to the Headteacher about this matter. (Drainage to be discussed under item 9 Recreation Ground and Play Areas).

(g) Lancashire Family Health Services Authority This invited views on the current services provided by General Practitioners in the West Lancashire area. It was 14/96 RESOLVED that a letter be sent expressing disappointment at the lack of surgery provision in Hesketh Bank and the difficulty for some people in the community, eg. the elderly, in getting to a doctor.

5. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

The Council
15/96 RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:



Mrs. L. Kershaw	£11.05	Expenses.
Mr. D. Ward	£72.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning.

2. Receipts

None were received.

3. Revised Estimates 1995/1996

16/96 RESOLVED that the revised estimates for 1995/1996 as now presented be approved. A copy appears in the Minute Book.

4. Estimates for 1996/1997

17/96 RESOLVED

(i) That the Clerk's salary be increased by 3% to £1,656 per annum.

(ii) That Mr. J. R. Foster's payment in respect of street cleaning be increased by 3% to £639.75 per month in respect of wages and £24.75 per month in respect of expenses, giving a grand total of £664.50 per month.

(iii) That an amount of £5,000 be included in the estimates towards the provision of additional sports facilities in the Parish. (This was the subject of a vote of 6 for and 2 against).

(iv) That the estimates for 1996/1997 as now presented and subject to (i), (ii) and (iii) above be approved. A copy appears in the Minute Book.

(v) That a Precept of £9,735.00 be requested for the expenditure of the Parish Council for 1996/1997.

5. District Council Review of Concurrent Expenditure

The Council noted the District Council's proposals in respect of contributions to Concurrent Expenditure for 1996/1997. It was 18/96 RESOLVED that the District Council be advised that the net Concurrent Expenditure Estimate for 1996/1997 for this Parish be £5210.00.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

(a) Application Number 8/96/0031 Two storey rear extension and attached car port at side - 64 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

19/96 RESOLVED that no comment be made on this application.

(b) Application Number 8/96/0042 Conversion of barn/stable into dwelling - Willow Fields Livery Centre, Cabin Road, Hesketh Bank.

20/96 RESOLVED Council to object as inappropriate use of Green Belt land. (See resolution 22/96 below).

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2. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

(a) Application Number 8/90/0045 Change of use to car hire and sales, caravan sales and siting of demountable sales/hire offices at land rear of 12, Station Road, Hesketh Bank. The Council

21/96 RESOLVED to comment if necessary when more details are available.

(b) Application Number 8/95/0677 The Brow, Station Road, Hesketh Bank. Outline. Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings and erection of 2 no. 4-bedroom detached dwellings with detached garages.

Recommendation - Refused, as the proposed development, in the form submitted will produce a mundane and uninteresting scheme that will not perpetuate the sense of enclosure provided by the existing buildings, and it will therefore detract from the visual amenity of the area.

(c) Application Number 8/95/1026 140 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank. Detached garage at front of dwelling.

Recommendation - Refused, PRV04 - incongruity - size and siting.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. J. Powney, a member of the Parish, and whose Planning Application Number 8/96/0042 the Parish Council had objected to, wished to address the meeting to explain about the project. He has lived in the village for 12 years and has been on the above site for 5 years. It is hoped to make this site into a livery centre for 12 horses, a family business which would require someone living on the premises to tend to the horses. Security has been a problem on the site. The brick barn was erected by the previous owners. To convert this into a dwelling would not alter the exterior appearance of the building, it would still have a single pitch roof. A temporary caravan has been applied for, but refused. Mr. Powney asked if the Parish Council would consider changing their minds about objecting.

Mr. R. Ball commented on the excessive speed of vehicles through the village. He also commented on the hedges, hoardings and stand belonging to the Football Club still being in situ.

PLANNING (CONT).

Due to the information supplied by Mr. Powney the Council

22/96 RESOLVED that there be no objection from the Parish Council about Planning Application Number 8/96/0042, as set out in resolution 20/96 above. (This was subject to a vote of 6 for and 1 against).

8. HIGHWAYS

1. Speeding Concern was expressed about the speed of vehicles through the village, the inconsiderate parking on the junction of Moss Lane and Station Road and the parking of vehicles on the crown of the old railway bridge. It was

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23/96 RESOLVED to contact the police about these matters.

2. Bus Stop Sign The sign at Hundred End Has been damaged. It was

24/96 RESOLVED to contact the Highways Department about this matter.

3. Uneven Flags Concern was expressed about the uneven flags in front of the Midland Bank, Hesketh Bank. Also the tree outside the Bank has a lot of dead wood which is rendering it dangerous. Therefore the Council

25/96 RESOLVED to report these matters.

4. Overhanging Hedges on Station Road were causing obstructions on the footpath. It was

26/96 RESOLVED that the owners be contacted and made aware of the problem.

5. Hourwatch Site Despite several letters to the owner of the site the overhanging hedge has not been cut back. The obstruction to the footpath is now considerable, so therefore the Council

27/96 RESOLVED to contact the County Council so that they can deal with the situation.

9. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Drainage - Recreation Ground, Shore Road Despite efforts, no drains could be located in the field. There is no drainage plan available so therefore it was

28/96 RESOLVED that investigatory holes should be dug to locate the drains and a pressure washer used to clear the drains.

Mrs. Witter to report this to the Headteacher of All Saints School, Miss Penman.

2. Estimate for Safety Surfacing The estimate received from Wicksteed Leisure for safety surfacing on the Shore Road play area was in excess of the amount we are able to spend on the area, therefore it was

29/96 RESOLVED that Wicksteed Leisure should be contacted and have a site visit with the Chairman to discuss a revised estimate as soon as possible.

3. Changing Block - Recreation Ground, Shore Road It was suggested that some consideration should be given to the Parish Council donating 50% of money needed to build a new changing facility on the recreation ground, to replace the existing one. The Football Club would find the other 50%. This facility could then be utilised by the football teams, and if wanted, by the School. The field itself is in poor condition due to a drainage problem. Also the field in the original agreement should only be used by football teams 3 times in a fortnight. Therefore it was felt that although the Parish Council had a commitment to spend money on sports facilities, it

would be more expediently used by improving the drainage on the field for the benefit of all, rather than a changing facility.

10. ALLOTMENTS

There were no items under this heading.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman felt that it was not necessary to exclude the public. All in favour, therefore it was

30/96 RESOLVED that this item be deleted from the agenda.

12. CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

The Bowling Club thanked the Parish Council for their draft lease. The Bowling, Cricket and Football Clubs are all now in possession of their draft leases.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 26th February, 1996 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT: Mr S Trippier (Chairman)
Mesdames N Goodier, J Witter, L. Kershaw, D. Trippier and
H. Sephton.
Messrs R. Iddon, C. Pickering and K. Wareing.

In the continued absence of the Clerk Mrs. H. Sephton took the minutes.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. P. Bannister and Mr. L. Greenwood.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (PC M. Thackery, Inspector J. Edmondson and Sargeant M. Bennett in attendance for this item).

Inspector Edmondson explained that she and Sgt. M. Bennett are in charge of community policing in this area.

On the subject of speeding in Hesketh Bank, it was reported that there are two approved radar sites in the village, both of which can operate in hours of darkness. The accident rate is less than 1%, and it would appear that this would not warrant the sites being used so frequently by the police; however, in February 21 fixed penalty notices were issued to motorists - all local residents - so therefore a need to be vigilant on speeding traffic has been realised by the officers who operate the radar equipment. In reply to a question, Insp. Edmondson said that if a resident felt there was a particular problem then they should approach and notify the officer in charge, or liase with PC Thackery. Indeed, this would be the case for any concerns the public have.

A Youth Group has been opened using Tree Tops Nursery as the venue. On underage drinking, PC Thackery reported that the shops in Hesketh Bank employ local people who do adhere rigidly to the age limit imposed. The licenses for retail outlets are under the control of the Licensing Magistrates, and not the Police.

On the subject of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes - although there are none currently operating in Hesketh Bank - it was felt that it was a positive step which could be made by the public to prevent crime. Information on Neighbourhood Watch, Farm Watch, Pub Alert and Shop Watch could be obtained from PC M Thackery.

PC Thackery was congratulated on the way in which the village is policed.

The Chairman thanked the Police Officers for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

31/96 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment and

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additional resolution:

4. Correspondence
 - (b) Bus Stop - Station Road.
'Parish Council' to read 'John Adley Ltd.'.
9. Recreation Ground and Play Areas.
 3. The Council

29a/96 RESOLVED to utilise some of the finance in the Sports Facilities Account to improve drainage on the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

At this point, due to disturbance from a member of the public, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. After the resident left the building, the meeting was reconvened.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items raised under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council
 - (a) No items under this heading.
 - (b) The Final Register of Electors has been received.
2. Lancashire County Council

No matters were raised.
3. Other
 - (a) Various leaflets advertising local events were noted.
 - (b) A journal from the Community Council of Lancashire was received.
 - (c) Buckingham Palace Garden Party. An invitation was received for nominations. Mrs. J. Witter wished to be considered.
 - (d) A letter was received from a resident objecting to Planning Application No. 8/96/0077. The Parish Council noted the comments.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment.

None were received.
2. Other matters.

A cheque for £20.00 was received for allotment rent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. R. Foster commented that the hedge along the 'Hourwatch' site on Station Road had not yet been cut. The matter had already been raised with the County Council.

Mr. J. Hodge felt that the Parish Council were making very slow progress over the removal of the hedge and hoardings on the Centenary Sports Field.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

(a) No. 8/96/0057

Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details - barn extension. Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road, Hesketh Bank.

31/96 RESOLVED that no comment be made on this application.

(b) No. 8/96/0098

Re-location of vehicular/pedestrian access. Anchorage Farm, Guide Road, Hesketh Bank.

32/96 RESOLVED that no comment be made on this application.

(c) No. 8/96/0077

Conversion of existing detached garage to granny flat with new bay window to front and conservatory at rear. 29, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

One letter objecting to this application had been received.

33/96 RESOLVED that no comment be made on this application at this time.

(d) No. 8/96/0130

One detached dwelling. Land adjacent 82, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

34/96 RESOLVED that no comment be made on this application.

2. Development and Planning Committee.

(a) No. 8/95/0971

Land at Douglas Bank Farm, Beconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank. Proposal - Outline. Residential development.

Previous relevant decisions:

8/92/633 Refused. On site. Outline. 6 detached dwellings (including details of siting and means of access). 10.9.92.

This outline proposal is for the residential development of 0.3 hectare of land off Beconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank. The application site lies to the south of Douglas Bank Farm and forms part of the garden and land attached to The Barn.

Recommendation: That planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. RRG08 (BS.3 Designation).
2. Beconsall Lane is unsuitable to serve the increased traffic generated by the proposed development, owing to its restricted width and lack of pedestrian facilities.
3. The access to the site is restricted in layout, visibility and formation, and its increased use would be detrimental to highway safety.
4. RRR06 Progressive detracting.
5. Insufficient information has been submitted to enable the Local Planning Authority to assess the impact of the development on the trees on the site and without this information the Local Planning Authority cannot be satisfied that the effect of the development on the trees and ecology of the site would not be detrimental.

HIGHWAYS

1. A letter had been received from the Lancashire Constabulary commenting on traffic conditions in Hesketh Bank.

It was discussed as to whether it would be feasible to have parking restrictions in force at the junction of Moss Lane and Station Road, and on the crown of the old railway bridge, Station Road.

Therefore it was

35/96 RESOLVED to contact the Traffic Division at Skelmersdale Police Station and seek advice.

2. Moss Lane

(a) The general bad condition of the road surface of Moss Lane was commented on. Therefore it was

36/96 RESOLVED to write to the Highways Department about this.

(b) Complaints had been received from residents over the lack of snow-clearance in the adverse weather conditions we have experienced. Therefore it was

37/96 RESOLVED to contact the District Council about the hazardous road surface due to insufficient snowplough and gritter activity.

3. Midland Bank The Bank has now a new surface at the front of its premises. Also the tree at the front of the Bank has a lot of dead wood in it. The Chairman has contacted the Bank to advise them of this and also to suggest someone who could deal with the matter.

4. The signpost for Newarth Lane has disappeared. Therefore it was

37/96 RESOLVED to inform the District Council about this.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

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1. A tender for mowing the surround of the recreation ground at Shore Road and mowing the verges of School Fold has been received from Mr. M. Taylor. Clerk to compare quotation to last year's and report at the next meeting.

2. A resident had complained about the unkempt state of the Glenpark Play Area. However, various Councillors had coincidentally seen the play area recently and felt that it was in a good condition.

3. Wicksteed Leisure A revised estimate for work on the Shore Road site had been received within our budget for the area. Therefore the project was underway.

4. Station Road Play Area It was reported that moss was appearing on the safety surfacing under an item of play equipment, which could render the surface slippery. Due to the composition of the safety surfacing it was

38/96 RESOLVED to contact Wicksteed Leisure and seek their advice on the eradication of the moss.

5. The Chairman is to organise a meeting of the Football Club and the Recreation Committee to discuss the drainage of the Shore Road Recreation Ground.

ALLOTMENTS

Due to the absence of the Clerk the Parish Council were uncertain as to whether there are any outstanding rents on the allotments. Therefore Mrs. Sephton was to ascertain if there are accounts due.

CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

1. Mr. K. Wareing proposed a scheme to repair and re-plant the boundary hedge on the northern side of the Centenary Sports Field with beech. It was therefore

39/96 RESOLVED that he be given permission to organise work on this project.

2. Mrs. D. Trippier gave information on the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), who are involved in restoring hedges. It was felt that the hedge parallel with Station Road is in need of some repair and therefore it was

40/96 RESOLVED to contact the BTCV with regard to this matter.

3. Leases

The Cricket, Football and Bowling Clubs are discussing their draft leases with their legal advisers. The Parish Council are awaiting their comments.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 9.30 pm.

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John Thorne
25-3-96.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 25th March, 1996 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton;
D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; R Iddon; C Pickering
and K Wareing

Six members of the press and public attended.

CLERK

The Clerk was welcomed back to meetings of the Council following his illness.

MINUTES

41/96 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February, 1996, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported the resignation of Councillor L Greenwood. He had written to Mr Greenwood to thank him for his services to the Council and to extend the Council's best wishes for the future.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

(PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC M Thackery reported that a couple of burglaries had occurred recently and asked everyone to be vigilant.

He was aware of young people congregating by the Village Hall and on the steps leading to Cherry Vale especially on Friday nights which coincided with meetings of the Youth Club. This issue would be addressed by the Police during the coming weeks. The Chairman indicated that youths were also congregating by the school on Shore Road and PC Thackery undertook to look at the situation and take action as necessary.

The Radar Patrols had visited the village recently and a number of drivers had been caught speeding. With regard to traffic problems, PC Thackery had submitted a report about congestion on Station Road, including on the bridge, and he understood that the County Surveyor had now made proposals for that area of the village which would be discussed later in the meeting.

Miss Kershaw

In response to a number of questions, PC Thackery indicated that dog fouling was the responsibility of the District Council but he would contact the Dog Warden regarding fouling on Moss Lane and Station Road; that all off-licences had been visited and reminded about the law on selling alcohol to under-age children; and that, in future, he would be undertaking patrols on foot as well as by car.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Agendas The Transportation and Amenities Committee agenda included a report on Footway Lighting in the Parishes. The amount available was £6,000 which would provide between 5 and 12 lighting points. No firm recommendations had been made by the Officers.

2. Other Matters

a. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

i. West Lancashire Area Committee An agenda had been received for the meeting to be held on the 12th April, 1996.

ii. Training Day - Finance and Projects This would be held on the 20th April, 1996 and, in view of the proposed change in accounting procedures, it was suggested that each Council be represented. The Clerk reported that the necessary legislative changes had not yet been made by the Government and advice, from the Government and CIPFA, would only be issued in the summer. Mrs J Witter reported that, at the recent Spring Conference of the Association, it had been suggested that all Parish Councils should computerise their accounts.

42/96 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council be not represented at the Training Day in April, but the situation be reviewed when official advice on the new procedures is issued.

iii Local Council Review The latest edition had been received.

b. Rural Development Commission The Commission was holding a Conference on the 24th April, 1996 at Myerscough Hall.

43/96 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to attend the Conference.

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c. The British Horse Society
Bridleway Strategy Team

The British Horse Society were undertaking a survey of bridleways and were asking for comments from Parish Councils, including any problems currently encountered. It was agreed not to respond in this instance.

d. Tarleton Parish Council - Civic Service

Councillors Mrs N Goodier and Mrs D Trippier undertook to represent the Council at the Service to be held on the 28th April, 1996 at Mere Brow Methodist Chapel.

e. Resident of Guide Road

A resident of Guide Road had complained about the lack of information given out by the Parish Council and also the apparent lack of accountability of the Council.

The Clerk was requested to respond to the effect that all meetings are open to the public, who are allowed to take part in the meetings; that the Councillors are all volunteers; that no-one is prepared, at the present time, to produce a Parish Newsletter; and that the Council do take up matters with the relevant authorities, including the Post Office, over a proposal to remove the Sorting Office facility from the Parish, and the County Council and Police, over Traffic Problems in the village.

f. Resident of Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

It was agreed to forward a letter about the theft of a banner from premises in Hesketh Lane to Tarleton Parish Council.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

44/96 RESOLVED:- a. That the following accounts be paid:-

i	J Adderley Ltd - Repairs to bus shelter	£ 509.07
	- Additional work	£ 47.00
ii	David Huyton - Excavations at Recreation Gd	£ 36.00
iii	Councillor Mrs H Sephton - Photocopying, postage etc	£ 7.00
iv	Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 421.48

and, b. That the Insurance Company be advised that the bus shelter, at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane, has been repaired at a cost of £ 433.25 (i.e. £ 509.07 less £ 75.82 VAT) and that the cost of repairing the concrete bollard, which had been sited to protect the shelter, had inadvertently been omitted from the original claim.

Neil Kershaw

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Streetcleaning £ 1667.72

3. Other Matters

District Council Grant The Clerk reported that, at the request of Officers of the District Council, he had made application for the grant for work at the Play Areas in the sum of £ 2938.10, which excluded VAT. The cheque should be received no later than the 27th March, 1996.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster indicated that he had reported the dog fouling in the village to the District Council who would deal with matter. The Chairman said that there was only one dog warden for the whole of the district. It was also indicated that legislation may be introduced in the future to bring in spot fines for dog fouling offences.

Mr I Tomlinson thanked the Parish Council for attending the recent meeting with the Football Club about the state of the pitch on the Recreation Ground. The Club felt the exchange of views had been very helpful.

Mr Foster understood that the privately owned land in Station Road, currently used as a car park, was to be used for car sales etc. and this would create more parking problems in the centre of the village.

Mr Hodge asked who ran the Youth Club as many of the problems in the evening were caused when the Club was open. It was suggested that the problems were for the Police to deal with and were not issues which could be addressed by the Leaders of the Club. It was also indicated that more volunteers were required to assist on club nights.

In response to Mr R Ball, the Clerk indicated that printed copies of the budget had only just been obtained and the letter asking for a copy would be answered in the near future.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

45/96 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/96/0161 - Use of land for livery, including erection of stable block. Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane

2. Development & Planning Committee - 28th March 1996

a. Planning Applications

46/96 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/96/0077 - Conversion of existing detached garage to granny flat with new bay window to front and conservatory at rear. 29 Shore Road (Recommendation - Approved)

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

No 08/96/0098 - Re-location of vehicular/pedestrian access. Anchorage Farm, Guide Road

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane and Newarth Lane The County Surveyor had indicated that carriageway patching had recently been completed in Moss Lane and further work would be carried out when necessary. With regard to snow clearing, the weekend concerned had been the most severe for snow since 1981/82 and clearing gangs had worked around the clock. Priority had been given to keeping the A59 and A565 clear and Moss Lane could not have been dealt with quicker than it was.

The Newarth Lane sign was a matter for the District Council.

2. Station Road/Moss Lane Junction
(During consideration of this item, Mrs H Sephton arrived and Mrs L Kershaw left)

The Police had indicated that they would attend a site meeting if the County Surveyor was also represented.

The County Surveyor had proposed a Traffic Regulation Order, the purpose of which was to place double yellow lines at the junctions of Station Road/Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane and Station Road/Hesketh Lane/Mill Lane.

47/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the proposals of the County Surveyor be supported,

2. That the County Surveyor be requested to consider similar restrictions for a stretch of about 10 yards either side of the apex of Station Road Bridge and at the junction of Station Road/Chapel Road, and

3. That the Police be requested to support the additional restrictions suggested by the Parish Council.

L Kershaw

3. Other Matter

Boundary Meanygate It was reported that a road roller, which had been in Boundary Meanygate for about 3 months, had now been removed.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground - Drainage

The Chairman reported on the meeting with Football Club who had volunteered to suspend playing on the pitch to enable the necessary work to be carried out.

He also reported that 4 estimates had been received for remedial works as follows:-

a. Pope Brothers, Hightown	£ 9,729.20
b. K P Sumner, Cronton, Widnes	£ 7,581.66
c. J L Hill, Charnock Richard	£ 6,875.00
d. J Curwen, Pilling	Scheme 1 £ 6,030.80
	Scheme 2 £ 5,527.20

The Chairman had also discussed the drainage with Mr D Dalton of Croston who had indicated that he had installed the current drains. Mr Dalton felt that re-draining was not necessary as it should be possible to sort out the problem by repairing the existing drains. He undertook to return to the site to carry out investigations but, so far, had not done so.

48/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to pursue the problem with Mr D Dalton, and

2. That the Recreation Committee be authorised to place an order for the necessary work in the light of the further investigations and advice from Mr Dalton.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Miss Penman at the School explaining the steps being taken.

The Chairman reported that the Football Association could finance changing facilities for up to 50% of the cost, provided a Club held a minimum of a 7 year lease on the playing area. The National Playing Fields Association, in some circumstances, could also give grant aid for changing facilities, again subject to a minimum of a 7 year lease being held by the Club concerned. This latter Association also had a draft lease of the type being granted by the Parish Council to the three Sports Clubs and were to send a copy to the Chairman.

2. Recreation Ground - Bellsfield Drive Boundary

A resident requested that the trees be cut back and shaped, after which he would tend them, or alternatively, he requested permission to move the fence to put the trees on his land.

W. Kershaw

49/96 RESOLVED:- That the resident be advised that under no circumstances must he take the trees into his garden, and that the Council will cut back the trees subject to him meeting half the cost.

3. Grasscutting

The following quotation had been received from Mr Mark Taylor:-

- a. Recreation Ground surrounds £ 40 per cut (£30 in 1995)
- b. School Fold verges £ 15 per cut (£12 in 1995)

50/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr Taylor be asked to look again at the price for the surrounds,

2. That the price for School Fold be accepted,

3. That Mr Taylor be requested to supply quotations for Glenpark Drive Play Area (7 cuts) and Station Road Play Area (3 cuts), and

4. That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to deal with this issue prior to the next meeting of the Council.

4. Play Equipment The equipment had been inspected by the Insurance Company who had reported as follows:-

a. Shore Road - Flat seat swings - Inadequate clearance
Cradle swing (1st from gate) - Intermediate rail broken

b. Station Road - No defects

51/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to discuss the inadequate clearance of the flat seat swings with Mr P Cooley of the District Council and request him to commit his views to writing for submission to the Insurance Company.

2. That the Chairman be authorised to remove the broken rail on the cradle swing, if it is dangerous, and

3. That the Clerk be requested to ascertain which firm can supply a replacement part for the cradle swing.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Payment for 1996 The Clerk reported that all except one tenant had paid and one tenant had paid £10 per plot when the cost should be £12 per plot. The Clerk would write to the two tenants concerned.

2. Ditch on Western Boundary

52/96 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Coxhead be requested to mow the side of this ditch.

Handwritten signature: H. Kershaw

CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

1. Grants Details of various charitable grants had been received.

2. Hedge on Northern Boundary It was reported that the caravan needed to be moved to re-plant part of the hedge. In addition, a electrical wire was running from the caravan through the hedge to the next field.

53/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Football Club be requested to move the caravan, failing which the Council would move the caravan and charge the Club accordingly,

2. That representatives of the Football Club be requested to meet the Sports Ground Committee on Monday, 1st April, 1996 at 7.00pm, and

3. That the Chairman and Messrs K Wareing and P Bannister be authorised to show Messrs I Tomlinson and G Sutton, of the Football Club, the whereabouts of the wire at the conclusion of this meeting.

3. Station Road Hedge The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers were to meet the Chairman on the 3rd April, 1996 with a view to undertaking work in the autumn

54/96 RESOLVED:- That Mr J R Foster be requested to submit a price for cleaning under the hedge.

4. Cricket Club Lease

55/96 RESOLVED:- That representatives of the Cricket Club be invited to meet the Sports Field Committee on Monday, 1st April, 1996 at 8.00pm.

LOW COST HOUSING

English Churches Housing Group had secured funding for 8 units in Hesketh Bank for 1996/97. A sketch design had been produced for a site in Moss Lane.

56/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That English Churches Housing be congratulated on securing funding and wished every success in their efforts to commence the scheme, and

2. That no comments be made on the proposed design of the development.

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