

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 21st April, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton; P M Stables; D M Trippier and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Two members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J Hunter

### MINUTES

Councillor R Ball did not agree with the wording of the Minute on page 5 relating to Enforcement Action in respect of the land adjacent to the Centenary Sports Ground but was unable to find a supporter for a proposition to amend the Minutes.

280/96 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items raised under this heading.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. District Council

a. Community Liaison Sub-Committee - 16th April, 1997 The Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting which led to a discussion about the conduct of District Councillors at site meetings in the Parish.

b. Other matters The following were noted:-

- i. Members' Briefing Bulletin
- ii. Home Front News (District Council Housing Newsletter) - April 1997

2. Rural Development Commission - Survey of Rural Services The Chairman and Vice-Chairman undertook to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

3. Other Correspondence The following were noted:-

- a. LAP&TC - Spring Newsletter
- b. British Horse Society - Bridleway Strategy for Lancashire
- c. Crossroads (West Lancashire) AGM - Monday, 7th July 1997
- d. Association for Conservation of Energy - Newsletter
- e. District Council Design Awards - Closing date for entries extended to 9th May,

1997

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- f. District Council Sports and Recreation Strategy for West Lancashire 1997-2001
- g. Developing Health & Social Care in Rural England - Department of Health document
- h. Good Neighbour Scheme AGM - Thursday, 24th April, 1997 in Village Hall, Hesketh Bank

Councillor R Ball suggested that a further letter had been received by the Clerk which should be reported under this item on the agenda. The Clerk reported that the letter referred to was in respect of a specific item to be taken later in the agenda and would be reported at that time. Councillor Ball did not agree and made a number of disparaging remarks about the Chairman and other members of the Council.

It was subsequently PROPOSED, SECONDED, and by 7 Votes for, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions, it was:-

281/96 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk proceed to the next item of business.

Councillor Ball continued his tirade against the Chairman and other members of the Council and suggested that remarks made by the Chairman in respect of a conversation with a District Council Officer were not correct. The Clerk reported that he had the same conversation with the Officer concerned and, therefore, Councillor Ball's remarks applied equally to him.

The Clerk left the meeting which was subsequently adjourned.

*Nanna Goodie*  
*8/5/97*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Mesdames H O Sephton; P M Stables; D M Trippier and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Mr L Watson, County Advisor, LAP&TC

Two members of the public were also present.

### MINUTES

282/96 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st April, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters raised under this heading.

### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. District Council

Special Expenses A paper setting out the main issues regarding Special Expenses had been received and it was agreed to discuss the matter more fully at a future meeting.

2. a Council for Protection of Rural England A Bowling Competition was to be arranged in 1998 and the Council were asking which parishes were interested in the competition and seeking Greens for the preliminary rounds.

283/96 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk approach the two Bowling Clubs in the Parish regarding the competition.

b Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils - Training Day The next training day was on the 31st May, 1997 and Mr S Trippier undertook to advise the Clerk if he was able to attend.

#### 3. Other Correspondence The following were noted:-

- a The latest editions of the CCL News and the Local Council Review
- b Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme - Annual Report (Copies were circulated to Councillors)
- c. Local Policing Arrangements - Contact names and telephone numbers had been received from Inspector Janet Edmondson at Burscough (Copies were circulated to Councillors)
- d. NALC Year Book
- e. LAP&TC - Recommendations for Clerk's salaries would not be known until June

(Mrs H Sephton arrived during consideration of the above items)

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

284/96 RESOLVED:- (1) That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. Rawsthorn, Edelstons - Solicitors costs June 1994 to March 1997 |                   |
| - Sports Ground Leases   | £ 1,019.90        |
| Ownership of ditch   | £ 210.32          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£ 1,230.22</b> |
| b. Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing water charges                       | £ 9.25            |
| c. Cornhiull Insurance - Annual insurance premium                  | £ 254.49          |

and (2) That the Clerk be requested to ask the Solicitor about reclaiming the cost of the leases from the 3 Sports Clubs.

### 2. Other Matters The following were noted:-

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| a. Receipts - West Lancashire District Council - Precept - 1st payment -   | £ 7,500.00 |
| Streetcleaning   | £ 1,072.28 |
| Concurrent Expenditure   | £ 1,979.68 |
| b. Acknowledgements for donations - West Lancs VSS                         |            |
| Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme   |            |
| c. New Bank Accounts - Now opened, cheque book and paying-in book received |            |

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Items raised were the recent Community Liaison Sub-Committee meeting at Ormskirk and the Parish Newsletter.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists

285/96 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0270 Listed building consent - Remove stone slates from rear and reposition on front elevation - Ferry House, Beconsall Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities) (MR K WAREING DECLARED AN INTEREST)
- b. No 08/97/0302 First floor extension - 44 Station Road (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- c. No 08/97/0038 Outline - One detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - 8 Granville avenue (To go to Committee)
- d. No 08/97/0234 Change of use of building to car valeting workshop - Land at rear of 31 Boundary Lane (To go to Committee)
- e. No 08/97/0352 Conservatory at side/rear - Beconsall Hall, Beconsall Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- f. No 08/97/0352 Listed building consent - Conservatory at side/rear - Beconsall Hall, Beconsall Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- g. No 08/97/0356 Agricultural storage building - Avondale, Hundred End Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- h. No 08/97/0358 Reserved matters - Detached house & garage - Land at 86, Chapel Road (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)

i. No 08/97/0375 Substitution of house types - Plots 14-17, 20-21, 26-29, 31, 34-37, 39, 46-57A, 64-72, 74 & 76 - Land at Station Road (To go to Committee) It was indicated that 5 less houses would be built on the site.

2. 'Solfresh', Moss Lane (MRS J WITTER, MRS H SEPHTON and MR K WAREING ALL DECLARED AN INTEREST)

The Clerk reported on complaints received from a resident who lived across the road from this business.

286/97 RESOLVED:- That the comments be noted and the matter be referred to the District Council Planning and Environmental Health Departments who are responsible for the issues raised.

### 3. West Lancashire Local Plan

a. Changes The Council noted that the District Council had agreed that no further action was required following the deletion of the Conservation Area Policies at the request of the Department of the Environment.

287/96 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to indicate how Conservation Areas could be designated outside the Local Plan and by whom.

b. Public Local Inquiry This would start on the 17th June, 1997 and Mr S Trippier was interested in giving evidence in respect of the deletion of the Conservation Area policies.

### 4. Other matters The following were noted:-

#### a. Applications determined since last meeting:-

1. No 08/97/0165 Ground and first floor extensions to front/side/rear elevations - 7 Charles Close - GRANTED

2. No 08/97/0102 Display of non-illuminated free standing advert sign - Land at 140 Station Road - REFUSED

3. No 08/96/1206 Use of existing garage as a dog grooming business - 'Sunnybank', Guide Road - GRANTED

4. No 08/97/0182 Single story extension at side - 'Wedgewood', Shore Road - GRANTED

5. No 08/97/0270 Listed building consent - Relocation of stone slates from rear to front slope and blue slates from front to rear slope on main roof of dwelling - Ferry House, Beconsall Lane - GRANTED (MR K WAREING DECLARED AN INTEREST)

6. No 08/97/0211 Attached garage /store and conservatory at rear - 128 Moss Lane - GRANTED

b. Development & Planning Committee - 27th March, 1997 - Application determined  
No 08/97/0216 Erection of block of greenhouses - Land at 82 Moss Lane - GRANTED

c. Alleged breach of planning control - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road - Planning permission not required provided vehicles are used solely in connection with the nursery business.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Meeting with staff of County Surveyor's Department - 17th May, 1997 The Chairman undertook to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Marsh Road It was reported that the plaque in respect of the seat presented by the Water Board had been re-located behind the wire mesh.

288/96 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide a litter bin in Marsh Road by the Pumping Station.

3. Other matters The following were noted:-

- a. Signs on lamp-posts - No permission had been given by the County Surveyor and the developer had agreed to remove them
- b. Shore Road ditch - To be inspected and appropriate action taken

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Cutting of hedges

289/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the hedges be not cut back until the autumn, and

2. That the Clerk advises Mr Campbell of School Fold, by letter and the Chairman visits Messrs Banks and Veevers of Belsfield Drive to explain the Council's intentions.

b. Cleaning up under hedges Two estimates had been received as follows:-

- 1. Andrew Forrest (via the Clerk) - £375.00
- 2. D Halstead (via Mr K Wareing) - £100.00

290/96 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to accept the estimate of D Halstead in the sum of £100.00.

c. Flooding near the swings The Chairman reported on a conversation with Mr D Dalton.

291/96 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange a site meeting with Mr D Dalton, Mr P Sergeant and Mr S Trippier to discuss what further work is necessary to alleviate the current problems.

d. Other matters The following were noted:-

- 1. Football pitch - Mole draining had finished and the pitch would be levelled and seeded this week
- 2. Equipment - Mr B Birkby was still carrying out weekly inspections

2. Station Road Play Area The NALC had advised that for land to be acquired by prescription, the land must be enclosed (e.g. fenced) and trespass or encroachment not permitted. The time to elapse was 12 years which meant the current play area would not come into the ownership of the Parish Council until 14th January, 1999.

292/96 RESOLVED:- That the owner of the property in Cherry Vale be requested to remove the rubbish from the Council's side of the boundary.

## NEW NOTICE BOARD

The Clerk undertook to chase up the contractor supplying the new board.

## ALLOTMENTS

1. Ditch The ditch between the Council's allotments and land owned by Mr P Bannister required digging out at the bottom.

293/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That Messrs K Wareing and S Trippier be requested to decide how best the work should be carried out and by whom, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to agree the placing of an order for the necessary work up to a cost of ~~£150.00~~  
100.00

2. Rentals Mr S Trippier reported that Mr D Dunkley had paid him the annual rental of £12.00.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - AREA COMMITTEE MEETING - 11TH APRIL, 1997

The Chairman, Mrs H Sephton and Mr K Wareing gave a brief report on the meeting which included a talk by Superintendent A Lincoln, the new Divisional Police Commander and information on the Village Design Concept being promoted by the Countryside Commission.

(Mrs D Trippier arrived during consideration of the above item)

## TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

294/96 RESOLVED:- (1) That meetings of the Council be held on Monday evenings in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank on the following dates at the times indicated:-

1997 19th May (7.00pm); 16th June (7.30pm); 21st July (7.30pm); 1st September (7.30pm); 29th September (7.30pm); 27th October (7.30pm); 24th November (7.30pm)

1998 5th January (7.30pm); 2nd February (7.30pm); 2nd March (7.30pm); 30th March (7.30pm); 27th April (7.30pm) and

(2) That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in fixing the date and time of the Annual Assembly for 8.00pm on Monday 19th May, 1997, be confirmed.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

295/96 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

1. Northern Boundary The Clerk reported on a letter from the Council's Solicitor and Mr K Wareing agreed to contact Mr G Buffey regarding his investigations.

Mr K Wareing reported on the cost of fencing the northern boundary which was between £600 and £800.

The Chairman and Clerk reported on a recent conversation with Mr E Wignall.

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED and by 6 votes to 2 votes with 2 abstentions

296/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to visit Mr Wignall and request him to sign a letter to confirm the verbal offer made in the conversation with the Chairman and Clerk, and

2. That the letter, if signed, be passed to the Council's Solicitor or, if not signed, the matter be re-considered at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Leases for Sports Clubs Draft Leases had been issued to the three Sports Clubs. The Bowling Club had paid the rental for 1996/97 of £396.00 and asked a number of questions in relation to the draft lease.

297/96 RESOLVED:- That the response by the Bowling Club be referred to the Centenary Sports Ground Committee along with any responses from the other two Sports Clubs.

3. Enforcement Action - 140 Station Road The Chairman and Clerk reported on a site visit with two Officers of the Planning Department and confirmed that the caravan, the subject of the Enforcement Notice, had been removed, and there was no sign of Mr & Mrs Wignall living on the site. A letter from the District Council to Mr & Mrs Wignall and correspondence between Mr R Ball and the former Chief Executive of the District Council were noted.

298/96 RESOLVED:- That the Council note and accept the report of the Chairman and Clerk in respect of the current position at 140 Station Road and that Mr & Mrs Wignall be advised of the Council's decision.

#### COUNTY ADVISOR

299/96 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be extended to Mr L Watson for taking the time to attend this meeting of the Council.

*Nanna Goodie*  
*19/5/97*



## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton; P M Stables; D M Trippier and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant and K Wareing

One member of the public was present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr S Trippier

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs N M Goodier be appointed Chairman of the Council for the year 1997/98

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mrs N M Goodier made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

### APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr K S Wareing be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1997/98.

### MINUTES

3/97 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th May, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 Minute No 293/96 - '£150' to read '£100'.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Meeting with County Surveyor's Department The Chairman had been unable to attend.

2. Recreation Ground - Visit to residents on Belsfield Drive The Chairman hoped to undertake the visit this week.

3. Recreation Ground - Flooding near the swings The Chairman had left a message for Mr Dalton and was awaiting his response.

4. Allotments - Ditches Mr K Wareing reported that in addition to work to the ditch, the drains need attention. It would be necessary to hire a machine and driver for about 2 days and the hire Company would require cash in advance unless the order was placed by an account holder. Mr Wareing was also concerned about the effect of the new development on 'Poppyfields' on the ditches especially on 'Finneys Gutter'.

4/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to place an order for the hire of the necessary equipment to undertake the work to the ditch and drains using his current account with the Hire Company,

2. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to arrange for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible, and

3. That the Clerk approach the Environment Agency to voice the Council's concerns about the effect of the 'Poppyfields' development on the ditches especially Finneys Gutter.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

5/97 RESOLVED:- That the following Committees be constituted for the year 1997/98 with the members listed:-

A. RECREATION COMMITTEE (5) - The Chairman; Mr B Birkby; Mrs H Sephton; Mrs P Stables; Mrs J Witter

B. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE(5) - The Chairman; Mr R Ball; Mrs H Sephton; Mr P Sergeant; Mrs J Witter

C. FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (6) - The Chairman; Mr R Ball; Mrs H Sephton; Mrs P Stables; Mrs D Trippier; Mr S Trippier

D. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE (5) - The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Mr B Birkby; Mr S Trippier; Mrs J Witter

#### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

6/97 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies indicated for the year 1997/98:-

A. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE (3) - The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Mrs H Sephton

B. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE (1) - Mr S Trippier

C. LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION (1) - Mr P Sergeant

D. COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND (1) - Mr S Trippier

#### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. Items for Decision

##### 1. District Council

a. Community Liaison Sub-Committee The Council had been asked to consider three issues discussed at the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee and forward comments to the District Council by the end of August.

7/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to circulate copies of the relevant documents to all members and include an item on the agenda for a future meeting of the Council.

- b. Environmental Exhibition An exhibition was available on free loan.

8/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs H Sephton and Mrs P Stables be authorised to make arrangements for the exhibition to be brought to Hesketh Bank on a date convenient to them.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

9/97 RESOLVED:- That Mesdames H Sephton, P Stables and J Witter be authorised to attend the Open Morning at Lancashire Constabulary Training School on Saturday, 7th June, 1997.

3. West Lancashire Victim Support Scheme - Annual General Meeting

10/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to attend the AGM of the West Lancs. VSS on the Tuesday, 17th June, 1997.

B. Other Correspondence The following were noted:-

1. District Council - Committee and Council Agendas
2. South Ribble Borough Council - Apology for misusing Council Notice Boards
3. Association for Conservation of Energy - Latest Newsletter

FINANCE

Request for donation

11/97 RESOLVED:- That the request for a donation from the West Lancs. VSS be deferred until later in the year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

12/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/97/0431 - Removal of condition No 3 imposed on planning permission (Ref 08/96/0161) - The stable shall be used for private purposes only and shall not be used for riding school, livery or any other commercial purpose - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane (To go to Committee)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 22nd May, 1997

13/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0228 Erection of detached house (including details of siting & means of access) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane (Recommendation - GRANTED)
- b. No 08/97/0038 Outline - One detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - 8 Granville Avenue (Recommendation - GRANTED)

c. No 08/96/0926 Replace existing bungalow with a 2-storey dwelling & double garage - 168 Moss Lane (Recommendation - GRANTED)

3. West Lancashire Local Plan The Clerk had made a provisional booking for the Council to appear at the forthcoming Public Inquiry.

14/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk be confirmed, and

2. That a decision be taken on whether or not to appear when a reply is received from the Director of Development & Amenities regarding the designation of Conservation Areas.

B. Other Matters The following was noted:-

Planning Determination - No 08/97/0302 - First floor rear extension - 44 Station Road - GRANTED

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Grass cutting The County Council had been asked to cut the grass at the junction of Delta Park Drive and Chapel Road before last weekend but had failed to do so. The grass on Station Bridge and the embankment also required attention.

15/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a letter of complaint to the County Council regarding the grass in Chapel Road and ask for the grass on Station Road bridge to be cut as soon as possible.

2. Streetcleaning A number of complaints had been received about the deterioration in the standard of street cleaning since the Parish Council lost the contract.

16/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a strong letter of complaint to the District Council regarding the deterioration in the standard of streetcleaning in the Parish and ask for details of the current cleaning schedules.

3. Best Kept Village Competition

17/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for the current year, if at all possible, and ask about when judging is likely to take place.

B. Other Matters The following was noted:-

Bus Shelter - Hundred End This shelter had been repaired and Mrs H Sephton had been given some spare bolts and an allen key.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Grass cutting

18/97 RESOLVED:- That approval be given for Mr Halstead to undertake some mowing whilst removing the rubbish from under the hedges, at an extra cost based on the time taken.

2. Recreation Ground - Fence and Gate to School

19/97 RESOLVED:- That this issue be taken up with the School Governors at the earliest opportunity.

3. Weeding and Weed Spraying

20/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr J R Foster be asked if he would undertake weeding and weed spraying on the play areas at Glenpark Drive and Station Road.

4. Glenpark Drive - Additional Play Equipment

21/97 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to discuss the provision of additional play equipment at Glenpark Drive to stop the playing of football on the area.

B. Other Matters The following was noted:-

Flagged footpath Awaiting results of meeting with Mr Dalton.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

22/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

1. Northern Boundary The Clerk and Chairman reported on a further meeting with Mr & Mrs Wignall when Mr Wignall refused to confirm, in writing, his offer regarding the hedge and ditch unless a right of access was granted through the hedge by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm to enable the Annual Parish Assembly to be held.

The meeting was reconvened at 9.15pm.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

1. Northern Boundary(Cont) The Clerk reminded the Council of the advice of the Council's Solicitor.

23/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to place an order with Mr J Ball for the provision of a sign, at the entrance to the Sports Ground, to safeguard the Council's position with regard to access to the Sports Ground, and

2. That the Council's Solicitor be advised of the latest position and asked for his further advice.

2. Leases The Football Club had paid the rental for 1996/97 of £171.

A letter had been received, signed jointly by the Cricket and Football Clubs, which set out certain concerns regarding the leases and requested an urgent meeting with the Parish Council.

24/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the concerns be referred to the Centenary Sports Ground Committee along with those already received from the Bowling Club,

2. That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 29th May, 1997 at 7.30pm to consider the various issues raised by the three Sports Clubs and formulate recommendations for consideration by the Council at the next meeting, and

3. That a joint meeting of the Parish Council and representatives of the three Sports Clubs be held following the next meeting of the Council provided it is understood by the Clubs that the discussion will be restricted to the issues raised by the Clubs in their recent correspondence.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS, SHORE ROAD

25/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek the advice of the NALC about the provision, by adjacent landowners, of personal access points to Parish Council owned land.

#### NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk indicated he would be on holiday for the next meeting of the Council and Mr J Hunter undertook to take notes of the meeting to allow the Clerk to prepare the Minutes on his return.

*Nana Goodwin*  
*16/6/97*  
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**PRESENT:-** Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Three members of the public were present.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables and The Clerk.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman reported a letter of resignation from Mrs D M Trippier and the reply sent to Mrs Trippier by the Clerk.

26/97 **RESOLVED:-** (1) That the Clerk be authorised to advise the District Council of the resignation of Mrs D M Trippier and advertise the vacancy in the usual manner,

(2) That the Clerk be requested to send a further letter to Mrs Trippier accepting, with sadness, her resignation and thanking her for her past service to the Parish Council, and

(3) That, if an election is not called, the Clerk be authorised to place notices in the parish seeking applicants to fill the vacancy.

### **MINUTES**

27/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1. Environment Exhibition Mrs H Sephton and Mrs P Stables had arranged for the exhibition to be displayed in All Saints Church Hall on Saturday, 5th July, 1997 from 2.00pm onwards and had placed posters advertising the exhibition around the village.

2. Police Open Morning Mesdames H Sephton, P Stables and J Witter had attended and Mrs Sephton presented a report, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **A. Items for Decision**

1. District Council - Chairman's Fund-raising A letter had been received from the Chairman seeking volunteers to assist with fund raising activities.

28/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the Chairman of the District Council be advised that there are no volunteers from this Parish but the Council wishes her every success in her efforts.

**B. Items to Note** The following were noted:-

1. District Council a. Committee agendas  
b. Local Government Drugs Forum Newsletter - To be copied for each Councillor and copies placed on the Notice Boards.
2. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Notice of AGM - Passed to Mr P Sergeant who was unable to attend but would send his apologies.
3. Pondscape - Summer Edition - Passed to Mr S Trippier
4. CPRE Bowling Trophy - Hesketh Bank Bowling Club had replied and offered the green and the Clerk had advised CPRE. The Ladies Bowling Club were still to respond.
5. Sefton & West Lancs Health Authorities - Consultative Document Received - Dates and venues of public meetings noted.

**FINANCE**

**A. Items for Decision**

**1. Accounts for payment**

29/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription   | - £ 10.00  |
| b. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subscription | - £234.10  |
| c. Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & expenses                     | - £ 610.61 |

**2. Request for grant**

30/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of a request for a grant from Tarleton Terriers Junior Rugby Club be deferred until later in the financial year.

**B. Items to Note** The following was noted:-

1. Receipts Cheques for £16.25 from Mr P Veevers and Mr R D Banks as a contribution towards the cutting down of trees adjacent to their property.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The only item raised was in respect of a hedge in Moss Lane.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**A. Items for Decision**

**1. Weekly Lists**

31/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0458 Erection of general purpose agricultural building - Freshfields, Hundred End Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- b. No 08/97/0523 Attached garage/car port at side - 427 Moss Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- c. No 08/97/0501 First floor bedroom extension at rear - 72 Shore Road



2. That the Clerk be requested to request more details of the planned signs which are the subject of the following application:-

No 08/97/0494 Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs - Beconsall Hotel, 25 Station Road

2. Development & Planning Committee - 19th June, 1997

32/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/97/0375 Substitution of house types (Plots 14-17, 20-21, 26-29, 31, 34-37, 39, 46-57A, 64-72, 74 and 76) - Land at Station Road (Recommendation - Granted)

b. No 08/97/0247 Change of use of youth centre/children's day care centre to village hall/children's day care centre - Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road (Recommendation - Granted)

3. Conservation Area Designation The Director of Development & Amenities had set out the way in which a Conservation Area could be designated. Mr S Trippier indicated that he would not be able to attend the Public Inquiry into the West Lancashire Local Plan to speak on this subject.

33/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council would not be appearing at the Inquiry into the West Lancashire Local Plan.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/96/0926 Replace existing bungalow with a two storey dwelling and double garage - 1687 Moss Lane (GRANTED)

b. No 08/97/0038 Outline - One detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - 8 Granville Avenue (GRANTED)

c. No 08/97/0228 Outline - Erection of detached house (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane (GRANTED)

d. No 08/97/0356 Agricultural storage building - 'Avondale', Hundred End Lane (GRANTED)

e. No 08/97/0302 First floor rear extension - 44 Station Road (GRANTED)

f. No 08/97/0358 Reserved matters - Detached house and garage (Design, external appearance, landscaping and amended siting) - Land adj. 86 Chapel Road (APPROVED)

2. Appeal decision No 08/96/1061 - Erection of garage in extended curtilage - 198 Moss Lane (ALLOWED - OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED)

3. 'Solfresh', Moss Lane Director of Housing & Health has indicated that the complaint is currently on-hold pending further contact from the complainant. No reply received from the Planning Department to date.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Street cleaning The District Council had indicated that they had not received any complaints. The lengthsman swept around the shops daily but was also employed in Tarleton and Banks. Mechanical footpath and channel sweepers were also used in the parish.

34/97 RESOLVED:- That details of the letter be published in the next Parish Newsletter and that residents be encouraged to complain to the District Council when appropriate.

### B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Grasscutting by County Council A letter of apology had been received about the late grasscutting in Chapel Road and indicated that Station Road embankment would be added to the grasscutting schedule.

2. Best Kept Village Competition The Council's entry had been accepted and a number of residents had been interviewed on Radio Lancashire. The Beconsall Hotel indicated that work at the Hotel would be carried out shortly.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Annual Inspection

35/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Annual Inspection by the Recreation Committee be held on the 4th August, 1997 commencing at 6.00pm at The Beconsall Hotel, and

2. That the Committee be asked to look at the following issues and report back to a future meeting of the Council,

- a. the possibility of purchasing additional play equipment for Glenpark Drive Play Area,
- b. the broken flags on the footpath across the Recreation Ground and discuss the possibility of replacing the flags with a different surface, and
- c. the boundary between the Station Road Play Area and Cherry Vale.

2. Recreation Ground - Flooding by the swings The Chairman, Mr P Sergeant and Mr S Trippier had met with Mr D Dalton and discussed the work required to alleviate the problems of flooding by the swings.

36/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be requested to seek an estimate of the work required for submission to a future meeting of the Council.

3. Recreation Ground - Belsfield Drive boundary The Chairman reported on her visit to the two residents who had complained about the height of the trees and the hedge.

37/97 RESOLVED:- That the payment made by the two residents be noted and that they be advised that the Council will take steps to reduce the height of the hedge in the Autumn.

#### 4. Station Road Play Area - Broken Fence

38/97 RESOLVED:- That a request be placed in the next Parish Newsletter for members of the public who witness any act of wanton vandalism in the Parish to bring the act to the attention of a responsible authority.

#### B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Recreation Ground - Grass Cutting The Chairman had spoken to Brophy's who would see to the area between the flagged path and the boundary with Belsfield Drive/Ribble Drive.

2. Recreation Ground - Cleaning under hedges Mr K Wareing reported that an order had been placed for further work to be undertaken under the Belsfield Drive/Ribble Drive hedges.

3. Recreation Ground - School boundary fence The school would repair this fence.

4. Recreation Ground - Car Park Three quotations would be required for the work to tarmac the car park and the question of drainage should also be considered.

5. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Spraying and weeding Mr J R Foster had carried out this work and an account would be presented to the next meeting.

6. Station Road Play Area - Cherry Vale boundary A letter from the residents responsible for the rubble was noted.

#### ALLOTMENTS

##### A. Items for Decision

##### 1. Annual Inspection

39/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Annual Inspection by the Allotments Committee be held on the 4th August, 1997 commencing at 6.30pm.

##### 2. Ditches and Drains

40/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be thanked for arranging for the work to be undertaken on the ditch, and

2. That a reply from the Environment Agency regarding the drainage through Finneys Gutter be noted and a copy of the letter passed to Mr A Fowler, who had raised the subject at the Annual Assembly.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

41/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary A letter from the Council's Solicitors was noted.

42/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain three estimates to re-establish the hedge and erect a fence, consisting of 5 ft high chestnut paling, on the northern side of the Council owned ditch, subject to the hedge being re-established without encroachment onto the adjacent land.

2. Leases for Sports Clubs A report of the meeting of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee was presented to the Council and a letter from the Secretary of the Bowling Club was noted.

43/97 RESOLVED:- That the Report of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee, as now presented, be approved and adopted.

(N.B. The item in the report relating to the area of land to be leased to the Football Club was subject to the following vote:-

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION	- 5
AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION	- 0
ABSTAINED	- 2

Mr P Sergeant did not take part in the debate or the vote)

*John C. J.*  
21-7-97

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 21st July, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mr K Wareing (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames H O Sephton and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; P J A Sergeant and S Trippier

Nine members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman); Mrs P M Stables and Mr J Hunter

### MINUTES

44/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th June, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Vacancy The vacancy had been advertised and the District Council would advise the Council of the outcome.

2. Environmental Exhibition Mrs H Sephton reported on the exhibition which had been held on the day of the Church Garden Party. The answers to the questionnaire had been passed to the District Council for collation and subsequent formulation into a working plan for the district. The biggest concerns appeared to be dog fouling; traffic levels and disappearing birds.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

##### a. District Council - Civic Guide

45/97 RESOLVED:- That information regarding the derivative of Becconsall be added to the entry for next year.

b. Rural Areas Tenants' Association The District Council were seeking assistance in identifying a tenant to serve on the newly formed Association.

46/97 RESOLVED:- That details be placed in the next newsletter.

##### c. County Council - Use of Property Services Department

47/97 RESOLVED:- That the information be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

d. Local MP Mr D Borrow MP wished to meet the Parish Council in the near future.

48/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk awaits an approach from the MP regarding a meeting with members of the Council.

e. Mobile Mammography Unit Dr R K Gulati had written to the Wigan Breast Screening Unit requesting a visit to this Parish rather than Tarleton.

49/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Unit requesting a visit to the Parish.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

- a. District Council Agendas - No items for the Parish
- b. LAP&TC Summer Newsletter
- c. Local Council Review - July edition
- d. Health Services Review - Latest position
- e. CPRE Bowling Trophy - Becconsall Ladies Bowling Club had indicated interest and offered the use of their Green

FINANCE

1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. Accounts for Payment

50/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1. Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing water charge	£ 9.25
2. Mr J R Foster - Weedspraying etc	£ 25.00
3. Mr J Ball - New notice board	£ 121.71
4. Banks Wilson - Solicitors' Fees	£ 253.80
5. Zurich Insurance Co - Play equipment insurance	£ 203.84
6. Yates Playgrounds - Repairs and painting of equipment	£ 848.93
7. Mr A Coxhead - Work at allotments and Recreation Ground	£ 72.85
8. Mr D Halstead - Work at allotments and Recreation Ground	£ 210.00
9. Mr K S Wareing - Plant and materials	£ 109.27

b. Application for Grant

51/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application from MENCAP West Lincs be deferred until later in the financial year.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Receipts Hesketh Bank Cricket Club - Rental for 1996/97 £ 198.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were raised:- Overhanging hedges; Co-option of Councillor and Parking on Station Road Bridge.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### a. Weekly Lists

52/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/97/0534 - Reserved matters - Details of detached garage in extended curtilage - 198 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
2. No 08/97/0538 - Retention of siting of one satellite dish - 5 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
3. No 08/97/0444 - Erection of greenhouse for research & development purposes - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (To be determined by Director)
4. No 08/97/0523 - Attached garage/car port at side with domestic store over - 427 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
5. No 08/97/0578 - Detached dwelling and garage including new vehicular/pedestrian access (amendment to planning permission 08/96/0130) - Land adj. 82 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
6. No 08/97/0579 - Erection of vegetable store - Land at 82 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
7. No 08/97/0635 - Demolition of existing property and erection of semi-detached dwellings - 29 Moss Lane (To go to Committee)

#### b. Development & Planning Committee - 24th July, 1997

##### Appeals Lodged

53/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following appeals:-

1. Enforcement No E/96/0042 - (a) Creation of new vehicle access road and parking areas - Land adj. 6 Guide Road and 20 Shore Road  
(b) Change of use of the land adjoining access road from agricultural to use as a vehicle access and for the parking of vehicles and storage of tyres - Land adj. 6 Guide Road (Inquiry to be held)
2. Application No 08/97/0087 - Erection of replacement detached dormer bungalow - Station House, Boundary Lane, Hundred End (Written reps)

c. 'Solfresh', Moss Lane (THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED AN INTEREST) The Planning Department had indicated that they were in touch with the Solicitors acting for the complainants.

54/97 RESOLVED:- That the matter be noted and no further action taken.

d. Hedgerows Regulations 1997 The Council would need to respond to the notification of applications within 14 days of receiving the weekly lists.

55/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to raise an objection to all applications to remove hedgerows,

2. That the Clerk be requested to ask the Planning Department if the hedge alongside Poppyfields will fall within the new regulations and

3. That the state of the hedge on the northern side of Beconsall Lane be investigated.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

a. Applications Determined

1. No 08/97/0247 - Change of use of youth centre/children's day care centre to village hall/children's day care centre - Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road (GRANTED)
2. No 08/97/0375 - Substitution of house types - Plots 14-17, 20-21, 26-29, 31, 34-37, 39, 46-57A, 64-72, 74 & 76 - Land at Station Road (GRANTED)
3. No 08/97/0458 - Erection of general purpose agricultural building - Freshfields, Hundred End Lane (GRANTED)
4. No 08/97/0501 - First floor bedroom extension at rear - 72 Shore Road (GRANTED)
5. No 08/97/0494 - Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs - The Becconsall, 25 Station Road (CONSENT GRANTED)

b. Plot 102, Poppyfields The Planning Department had inspected the site and indicated that the fence had been moved to allow access for a skip. The fence would be replaced on completion. The Clerk to supply a copy of the letter to the Chairman.

**HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

1. ITEM FOR DECISION

a. Potholes

56/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Divisional Surveyor be advised of the pothole in Moss Lane near to the junction of Station Road.

2. ITEM TO NOTE

a. Parking Restrictions The Clerk reported on a meeting between the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mrs J Witter, County Councillor R Hodge, and representatives of the Police and County Surveyor regarding parking restrictions in the village. The Police undertook to provide further information to the County Surveyor regarding accidents at the various locations following which the County Surveyor would produce revised recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council.

**RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS**

1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. Maintenance of Play Areas

57/97 RESOLVED:- That an advertisement be placed on the Notice Boards and in the Newsletter seeking a person to carry out routine maintenance work at the play areas.

b. Recreation Ground - Surfacing of Car Park

58/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain three estimates for the surfacing of the Recreation Ground to be undertaken during the half term holiday and to include adequate provision for the drainage of surface water.

c. Recreation Ground - Belsfield Drive boundary

59/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to spend up to £20 to arrange for the weeds to be cut back on this boundary.



d. Station Road Play Area - Wooden Posts One of the wooden posts preventing access by vehicles was broken and the other post could well break in the near future.

60/97 RESOLVED:- That the wooden posts be replaced with concrete bollards and Mr K Wareing be requested to obtain two quotations for consideration at a future meeting.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

a. Recreation Ground - Flooding by swings - A price was awaited from Mr D Dalton and Mr R Ball undertook to try to contact Mr Dalton.

b. Recreation Ground - Cleaning under hedges - Brophy's had been contacted about cutting between the path and the hedge and once this was done, the rubbish under the hedge would be removed.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. New Sign Board A quotation had been received from Mr J Ball in the sum of £140.00.

61/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the quotation be deferred until later in the meeting.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

a. Station Road hedge - A letter from and reply to Mr A J Sergison about the state of the hedge for which an order had been placed for it to be cut.

b. Co-operation between Sports Clubs - A letter from Mrs E Farrington to Hesketh Bank AFC hoping for co-operation between the 3 Sports Clubs.

## PRIVATE ACCESS TO PARISH COUNCIL LAND

The Clerk reported on information received from NALC regarding unauthorised access by residents to the Recreation Ground and the Allotments and the dumping of rubbish on to the Recreation Ground.

62/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That after the rubbish has been removed from under the hedge alongside Belsfield Drive and Ribble Drive, the Clerk be authorised to write to all householders regarding the unauthorised dumping of rubbish on the Recreation Ground,

2. That the Recreation Committee be requested to identify the householders who have formed an unauthorised access to the Recreation Ground to enable the Clerk to write to those people on the lines suggested by the NALC, and

3. That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Allotment Tenants who have formed an unauthorised access on the lines suggested by the NALC.

## LAP&TC AREA COMMITTEE - 11TH JULY 1997

The Chairman reported on the meeting which covered the following issues:- re-election of officers (all re-elected); a video of hedgerows; honorarium for the Secretary; S 137 grants; charges by the auditor; review of health services and a discussion on finance.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

The District Council had asked each Parish Council to consider a number of documents relating to relationships between District and Parish Councils.

63/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council notes the Joint Statement of the ADC/NALC which provides a sound basis for relationships between District and Parish Council; notes the survey of the Lancashire Branch of the ADC which indicates that the Parishes in West Lancashire are treated at least as favourably as parishes in other districts in many respects and more favourably in some respects; and has no suggestions for amending the current financial arrangements between the District Council and the Parishes.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

Mrs D Trippier asked for her letter to the local newspaper regarding her resignation from the Council to be read and the Council agreed to members of the public being allowed to comment and ask questions about the Centenary Sports Ground which were answered by the Chairman.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

64/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

### 1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. Northern Boundary The Vice-Chairman reported on comments made by the adjoining landowner when he was discussing the provision of a fence with a Contractor.

65/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to obtain two quotations for the provision of a 5ft fence on the northern side of the existing hedge,

2. That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to accept the lowest quotation,

3. That the provision of a sign board be left in abeyance for the time being, and

4. That the Football Club be advised that there is no legal right of way through the hedge on the northern boundary of the Sports Field.

b. Enforcement Action - 140 Station Road The Clerk reported on correspondence and a conversation with a resident of Station Road.

66/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to report the facts of the incident to the Local Government Ombudsman.

### 2. ITEM TO NOTE

Leases The Clerk had responded to the questions asked by the 3 Sports Clubs and was awaiting their further comments.

*Nanna Goodie*  
*11/9/97*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st September, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

One member of the public was present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs H O Sephton.

### DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

At the start of the meeting, the Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

### MINUTES

67/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

##### 1. LAP&TC - AGM 8th November, 1997

68/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs H O Sephton be appointed to represent the Council at the AGM of the LAP&TC, and that Mr J Hunter be nominated as reserve.

##### 2. LAP&TC - Training Day 11th October, 1997

69/97 RESOLVED:- That no nomination be made to attend the Training Day.

##### 3. Lancashire Rural Action - Conference 25th October, 1997

70/97 RESOLVED:- That no nomination be made to attend this conference.

##### 4. Application for Transfer of Justices' Licence - 85 Station Road

71/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the application to transfer the Justices' Licence.

5. Village Hall Committee - Future Plans

72/97 RESOLVED:- That the future plans for the Village Hall and the arrangements for the AGM, Monday, 6th October, 1997 at 8.00pm, be noted.

6. Wigan Breast Screening Unit A response to the Council's representations had been received from the Wigan & Leigh Health Services NHS Trust and a further copy letter sent to the Unit by Dr Gulati.

73/97 RESOLVED:- That the contents of the letters be noted and Dr Gulati asked if a three phase electricity supply is available at his premises.

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items for this Parish.
2. District Council's Rural Housing Advice Note
3. District Council Members' Briefing Note - August 1997
4. CCL News - Summer Edition
5. Health Service Review - Latest update
6. NALC - Annual Report & Accounts 1996/97

FINANCE

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

Accounts for payment

74/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing charge for water	£ 9.25
CPRE - Annual Subscription	£17.50

B. ITEMS TO NOTE

1. Clerk's Salary Local Government Staff had been awarded an increase of 2.5% which would be added to the Clerk's salary for the next financial year.
2. Audit of Accounts The audit had been completed without the Clerk having to answer questions from the Auditors.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

75/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/97/0661 - Conversion of barn to dwelling. Alterations and extensions to existing stable to form double garage. Renovations and alterations to existing farmhouse - Primrose Farm, Marsh Road (To go to Committee)

- b. No 08/97/0662 - Garage extension at side to replace car port; porch at front; pitched roof to replace flat roof at side - 45 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/97/0685 - Part single/part two storey extensions to side/rear elevations - 19 Becconsall Lane (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/97/0688 - Single storey extension at rear and alteration to shop front - 85/87 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/97/0728 - Conservatory at side - 1 Newarth Lane (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/97/0733 - Reserved matters - Detached dormer bungalow (including details of design, external appearance & landscaping) - Land adj. 8 Granville Avenue (To be determined by Director)

## 2. Development & Planning Committee - 4th September, 1997

76/97 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0635 - Demolition of existing property and erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings - 29 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Approval)
- b. No 08/97/0444 - Retention of greenhouse for research & development purposes - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (Recommendation - Approval)

### B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

- 1. Applications determined since last meeting
  - a. No 08/97/0523 - Attached garage/car port at side with domestic store over - 27 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/97/0534 - Reserved matters - Details of detached garage in extended curtilage - 198 Moss Lane (APPROVED)
  - c. No 08/97/0538 Retention of siting of one satellite dish - 5 Station Road (GRANTED)
  - d. No 08/96/1122 - O/L demolition of existing derelict farm buildings and erection of 12 terraced dwellings (including details siting and means of access) - Land off The Brow (GRANTED)
- 2. Display of signs at Becconsall Hotel - Details were noted
- 3. Hedgerow at Poppyfields - Did not fall within the Hedgerow Regulations - Mrs Witter to ask the Planning Department about future responsibility for the hedge.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Proposed Waiting Restrictions The County Surveyor had now indicated that he would recommend the Highways and Transportation Committee of the County Council to withdraw the proposals for restrictions at the summit of Station Road Bridge, the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road and the junction of Shore Road and Guide Road. In addition, he proposed to recommend that the restrictions at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane be reduced on the west side of Station Road, north of the junction, by 6.5 metres which would delete the restrictions along the frontage of No 1 Station Road.

77/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be advised that the Parish Council supports the revised proposals for waiting restrictions at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane and the withdrawal of the proposed restrictions at the summit of Station Road Bridge, the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road and the junction of Shore Road and Guide Road.

The County Surveyor had also made suggestions about the provision of bollards on the footway and forecourts of Station Road to prevent the driving of vehicles along the footway.

78/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be requested to convene a site meeting, with representatives of the Parish Council and the various shop owners, to discuss his suggestions for the provision of bollards on the footway and forecourts of Station Road.

2. Road Safety Area Action Group The County Council were proposing to establish a Road Safety Action Group covering the districts of Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire.

79/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be nominated to represent the Parish Council on the new Road Safety Action Group to be established by the County Council.

3. Hand Mown Grasscutting for County Council It was reported that the County Council had asked if the Parish Council wished to undertake hand mown grasscutting for the County Council on an agency basis. The Clerk had consulted the Chairman who had agreed, with the Clerk, that due to current difficulties in finding a suitable contractor within the Parish, the invitation be declined.

80/97 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Clerk, in declining the invitation to undertake hand grown grasscutting in the Parish, be confirmed.

4. Streetlighting A new lighting column had not yet been connected and at least two other lights in the Parish were out. The Chairman undertook to report these matters to the County Council.

5. Litter Bins

81/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide a litter in the vicinity of the Becconsall Hotel, Station Road.

6. Streetcleaning - Weeds in Gutters Complaints had been received about weeds in the gutters in Langdale Avenue and Chapel Road.

82/97 RESOLVED:- That residents complaining to Councillors about the standard of streetcleaning should be asked to report the matter direct to the District Council or, if they did not wish to take such action, the Councillor should ask for their name and address and pass the complaint on to the District Council together with the name of the complainant.

- B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following item was noted:-  
Moss Lane - The pothole would be inspected and repaired, if appropriate.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Annual Inspection The Chairman presented a report, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, on the Annual Inspection of the Recreation Ground and Play Areas. It was recommended that the Council needs to instigate a programme of repairs and improvements to bring the areas up to an acceptable standard and this programme should be undertaken over the next 5 years.

83/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Report on the Annual Inspection of the Recreation ground and Play Areas be received and adopted,

2. That the Clerk be requested to report to the next meeting on the possible level of finance available in the current financial year to commence the programme of repairs and improvements to the Recreation Ground and Play Areas,

3. That the Chairman be authorised to obtain a quotation for various items of hedge trimming, grass cutting and general tidying up at the various play areas; and

4. That the Clerk be requested to advise the County Council that the fence at the top of the bank at Station Road Bridge will shortly be in need of replacement and the area of the bank will need attention as it is rapidly becoming overgrown with weeds etc.

2. Access to Recreation Ground from adjacent Gardens The Clerk was given a list of properties which had direct access to the Recreation Ground and undertook to write those residents in accordance with Resolution 62/97 of the 21st July, 1997.

3. Play Equipment - Inspection by Insurance Company The Inspection had highlighted two minor defects.

84/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be requested to inspect the items of equipment and report back to the Clerk who is authorised, in consultation with the Chairman, to place an order for the necessary repairs.

4. Station Road Play Area - Replacement of Bollards Mr K Wareing had visited the site with Mr S Trippier and reported on their findings. As a result of clarification by the Council, Messrs Wareing and Trippier undertook to implement Resolution 60/97 of the 21st July, 1997.

B. ITEM TO NOTE The following was noted:-  
Recreation Ground Car Park - Tarmacing - Quotations would be available for the next meeting of the Council.

## ALLOTMENTS

### A. ITEM FOR DECISION

1. Annual Inspection The Chairman presented a report, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, on the Annual Inspection of the Allotments.

85/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Report on the Annual Inspection of the Allotments be received and adopted, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to write to a further householder who had been identified as having a direct access to the Allotments on the lines indicated in Resolution 62/97 of the 21st July, 1997.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

86/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Northern Boundary The Clerk reported letters from the Council's Solicitor, confirming previous advice, and the Football Club, indicating that they would instruct their members not to use gaps in the hedge on the northern boundary to gain access to the adjacent property. Mr S Wareing reported on quotations received for the provision of a fence on the northern boundary.

87/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to clarify the quotation from Mr Tony Rogerson of Longridge to enable the Clerk to place an order for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

2. Enforcement Action - 140 Station Road A letter from the Ombudsman to the Council and a copy of a letter from the Enforcement Officer of the District Council to a resident of Station Road, were noted.

3. Leases Replies from the 3 Sports Clubs were noted and further concerns of the Clubs were considered. The Council also considered representations from the Bowling Club about the state of the access road.

Mr R Ball left the meeting during consideration of this item but returned before the Resolution was approved.

88/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to clarify, with West Lancashire District Council, the position with regard to the payment of Non-Domestic Rates in respect of the Centenary Sports Ground;

2. That the Clerk be authorised to discuss, with the lowest tenderer for the work on the Recreation Ground Car Park, a temporary solution to the problem of the access road to the Centenary Sports Ground;

3. That, to alleviate the fears of the Clubs over the maintenance costs of the access road and car park, the Parish Council establishes a Sinking Fund, in consultation with the 3 Clubs, as a means of providing the necessary finance to keep those areas in repair; and

4. That permission be granted to Hesketh Bank Football Club for the existing caravan and changing hut to remain on land which will remain under the control of the Parish Council.

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## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 29th September, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs P M Stables

*Mrs J. BIRKBY met*

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Three members of the press and public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs H O Sephton; Mrs J Witter and Mr J Hunter

### MINUTES

89/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 1 LAP&TC AGM Mrs H O Sephton would be unable to attend the AGM and Mr J Hunter would attend with the Chairman.

### CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that three persons had written expressing an interest in being co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs D M Trippier.

A discussion took place on the method to be used for the election and the Chairman advised the Council that she had decided that the election would be by secret ballot.

Voting papers were circulated, collected and counted by the Clerk and resulted as follows:-

Mr L H Greenwood	- 3 votes
Mrs J Birkby	- 4 votes
Mr J R Foster	- 0 votes

The Chairman declared Mrs J Birkby had been duly elected and it was:-

90/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs J Birkby be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mrs J Birkby signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 1. Meeting with MP

91/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr David Borrow MP be invited to attend a meeting with Parish Councillors on the date of a future meeting of the Council at 7.00pm.

#### 2. LCC Education Department - Closure of 6th Form at Cross Hall High School

92/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the proposals.

3. Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints CE School - OFSTED Report The Chairman reported on the OFSTED Inspection Report in respect of this school.

93/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Headteacher to congratulate the School on receiving an excellent inspection report.

#### 4. LAP&TC Area Committee - 10th October, 1997

94/97 RESOLVED:- That the Council's representatives but authorised to press for an increase of the Honoraria for the Hon. Secretary of 2.9%.

### B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items for this Parish
2. Community Council of Lancashire
  - a. Best Kept Village Competition - The overall results had been received and individual assessments would follow in November
  - b. Village Events 1998 - The Clerk to speak to various village organisations
  - c. Circular on Councillors' Allowances
3. West Lancashire Play Association 1998
4. West Lancashire CHC - Executive summary of response to Health Service Review Proposals
5. Lancashire County Fire Brigade - Community Service Report 1997/98
6. Local Council Review - September 1997 edition
7. District meeting with Local MP about crime and vandalism - The Chairman had been invited but was unable to attend

## FINANCE

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 1. Accounts for payment

95/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

a. LAP&TC - Public Notices	£ 7.20
b. Yates Playgrounds - Repairs to equipment	£ 21.15
c. David Ward - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 126.00
d. Ernst & Young - Audit Fee	£ 188.00
e. B W Rimmer - Salary & expenses	£ 576.83

2. That the proposed increase for the cleaning of bus shelters by David Ward from £ 18.00 per visit to £ 24.00 per visit, be noted.

2. Parish Council Capital Funding 1997/98 and 1998/99 It was reported that a decision on the lottery application from Downholland Parish Council for the current year had still not been taken and, therefore, no decision had yet been reached on this Council's scheme for the replacement of the fence at the Recreation Ground Car Park.

The District Council required bids for capital funding for 1998/99 by the 7th November, 1997. The Council were reminded that last year the District Council had not looked favourably on bids for new play equipment but appeared to support schemes for safety surfacing.

The following suggestions were made:- resubmitting the scheme for the replacement of the fence at the Recreation Ground; safety surfacing for a new item of play equipment at Glenpark Drive; surfacing the access road at the Centenary Sports Field.

96/97 RESOLVED:- That members be requested to bring suggestions for capital schemes for 1998/99 to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Statement of Accounts 1996/97 The audited Statement of Accounts for 1996/97, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, was submitted to the Council for approval and the Clerk answered questions. The current position with regard to expenditure in 1997/98, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, was also submitted.

97/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the audited Statement of Accounts for 1996/97 be approved,

2. That steps be taken to replace the concrete bus shelter on Station Road by Poppyfields, subject to consultation with the Planning Department with regard to the development immediately behind the shelter,

3. That the Clerk be requested to consult the list of street seats with a view to one being replaced in the current financial year, and to turn up the correspondence with regard to the provision of a seat on the river bank ,

4. That consideration be given, at a future meeting, to the provision of a seat in Guide Road,

5. That the protection of the northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Field, including the provision of a fence and work to the existing hedge, be met from monies set aside for the extension of Sports Facilities in the Parish, and

6. That the successful contractor for the erection of a fence on the northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Field, Mr F B Simpson, be requested to provide a price for the reinstatement of the hedge on that boundary.

(N.B. Resolution (5) was the subject of the following vote - FOR : 5 votes, AGAINST : 1 vote, ABSTAINED : 2 votes)

#### 4. Village Hall

98/97 RESOLVED:- That a donation of £ 200.00, as included in the current estimates, be made to the Village Hall Committee.

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Received from West Lancashire District Council - Final instalment of Precept - £2,373.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following item was raised - A suggestion for the provision of a Christmas Tree at Cropper Gardens.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

99/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0784 Reserved matters - 12 terraced houses (incl. details of design, external appearance and landscaping) - Land off The Brow (To go to Committee - see also Minute No 100/97 below)
- b. No 08/97/0778 Extension over and to the side of existing detached garage to provide staff room/toilets and store - Land to rear of 140 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/97/0782 Two storey extension at side - 6 Cherry Vale (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/97/0579 Erection of vegetable store and water meter building - Land at 82 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/97/0840 Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs - Midland Bank, 2 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/97/0826 Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (Renewal of planning permission No 08/96/0460) - Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road (To be determined by Director) (N.B. The Council had received notification of this application as the owner of the land)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 2nd October, 1997

100/97 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0784 Reserved matters - 12 terraced houses (incl. details of design, external appearance and landscaping) - Land off The Brow (Recommendation - DELEGATED to Director of Development & Amenities, in consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Development & Planning Committee, subject to expiry of publicity period and to no further points of objection being received other than those reported at the meeting)
- b. No 08/97/0234 Change of use of building to car valeting workshop - Land at rear of 31 Boundary Lane (Recommendation - REFUSED)
- c. No 08/96/0045 Change of use to car hire sales, double glazing and siting of demountable sales/hire offices, use of existing building as workshop for the repair and maintenance of caravans and domestic appliances, provision of car parks, relocation of calor gas store and improvement to access (Renewal of Planning Permission No 08/91/0796) - Land to the rear of 12 Station Road (Recommendation - GRANTED - Temporary use to 31/10/99)

3. Car repairs - Guide Road It was reported that cars, which were previously parked on Shore Road, had now been moved back into the field. In response, it was said that an appeal had been made against the Enforcement Order and the refusal to grant planning permission and the situation would remain pending the outcome of that appeal.

101/97 RESOLVED:- That the current position be noted.

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Applications determined since last meeting:-

- a. No 08/97/0662 Garage extension at side to replace car port; porch at front; pitched roof to replace flat roof at side - 45 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/97/0444 Retention of greenhouse for research and development purposes - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/97/0635 Demolition of existing property and erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings - 29 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/97/0685 Part single/part two storey extension to side/rear elevations - 19 Becconsall Lane (GRANTED)
- e. No 08/97/0688 Single storey extensions at rear and alterations to shop front - 85/87 Station Road (GRANTED)

#### POLICING PLAN FOR SOUTH LANCASHIRE

The Divisional Commander was seeking suggestions for inclusion in next years Policing Plan.

102/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following be suggested to inclusion in the Policing Plan:- more frequent patrols and high profile presence in rural areas; action to alleviate problems caused by under-age drinking and drug taking, and

2. That Inspector J Edmondson be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss policing problems in the Parish since the local Police Officer had been transferred to other duties.

#### HESKETH BANK VILLAGE HALL

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Request for financial assistance The Village Hall Committee were seeking financial assistance towards a major refurbishment project for which an application for lottery funding would also be made.

103/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this request be given at the time the estimates for 1998/98 are formulated.

2. Nomination of Representative

104/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be re-appointed to serve on the Village Hall Committee.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Lancashire Road Safety Forum The first meeting would be on Friday, 14th November, 1997 and the Clerk undertook to find out at what time the meeting would start.

#### 2. Speeding in Village

105/97 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to take action against commercial vehicles which speed through the village.

#### 3. Streetcleaning

106/97 RESOLVED:- That a Tear-off slip be included in the next Parish Newsletter seeking residents views on the current streetcleaning service provided by the District Council.

#### 4. Various Issues

107/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be requested to supply an additional litter bin on Footpaths 46/47 near to the Boatyard at Beconsall Lane, and

2. That the representatives of Parbold Parish Council be asked, at the forthcoming Area Committee meeting, about the financial arrangements for the provision of a Salt Bin in the Parish.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 - Control of Dog Fouling in West Lancashire

108/97 RESOLVED:- That the provisions be supported but concern be expressed about enforcement.

2. Recreation Ground - Flooding by Swings Mr D Dalton had been contacted but it was understood that he was banned from driving and he did not show much interest.

109/97 RESOLVED:- That this issue be left for the time being and Councillors be requested to look out for a possible alternative contractor.

3. Recreation Ground - Access from adjacent property A number of agreements had been returned to the Clerk duly signed.

110/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to send reminders to those residents who were yet to complete and return the agreement.

4. Recreation Ground - Tarmacing Car Park Three tenders had been submitted for this work as follows:-

David Rowell, Southport	- £ 17,700.00 + VAT
Premier Paving, Southport	- £ 5,473.00
C Thompson, Banks	- £ 6,397.00 + VAT

111/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That an order be placed with Premier Paving of Southport for the work in the sum of £ 5,473.00, subject to the work being undertaken during the half term holiday from the 27th to 31st October, 1997, and

2. That Premier Paving be asked for suggestions, with prices, for temporary repair work to the Access Road at the Centenary Sports Ground and the tarmac area at Glenpark Drive Play Area.

B. ITEM TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Station Road Play Area - Embankment The County Surveyor would look at the fence and take appropriate action and consider the Council's suggestion for tidying up the embankment.

#### ALLOTMENTS

B. ITEM TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Agreements with owners of adjacent property - There was still one agreement to be returned to the Clerk.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

112/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

A. ITEM FOR DECISION

Leases The Football Club had agreed in principle to the establishment of a Sinking Fund and were prepared to pay double the rental as their contribution. Replies were still awaited from the Bowling and Cricket Clubs.

113/97 RESOLVED:- That the current position be noted.

It being 10.00pm, the Chairman declared the meeting closed with the remaining items deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

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## **HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on the 27th October, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

**PRESENT:-** Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; H O Sephton and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant and K Wareing

Five members of the public were present.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables; Mr R C Ball and Mr S Trippier

### **MINUTES**

114/97 **RESOLVED:-** That, subject to the addition of Mrs J Birkby to the names of persons in attendance, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Chairman reminded members that Remembrance Sunday was the 9th November, 1997 and Councillors attending the service should meet at All Saints CE Church at 10.15am

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Page 2 Meeting with MP There had been no response from the MP.

**POLICING IN HESKETH BANK** (Inspector J Edmondson and Sergeant I Wright attended for this item) Insp. J Edmondson explained the current policing policies operating in the new Division, which now covered the Boroughs of South Ribble and Chorley and the District of West Lancashire, and the steps taken to cover the Parish whilst the local Constable had been absent.

Inspector Edmondson gave the latest crime figures for the Parish, which indicated that Hesketh Bank was a safe place to live, and answered a number of questions from Members of the Council

### **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Centenary Sports Ground - Northern Boundary An order had been placed for a fence to be erected on the northern boundary and the contractor was to be asked for a quotation to re-instate the hedge. The Council's Solicitor had asked about the latest position.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **A. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

##### **1. Review of Parish of Wrightington**

115/97 **RESOLVED:-** That no comments be made on the proposals.



2. LAP&TC - Annual General Meeting Copies of the resolutions for debate had been circulated to all Members of the Council.

116/97 RESOLVED:- That the Council's delegates be authorised to listen to the debates on the various resolutions and cast their votes accordingly.

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. District Council agendas
2. District Council Housing Strategy Statement - 1997 Supplement
3. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin
4. County Council - Planning & Environment circular and video
5. Pondsapes circular No 9
6. West Lancashire Victim Support - Annual Report

## FINANCE

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for payment

116/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Hesketh Village Institute - Rental of hall for meetings	£ 150.00
b. Mr B Rimmer - Letterheads	£ 50.53
c. Hesketh Bank AFC - Repairs to changing hut	£ 185.00

2. Parish Council Capital Funding

117/97 RESOLVED:- That, subject to estimates being obtained, the following schemes be submitted to the District Council for consideration for capital funding in the year 1998/99:-

- a. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Re-tarmac
- b. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Safety surfacing under new item of equipment (slide)
- c. Village Institute - Part refurbishment
- d. Recreation Ground, Shore Road - Drainage work near to the swings

3. Local Authority Charity Trust Funds

118/97 RESOLVED:- That the Auditors be advised that the Parish Council does not administer any Charity Trust Funds.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Items raised were:- voting for the new Parish Councillor and the seats at Cropper Gardens.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 1. Weekly Lists

119/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0867 13 detached bungalows & garages - Land off Silverdale (To go to Committee - Mrs J Witter to get copy of detailed plan)
- b. No 08/97/0884 Replace existing bungalow with a 2 storey dwelling & attached double garage (amendment to permission No 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)

#### 2. Development & Planning Committee - 30th October, 1997

120/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0826 Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (renewal of permission No 08/96/0460) - Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road (Recommendation - GRANTED)
- b. No 08/97/0579 Erection of vegetable store and water meter building - Land at 82 Moss Lane (Recommendation - GRANTED)

### B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

#### a. Applications determined:-

1. No 08/97/0578 Detached dwelling & garage, including new vehicular/pedestrian access (amendment to planning permission No 08/96/0130) - Land adj. 82 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
2. No 08/97/0728 Conservatory at side - 1 Newarth Lane (GRANTED)
3. No 08/97/0782 Two storey extension at side - 6 Cherry Vale (GRANTED)
4. No 08/97/0234 Change of use of building to car valeting workshop - Land at rear of 31 Boundary Lane (REFUSED)
5. No 08/96/0045 Change of use to car hire sales, double glazing and siting of demountable sales/hire offices, use of existing building as workshop for the repair and maintenance of caravans and domestic appliances. Provision of car parks, relocation of calor gas store and improvement to access (Renewal of planning permission No 08/91/0796) - Land at rear of 12 Station Road (GRANTED)
6. No 08/97/0840 Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs - Midland Bank, Station Road (GRANTED)
7. No 08/97/0784 Reserved matters - 12 terraced houses (including details of design, external appearance and landscaping) - Land off The Brow (APPROVED)

#### b. Appeal Decision:-

- No 08/97/0087 Erection of detached dormer bungalow - Station House, Boundary Lane, Hundred End (DISMISSED)

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Lancashire Road Safety Forum The first meeting would be held at Wellington Park Conference Centre, Leyland on Friday, 14th November, 1997 from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The Clerk undertook to let Mr S Trippier have details of the event.

2. Salt Bins The Chairman reported on the difficulties and liabilities which the Council could encounter if it requested the provision of salt bins.

121/97 RESOLVED:- That the provision of salt bins be not pursued.

3. Streetcleaning Mrs J Witter reported that West Lancashire Contracting did not want Parish Councils to issue job cards to street cleaners but wished to retain the flexibility to carry out urgent work by the fastest means possible. The Clerk undertook to advise Mr J Foster accordingly.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Recreation Ground - Access from adjacent property There were still 2 agreements outstanding.

2. Glenpark Drive - Weedkilling

122/97 RESOLVED:- That Premier Paving of Southport be authorised to do the work at an estimated cost of £30.00

### B. ITEMS TO NOTE

1. Recreation Ground Car Park - Tarmacing The work had started and Mr K Wareing agreed to keep his eye on progress.

2. Recreation Ground - Fence between car park and footway An order had been placed and the work would be undertaken after the tarmac work had been completed.

## STREET SEATS

### A. ITEM FOR DECISION

Repair/Replacement of seats The Clerk reported that £300 was included in the estimates and the Council took note of the comments made in Public Participation.

123/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs H Sephton and Mr B Birkby be authorised to carry out a survey of the existing street seats.

## BUS SHELTERS

### A. ITEM FOR DECISION

Station Road by 'Poppyfields' The Clerk reported that the existing hedge behind this shelter would be replaced by a wall.

124/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain an estimate from Autocross for the provision of a cantilever type shelter on Station Road adjacent to 'Poppyfields'.

## LAYFIELD CHARITY

125/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs J Witter be appointed as the Parish Council's Trustee on the Layfield Charity with immediate effect.

LAP&TC - AREA COMMITTEE - 10TH OCTOBER, 1997

The Council noted a report on the meeting which had received a presentation on cycle tracks and routes and had agreed to increase the Honorarium of the Secretary by £6.

**VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

126/97 RESOLVED:- That, in the absence of the Parish Council's Representative, a report on the AGM of the Village Hall Committee be deferred to a future meeting.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND**

**A. ITEM FOR DECISION**

Access through Northern Boundary Hesketh Bank AFC had indicated that they were preparing a submission for lottery funding which, if successful, included the purchase of the freehold of the land at 140 Station Road and requested permission to form two access points through the northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground to that land approximately 30 metres and 190 metres from Station Road. The Club also undertook to lay tarmac from Station Road to the first access point.

127/97 RESOLVED:- That the Council is minded to give permission to Hesketh Bank AFC to form access points over the northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground at points situated approximately 30 metres and 190 metres from Station Road, subject to the Club purchasing the freehold of the land situated at 140 Station Road. (This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 5 votes; AGAINST - 2 votes; ABSTAINED - 1)

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

128/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)**

**A. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

1. Leases Two letters had been received from the Bowling and Social Club in which the Club did not agree to the establishment of a Sinking Fund to bring the access road up to standard. A reply was still awaited from the Cricket Club.

129/97 RESOLVED:- That the letters from the Hesketh Bowling and Social Club be noted.

**2. Access Road**

130/97 RESOLVED:- That temporary repairs be undertaken to the access road at an estimated cost between £200 and £300. (This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 3 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 3)

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## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 24th November, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter and P J A Sergeant

Four members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr R C Ball

### MINUTES

131/97 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th October, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute 130/97 - The vote to read FOR - 4 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 4 votes

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils -AGM A report on the meeting, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, was noted.

132/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to ask the LAP&TC for advice on a Contract of Employment and Health and Safety.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Resignations The Clerk reported the resignations of Mrs H O Sephton, Mr S Trippier and Mr K S Wareing.

133/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to advise the District Council of the three vacancies and place an advertisement on the Parish Council Notice Boards,

2. That, if an election is not called, the Clerk be authorised to place notices in the parish seeking applicants to fill the vacancies.

2. LAP&TC - Newsletter The Newsletter included details of a Training Day to be held on the 6th December, 1997 but there were no volunteers to attend.

3. West Lancashire District Council - Civic Dinner - 20th March, 1998

134/97 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to the Chairman, or a representative, be accepted subject to the name of the person attending being advised at a later date.

**B. ITEMS TO NOTE** The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agenda - Full Council
2. District Council - Transport & Amenities Committee - Parking Restrictions in Hesketh Bank - The Committee was being recommended to suggest that the situation at Station Road/Moss Lane and Station Road Bridge be monitored as a safety precaution.
3. Rights of Way Access Forum - 10th December, 1997 - No-one to attend
4. LAP&TC - A copy of a booklet, Community Care in Lancashire - West Lancashire District Plan 1997/98, had been received and details of a representative of the Guide Dogs for Blind Association who would attend Parish Council meetings was noted.
5. Local Council Review - November, 1997 edition
6. District Council - Draft Register of Electors - No residents at 140, Station Road
7. Lancashire County Planning Department - Heritage Conservation in Lancashire - A Strategy and Plan for Action.

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

135/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Hunter be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

136/97 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the remainder of the Municipal Year:-

1. LAP&TC - Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs J Birkby
2. Hesketh Bank Village Institute - Mr P Sergeant
3. CPRE - The Chairman

**FINANCE**

**A. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**1. Accounts for Payment**

137/97 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Clerk, in authorising Mrs J Witter to act as a signatory for cheques and the payment of the following account, be confirmed:-

Premier Paving - Recreation Ground Car Park - Payment on account - £4,000.00

138/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Premier Paving - Recreation Ground Car park - Balance of account - £1,729.00
- b. Premier paving - Centenary Sports Ground Access Road - £ 237.00

**2. Bank Mandate**

139/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Midland Bank be authorised to pay all cheques and other instructions for payment signed on behalf of the Parish Council by any two of the following three signatories:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman of the Council); Mr J Hunter (Vice-Chairman of the Council) and Mrs J Witter (Member of the Council),

2. That the Midland Bank be authorised to accept the signature of the Clerk to the Council on receipts for the delivery of items held by the Bank in safe custody and in respect of other transactions with the Bank,

3. That the Midland Bank be authorised to accept telephone instructions from the Clerk to the Council and, in his absence the Chairman of the Council, for the transfer of funds between the Council's accounts,

4. That the Clerk be authorised to supply to the Midland Bank, as and when necessary, lists of persons who are authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council and authorise the Bank to rely upon such lists until amended or cancelled by notice, in writing, to the Bank signed by the Chairman and Clerk to the Council acting on behalf of the Council.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sergeant Bennett from Burscough Police Station attended the meeting and referred to the following issues:-

- a. An article to be published in the Village Visiter which referred to past incidents, at least one of which was 2 years ago,
- b. A forthcoming campaign aimed at pedal cyclists riding cycles without lights,
- c. Juvenile nuisance and underage drinking in the area which would be receiving special attention during the next few weeks,
- d. The need for residents to report any incident to the Police when it happens not a few days later.

Other issues raised by members of the public included, the fence at Station Road Play Area; Wagons parking on the pavement outside the Spar Shop at the junction of Moss Lane; the Northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Field and the hedge on Station Road by the 'Poppyfields' site.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 1. Weekly Lists

140/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0948 - Conversion of dwelling and granny flat into two dwellings - The Barn, 94A Beconsall Lane (To go to Committee)
- b. No 08/97/0958 - Use of one room of dwelling as beauty treatment room - 116 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/97/0991 - Widening of existing vehicular/pedestrian access - 165 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director) - Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this application.
- d. No 08/97/0997 - Retention of existing improved access and provision of landscaped parking (off Shore Road) - The Garage, 6 Guide Road (To go to Committee)
- e. No 08/97/0661 - Conversion of barn to dwelling. Alterations and extension to existing stable to form double garage. Replacement dwelling - Primrose Farm, Marsh Road (Amended application - now proposed to provide a replacement dwelling, original application also included renovations and alterations to existing farmhouse) (To go to Committee)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 26th November, 1997

Applications for determination

141/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0948 - Conversion of dwelling and granny flat into two dwellings - The Barn, 94A Beconsall Lane (Recommendation - GRANTED)
- b. No 08/97/0778 - Extension over and to the side of existing detached garage to provide staff room/toilets and store - Land to rear of 140 Moss Lane (Recommendation - REFUSED)
- c. No 08/97/0884 - Replace existing bungalow with a 2 storey dwelling & attached double garage (Amendment to permission No 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane (Recommendation - REFUSED)
- d. Enforcement Item E97/52 - Change of use from agricultural storage and distribution, i.e. use of land and buildings erected thereon for the packing and distribution of agricultural produce not grown on land owned or leased by the company which occupies the site - Land at rear of 222 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Comply with certain conditions within one month)

B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. Applications determined
  - a. No 08/97/0579 - Vegetable store etc. - Land at 82 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/97/0826 - Caravan - Sports Ground, Station Road (GRANTED to 30th September, 1998)
2. Lancashire Minerals & Waste Local Plan - Pre-Inquiry Changes

PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL FUNDING 1998/99

A. Parish Council Bids

142/97 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in submitting the following schemes for consideration for grant, be confirmed:-

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Safety surfacing under new item of equipment - £1540 + VAT
2. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Re-tarmac rear of site - £2129
3. Village Hall - Refurbishment of kitchen - £2700 + VAT

B. District Council Schemes The District Council had allocated an amount of £30,000 for play areas within the district.

143/97 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Clerk, in authorising the submission to the District Council, by Mrs Witter, of a scheme to re-tarmac the front and side of the Glenpark Drive Play Area site, be confirmed.

HESKETH VILLAGE INSTITUTE

The Trustees of the Village Institute had been seeking advice on the possible removal of the restrictive covenant on the site which banned the sale and consumption of alcohol in premises on the site. It appeared that the Parish Council, as owners of the Centenary Sports Ground, was now the beneficiary of the covenant and could agree to its removal subject to a simple agreement being drawn up by the Solicitor to the Trustees.



The Trustees did not want to set up a bar in the Institute but wished to increase income by hiring the premises for private functions when the hirer would either bring alcohol to the hall or obtain an occasional licence for the sale of alcohol by a local licensee.

143/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council has no objection in principle to the removal of the covenant regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol in premises on the site, and

2. That the views of the three Sports Clubs be sought prior to a decision being advised to the Trustees of the Institute.

#### TRANSFER OF JUSTICES' LICENCE - WINEGRO, 4/6 STATION ROAD HESKETH BANK

144/97 RESOLVED:- That no objections be raised to the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of Winegro, 4/6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

##### 1. Play Areas - Various works to tidy up the sites

145/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That an order be placed with Mr I Lamb of Tarleton for various works at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road, the Centenary Sports Ground, Station Road and Station Road Play Area at a cost of £875.00, and

2. That the Divisional County Surveyor be asked if the Parish Council could undertake work to the embankment and fence at Station Road Play Area subject to the costs being reimbursed by the County Council.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The cost of a new slide would be £1045 + VAT.

146/97 RESOLVED:- That a decision on the provision of a new slide be deferred pending the outcome of the Capital Bid referred to in Minute No 142/97 above.

##### 3. Station Road Play Area

##### a. Fence between play area and public house property

147/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby and Mr P Sergeant be authorised to repair the fence.

##### b. Bollards at entrance from Station Road

148/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to obtain a quotation for the supply of 2 concrete bollards to prevent vehicles entering the site.

##### 4. Recreation Ground - Drainage

149/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Sergeant be authorised to obtain a report on the drainage at the Recreation Ground.

##### B. ITEM TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Recreation Ground - New Fence - This would be erected within the next two weeks.

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 1. Replacement Bus Shelter

150/97 RESOLVED:- That a replacement bus shelter be erected on Station Road, by 'Poppyfields' at a cost of £1554 + VAT, the cost being met from monies in the estimates for bus shelters with any balance being met from the Repairs and Renewals Fund.

#### 2. Christmas Tree - Cropper Gardens

151/97 RESOLVED:- That a Christmas Tree be purchased for Cropper Gardens at a cost not exceeding £25.

### B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. Survey of Street Seats - To be undertaken by Mrs J Birkby and Mr B Birkby.
2. Derestriction Signs - Marsh Road - Being dealt with by Mrs J Witter.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Fence on Northern Boundary Work had stopped because the contractor had been unable to erect the fence without standing on the adjoining land.

152/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Hunter be authorised to speak to the contractor and report back to the Council.

#### 2. Access Road and Car Park The following estimates had been obtained:-

Tarmac the access road - £10,406.00 Tarmac the car park - £8,100.00

153/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of these estimates be deferred for the time being.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

154/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

### A. ITEM FOR DECISION

Leases A telephone message had been received from the Cricket Club which was to be followed up with a letter.

155/97 RESOLVED:- That action be deferred pending the receipt of a letter from the Cricket Club.

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## **HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on the 5th January, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

**PRESENT:-** Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and P M Stables

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J Hunter and P J A Sergeant

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

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter.

### **MINUTES**

156/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th November, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that Mr David Borrow MP had advised the Clerk that he was spending the day in France and would not arrive back at British Aerospace, Chester until about 6.30pm. He expected to attend the meeting at about 8.00pm.

157/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the Items in Part 2 of the Agenda be taken first and that the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND** (Exempt Information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

There was still no written response from the Cricket Club although it was known that changes had been made to the Cricket Club Committee and Mr B Birkby indicated that he could provide the necessary plans to go with the leases.

158/97 **RESOLVED:-** 1. That the Clerk be authorised to visit the Council's Solicitor with a view to amending the leases, on the lines already agreed by the Council, to enable the leases to be forwarded to the 3 Sports Clubs for signature,

2. That the Cricket Club be offered an annual lease subject to the Club meeting the legal costs involved,

3. That the Clerk be authorised to investigate the possibility of amending the Cricket Club's draft lease to provide for a period of tenancy of 12 months rather than the 28 years currently incorporated, and

4. That the Clerk be asked to ascertain the amount of legal fees to be met by each of the 3 Sports Clubs in accordance with the terms of the leases.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

159/97 RESOLVED:- That the Council proceed to the ordinary business of the meeting.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Resignations and resultant vacancies An election had not been called and the Council could now co-opt persons to fill the three vacancies. Notices had been placed on the Council Notice Boards.

2. Christmas tree The tree had been provided by the Council and the supplier had planted the tree at an appropriate spot. Sponsorship had been obtained for the lights. A letter of thanks to the Council, from the Warden of Cropper Gardens, had been received by the Chairman.

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

In answer to a number of questions from members of the Council, PC M Thackery indicated that he would speak to the individuals who were parking on the pavement in Cropper Gardens; the campaign concerning pedal cycles being ridden without lights was continuing and letters were being sent to the parents of children stopped for this offence; it was now possible for the police to confiscate alcohol found on persons under the age of 18 and pour it away in front of them; the drinking problems were fairly quiet at the moment, although bottles bought from the Spar shop in Tarleton were being found in Hesketh Bank; and crime in the area was still very low.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending, congratulated him on his success in reaching the qualifications for a Sergeant's post and welcomed him back to the area.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - 9th January, 1998 Copies of the agenda had been received and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be attending. One of the items for discussion was 'Postal services in rural areas' and the Council's delegates would outline the current policy in this area.

2. British Horse Society the Society's Strategy for Bridleways in Lancashire had been completed and was available. It was agreed not to request a copy.

3. LCC Youth & Community Service - Questionnaire The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had completed questionnaires on the facilities available in the parish.

4. Local Scout Group The local Group were wanting to attend a future meeting of the Council and the Chairman had given them dates for meetings up to April.

5. Millennium The Chairman had received a brochure of items which the Council may consider purchasing to commemorate the Millennium. It was agreed that an item be placed on a future meeting of the Council.

### B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas & Minutes

a. Community Liaison Sub-Committee

i. Hesketh Bank AFC had been awarded a grant of £500 subject to payment being made once the lottery application is successful.

ii. The 3 Parish Council schemes had been considered and the 2 schemes in respect of Glenpark Drive i.e. Safety surfacing under new slide (£1540+VAT) and re-tarmac the rear of the site (£2129) had been referred to the Development & Amenities Committee. The scheme in respect of the refurbishment of the kitchen at the Village Hall (£2700+VAT) had been approved for consideration providing the Downholland lottery application was again unsuccessful. However, a recent newspaper report indicated that provisional approval had been given to the Downholland scheme.

b. Transport & Amenities Committee The Committee had agreed the recommendation of the Officers in respect of the proposed waiting restrictions in the parish.

2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin - A copy had been given to each Parish Councillor

3. District Council Aborigicultural Advice Notes

4. Lancashire Police Authority - Police and Community Forum - To be held in Wrightington on 12th January, 1998

5. LAP&TC Newsletter

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

160/97 RESOLVED:- 1 That the following accounts be paid:-

1.	Premier Paving - Weedkilling at Glenpark Drive	£ 50.00
2.	Yates Playgrounds - Erection of fence at Recreation Ground	£ 2320.62
	(An amount of £1975.00 had been reimbursed by the District Council)	
3.	Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing water charges	£ 9.25
4.	B W Rimmer Esq. - Salary & expenses	£ 562.85
5.	B Birkby Esq. - Timber for Station Road play area fence	£ 8.34

2 That a vote of thanks was extended to Mr B Birkby and Mr P Sergeant for repairing the fence at the Station Road Play Area.

2. Budget for 1998/99 The District Council would not be advising parishes of the amount of concurrent expenditure available until the 4th February, 1998, after the next meeting of this Council. The precept was required to be notified to the District Council by the 16th February, 1998.

161/97 RESOLVED:- That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday, 9th February, 1998 and the local Scout Group be advised of the change of date.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were raised:- the leases for the 3 Sports Clubs; the conifers at the Centenary Sports Ground and the Northern Boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground.

Mr D Borrow MP arrived at 8.05 and the Parish Council meeting was suspended.

The Council meeting recommenced at 8.45pm

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED)

Further subjects raised included:- the recent resignation of 3 Parish Councillors; the influence of the Football Club on the Council; and public open space provision on the Centenary Sports Ground.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Planning Lists

162/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following 5 applications:-

- a. No 08/97/1022 - Provision of portacabin (20' x 10') for use as office accommodation and extension of car park at rear - Land rear of 7/9 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/97/1042 - Erection of 6.5m high (maximum) wind turbine - Willow Fields Barn, Cabin Road (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/97/1048 - Two storey extension at side - 73 Chapel Road (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/97/1053 - Detached house and double garage and repositioning of access to nursery - Land adjacent to 82 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/97/1064 - Erection of conservatory at rear and conservatory at side - Montrose, Shore Road (To be determined by Director)

2. That more details be requested of the following application to enable the Council to reach a decision:-

No 08/97/1045 - Retention of use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums (Renewal of planning permission No 08/95/0897) - Rear of 429 Moss Lane (To go to Committee)

#### 2. Development & Planning Committee - 8th January, 1998

163/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/97/0867 - 12 No detached bungalows and garages - Land at Silverdale (Recommendation - Granted)

### B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting
  - a. No 08/97/0958 - Use of one room of dwelling as beauty treatment room - 116 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/97/0948 - Conversion of dwelling and granny flat into two dwellings - The Barn, 49a Beconsall Lane (GRANTED)
  - c. No 08/97/0778 - Extension over and to the side of existing detached garage to provide staff room/toilets and store - Land rear of 140 Moss Lane (REFUSED)
  - d. No 08/97/0884 - Replace existing bungalow with a two storey dwelling and attached double garage (amendment to planning permission No 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane (REFUSED)
  - e. No 08/97/0991 - Widening of existing vehicular/pedestrian access - 165 Moss Lane (GRANTED)

- f. No 08/97/0352 - Conservatory at side/rear - Beconsall Hall, Beconsall Lane (WITHDRAWN)
- g. No 08/97/0353 - Listed Building Consent - Conservatory at side/rear - Beconsall Hall, Beconsall Lane (WITHDRAWN)
2. Enforcement Notice Solfresh, 222 Moss Lane - Requires compliance with certain conditions.
3. West Lancashire Local Plan The Public Inquiry had finished and the Inspector was preparing his report which may take some time.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

Various Works at Play Areas An order had been placed with Mr I Lamb except for the embankment at Station Road and the front of the fence at the Recreation Ground. The County Council required details of the work on the embankment and the Chairman undertook to ask Mr Lamb what his quotation included in respect of this item.

### B. Items to Note

Recreation Ground - Drainage Works Mr P Sergeant reported on progress with regard to finding a contractor to undertake this work.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Street Seats Mr & Mrs Birkby circulated copies of a report on the street seats in the parish. (A copy of the report appears in the Minute Book)

163/97 RESOLVED:- 1 That the Clerk be requested to obtain two quotations for the repair of seats nos 1,2,3,4 and 6 in the report now presented, and

2 That the Clerk be requested to approach the Builder of the Poppyfields estate for reimbursement of the cost of cleaning up seat no 8, in the report now presented, which is covered in concrete.

2. Bus Shelters Mr & Mrs Birkby circulated copies of a report on the bus shelters in the parish. (A copy of the report appears in the Minute Book). It was indicated that the hedge behind shelter no 7 was owned by Mr Bill Hunter of Meadow Lane.

164/97 RESOLVED:- 1 That the Clerk be authorised to obtain estimates from Autocross for the repair of shelters nos 3,8,9 and 13 in the report now presented, and

2 That Mr & Mrs Birkby be thanked for their work in compiling the report on the seats and shelters

3. Speeding in Hesketh Bank It was reported that vehicles were still speeding through the village.

## HESKETH BANK VILLAGE INSTITUTE - REMOVAL OF COVENANT

The Football Club and Bowling & Social Clubs had no objection to the removal of the covenant.  
The Cricket Club had not replied.

It was MOVED and SECONDED and by 6 votes to 1 vote:-

165/97 RESOLVED:- That the Trustees of the Hesketh Bank Village Institute be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the removal of the covenant relating to the sale of alcohol on the premises.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

### A. Items for Decision

Northern Boundary Mr J Hunter reported that the quotation for the work to the hedge on the northern boundary was in respect of a length of 100 yards whereas the actual length was about 140 yards.

166/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Hunter be authorised to ascertain, from the contractor, the starting and finishing points for the length of hedge included in his quotation and whether the work could be carried out without going onto the adjacent land as indicated in the official order from the Clerk.

Nanna Goodies  
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## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 9th February, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; C Chadwick; P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

Five members of the public and press were present.

### MINUTES

167/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Correspondence from Mr D Borrow MP Mr Borrow had sent the Clerk a copy of correspondence with the County Surveyor about traffic in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton and the Clerk had circulated copies to all members of the Council.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee Mr J Hunter reported on the meeting as follows:-

a. Bill Taylor, the new Chief Executive of the District Council, gave a talk about his aims for the future.

b. The Scarisbrick representatives had indicated that the Village Hall was not run by the Parish Council and, therefore, the amount of the precept should not have entered into the application for a grant.

c. The forthcoming Education Bill would take away the right of Parish Councils to nominate representative Governors for schools in their area. It was agreed to write to the Department of Education and Mr D Borrow MP to object to this provision.

d. Postal service in rural areas had been discussed and it appeared Hesketh Bank were quite well served compared to other parishes.

e. The question of college travel from rural areas was also raised with 16-18 year olds having to pay £90 for bus passes which could only be used at certain times of the day.

### POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (PC Mark Thackery was in attendance for this item)

An incident at the Spar Shop on Station Road, involving young persons who had been drinking, was raised when it appeared that the Police Sergeant in attendance was not very helpful. It was agreed that the Clerk should be requested to write to the Police for an explanation.

Mud of roads, especially Chapel Road, Shore Road and Station Road by Poppyfields, was discussed. PC Thackery said that Morris Homes did sweep Station Road after complaints were received and had indicated that the road was swept every other day as a matter of course.

Complaints were made about vehicles, especially HGV's, speeding through the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would request visits by the Traffic Department.

In response to a question about drinking in the street, PC Thackery said that no action could be taken against adults but alcohol could be confiscated from under age drinkers. The Police also had powers to take action against persons supplying alcohol to under age persons.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for his attendance.

## ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

Three residents had put their names forward to the Clerk in writing and a secret ballot was held.

The following votes were cast:-

Mr J R (Bob) Foster - 5 votes  
Ms C (Cindy) Chadwick - 8 votes  
Mr A (Tony) Murphy - 7 votes

168/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J R Foster, Ms C Chadwick, and Mr A Murphy be invited to fill the three vacancies on the Parish Council for a period to May 2000, and

2. That the three new members be invited to take part in the remainder of this meeting and to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the start of the next meeting of the Council.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC Spring Conference No interest was shown in attending the Conference.

2. Millennium The Beconsall Hotel had indicated a willingness to work with the Parish Council in celebrating the Millennium. It was agreed to include an item on the next agenda.

3. Cleanliness of Village Only two reply slips had been returned following the questionnaire on the Newsletter. One complained of dog fouling and the other about the state of the gutters.

169/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write a letter of complaint to the District Council about the state of the gutters in the village.

### B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items for this Parish
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin - Circulated to all Councillors
3. West Lancashire Citizens Guide
4. Lancashire County Council/CCL - Guide to Events in Lancashire
5. Pondsapes Newsletter
6. Register of Electors 1998 - Final copy

## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

170/97 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Autocross - Provision and erection of new bus shelter £ 1,825.96

2. Request for a Donation It was agreed to consider all requests, including the latest from the West Lancashire Dial-a-Ride Association, at the next meeting of the Council.

### B. Item to Note The following receipt was noted:-

NORWEB - Easement - £ 84.03

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

171/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/1022 - Provision of Portacabin (20'x10') for use as office accommodation - Land rear of 7/9 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/97/1117 - Change of use from shop to residential - 16 Shore Road (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/97/1127 - Erection of four bay greenhouse - Elvina, Guide Road (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/98/0021 - Extension to bungalow at front & side - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/98/0043 - New additional vehicular access - 45 Moss Lane (Delegated to Director)
- f. No 08/98/0049 - Use of existing garage as a dog grooming business (renewal of permission No 08/96/1206) Sunnybank, Guide Road (To be determined by Director)
- g. No 08/98/0071 - Listed Building Consent - Open up two windows in vestry; provide stainless steel protective grilles to all windows; replace rotten pew platform on south side with flagged floor - Beconsall Old Church, Beconsall Lane (To be determined by Director)
- h. No 08/98/0078 - Two storey extension at side & first floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate (To be determined by Director)

B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. Development & Planning Committee
  - a. Application No 08/97/1045 - Retention of use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums (renewal of No 08/95/0897) - Rear of 429 Moss Lane - GRANTED Temporary to 31/01/99. (The Clerk to chase reply to Council's questions)
  - b. Application No 08/97/0997 - Retention of existing improved access and provision of landscaped parking (off Shore Road) - 6 Guide Road (Recommendation - REFUSAL but refer to Secretary of State for the Environment if Council mindful to approve it) Deferred to allow organised site visit.
2. Applications determined since last meeting
  - a. No 08/97/1053 - Detached house & double garage and repositioning of access to nursery - Land adjacent to 82 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/97/1048 - Two storey extension at side - 73 Chapel Road (GRANTED)
  - c. No 08/97/1064 - Erection of conservatory at rear and conservatory at side - Montrose, Shore Road (GRANTED)
  - d. No 08/97/0867 - 12 detached bungalows and garages - Land off Silverdale (GRANTED)
  - e. No 08/97/1042 - Erection of 6.5m high (maximum) wind turbine - Willow Fields Barn, Cabin Road (GRANTED)
  - f. No 08/97/0733 - Reserved matters - Detached dormer bungalow (including details of design, external appearance & landscaping) - Land adjacent to 8 Granville Avenue (APPROVED)
  - g. No 08/97/1022 - Provision of portacabin (20' x 10') for use as office accommodation - land rear of 7/9 Station Road (GRANTED)
3. Removal of Hedgerows An application had been received which did not affect this Parish.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Repairs to Bus Shelters The following estimates had been received from Autocross:-

Station Road, O/S All Saints Church - Replace 2 glass panels	£ 290.00
Shore Road/Chapel Road (Preston bound) - Replace glass panel	£ 145.00
Station Road/Rankin Avenue (Preston bound) - Repair distorted frame	£ 325.00
Chapel Road, O/S Methodist Chapel - Painting	£ 150.00

172/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That an immediate order be placed for the replacement of the glass panels in the shelters on Station Road and Shore Road and the Clerk be authorised to make a claim on the Council's Insurance Policy,

2. That an order be placed for the repair work on the shelter at Station Road/ Rankin Avenue to be carried out after the 1st April, 1998, and

3. That an order be placed for the painting of the shelter in Chapel Road, O/S Methodist Chapel to be carried out during an appropriate period of warm weather after the 1st April, 1998.

2. Repairs to seats It was reported that Mr N Marsden had retired and no response received from Mr R Carr. The Clerk was asked to approach Mr K Farrington of Tarleton and Mr G Hales of Hesketh Bank for estimates.

3. Speed Limit, Guide Road The County Council were proposing to put 30mph terminal signs near to Dunkirk Dib making the remainder of the road subject to the national speed limit of 60mph.

173/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the Parish Council is concerned that a single track road, with passing places and no footpath, will become derestricted and the Parish Council believes that a roads of this nature should be dealt with on an individual basis.

B. Item to Note The following item was noted:-

Waiting Restrictions, Station Road/Moss Lane The work would be undertaken shortly and the waiting restrictions implemented.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Station Road Play Area An estimate had not yet been received and the item would be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk reported receipt of a brochure from a Company which made metal bollards. It was reported that the link wire attached to the fence was in a dangerous state and it was agreed to discuss the banking and the fence at the next meeting.

2. Recreation Ground

a. Drainage Mr P Sergeant required an OS map which showed the Recreation Ground and Mr B Birkby undertook to provide a suitable map.

b. Footpath - Shore Road to Delta Park Drive It was reported that an oily substance had been spilled on the footpath and Mr B Birkby undertook to investigate.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area It was reported that this land was still in the ownership of the District Council although the Parish Council had paid for all the equipment on the land and currently undertook the maintenance of the land and equipment. At the recent meeting of the Development & Amenities Committee, all the monies available for play areas had been allocated to schemes in Skelmersdale.

174/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the present position and asked what measures it proposed to take to maintain the area.

## BUDGET FOR 1998/99

The Council considered a draft budget for 1998/99 and revised estimates for the current year prepared by the Clerk. It was reported that the cost of the drainage work on the Recreation Ground was likely to be in the region of £3,000 to £5,000. It was suggested that the rents for the Centenary Sports Ground were a disgrace and the Chairman explained why the Parish Council were not able to charge higher rents.

A number of amendments were made to the budget, whereupon it was:-

175/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the budget for 1998/99, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be approved and adopted, and

2. That a precept of £ 9,463.00 be levied on the District Council for the year 1998/99.

#### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

A copy of the report on the 1997 competition had been circulated to all members of the Council.

176/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to send a copy of the results to all the organisations with premises which had been entered in the competition, and

2. That more detailed consideration be given to the 1998 competition at the next meeting of the Council.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

177/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND** (Exempt Information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

##### A. Item for Decision

Northern Boundary Mr J Hunter reported that it was not possible to erect the fence without going on to the adjoining land and he had been advised that electricity cables ran along the line of the hedge. Mr Hunter also explained the length of the boundary covered by the estimate and the current position of the Contractor in relation to undertaking the work.

178/97 RESOLVED:- That NORWEB be asked for a copy of the service chart for this part of the Parish and the Contractor be asked to undertake the work on land in the ownership of the Council.

##### B. Item to Note

Leases The Clerk reported that he was to meet the Council's Solicitor on the 17th February, 1998 to discuss the leases and the Chairman reported on information received from the Bowling Club about the possible future maintenance of the access road.

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## **HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on the 2nd March, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

**PRESENT:-** Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; C Chadwick and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant;

Two members of the public were present.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables and Mr J Hunter.

### **MINUTES**

179/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1. Policing in Hesketh Bank The Police had indicated that the Officer who had dealt with the disturbance at the Spar Shop had reported sick and may not return. Senior Officers were not able to comment on what happened without speaking to him. The speeding problems had been referred to the Traffic Department at Ormskirk.

2. Cleaning of Gutters The District Council were proposing to increase gutter cleaning on main roads from once every 6 weeks to once every 3 weeks and were seeking the Parish Council's views.

180/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the proposal of the District Council in regard to gutter cleaning on main roads be welcomed and that representations be made about the state of Guide Road.

3. Dog Fouling Concern was expressed about dog fouling in the Parish and it was reported that, in certain areas of Sefton, on the spot fines were being levied for offences of dog fouling.

181/97 **RESOLVED:-** That the District Council be advised of the Parish Council's concerns about the high level of dog fouling in the Parish and be requested to undertake a concentrated programme aimed at reducing offences of this nature.

4. Speed limit on Guide Road A response was still awaited from the County Surveyor.

5. Village Sign A response was still awaited from the County Surveyor.



## APPOINTMENTS TO PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

182/97 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to Parish Council Committees:-

- a. Recreation Committee Ms C Chadwick
- b. Allotments Committee Mr A Murphy
- c. Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee Ms C Chadwick and Mr J R Foster
- d. Centenary Sports Ground Committee Ms C Chadwick

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

183/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be nominated for the ballot for persons to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

2. West Lancashire District Council - Civic Dinner The Chairman was unable to attend the Dinner on the 20th March, 1998 and the view of the Council was that, in the light of the decisions taken by the District Council in formulating the budget for 1998/99 resulting in a reduction in services and increases in rents and charges, the Parish Council should not be supporting a function the cost of which falls on the charge payers of the District.

184/97 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend the Civic Dinner be declined for the reasons set out above.

#### 3. Parbold Parish Council - Civic Service

185/97 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend the Civic Service at Parbold be declined.

### B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items affecting this Parish
2. Review of the Parish of Wrightington - Draft proposals - No comments
3. District Council Chairman's Community Fayre - 16th May, 1998 - Notices to be put on the Notice Boards
4. District Council - Official Guide - Received
5. District Council Home Front News - Received. It was reported that there was now a surgery for Council tenants in the Community Room at Oakgate Close, Tarleton
6. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscriptions - To be brought up in the next financial year
7. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin - Copies circulated to all members

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## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

186/97 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

J T Lamb Esq - Various cleaning up works	£ 625.00
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#### 2. Donations for 1997/98

187/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following general donations be made from the amount of £100 included in the estimates for 1997/98:-

1.	West Lancashire Victim Support Scheme	£ 25.00
2.	Tarleton Terriers Junior Rugby Club	£ 30.00
3.	MENCAP West Lancashire	£ 25.00
4.	West Lancashire Dial-a-Ride Scheme	£ 20.00

2. That the following Burial Ground Grants be made from the amount of £150 included in the estimates for 1997/98:-

1.	All Saints Church Burial Ground	£100.00
2.	Becconsall Old Church Burial Ground	£ 50.00

### B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. Audit of Accounts for 1997/98 - To commence on 13th July, 1998

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The only subject raised was the surgery being held at Cropper Gardens on the first Thursday of each month for persons who are hard of hearing or partially sighted.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

188/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0098 - Siting of residential caravan for horticultural worker (Renewal of permission No 08/92/1089) - Spencer Propagators, Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank
- b. No 08/98/0117 - Detached double garage at rear - 36 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank
- c. No 08/98/0128 - Retention of 3 portacabins for religious/educational purposes (Retention of permission No 08/93/0100) - Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank



2. Development & Planning Committee - 5th March, 1998

189/97 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0997 - Retention of existing improved access & provision of landscaped parking off Shore Road - 6 Guide Road, Hesketh Bank (Recommendation - REFUSED but refer to Secretary of State for Environment if Committee minded to approve)
- b. No 08/97/1127 - Erection of 4 bay greenhouse - 'Elvina', Guide Road, Hesketh Bank (Recommendation - GRANTED)

B. Items to Note the following items were noted:-

1. Applications determined:-

- a. No 08/97/1117 - Change of use of 2 rooms from shop to residential - 16 Shore Road, Hesketh Bank - GRANTED
- b. No 08/97/1045 - Retention of use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums (Renewal of permission No 08/95/0897) - Rear of 429 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank - GRANTED to 31/01/99

**HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

A. Items for Decision

1. Street seats No estimates had been received and no reply received from Morris Homes.

2. Big Brow Wall

190/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be again asked to check the condition of the Brow Wall, and

2. That the County Surveyor be requested to consider the possibility of erecting a mirror at the junction of Station Road and Shore Road to assist the sight for vehicles turning right from Station Road into Marsh Road.

**RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS**

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Drainage Mr P Sergeant was still trying to locate an OS Plan of the site.

2. Recreation Ground - Footpath from Shore Road to Delta Park Drive The oil had been washed away.

3. Recreation Ground - Various Works

191/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised to obtain a price from Mr J I Lamb for the following work:-

1. The dangerous flags on the footpath
2. The removal of rubbish
3. The filling in of holes near to the play equipment

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4. Station Road Play Area - Bollards An estimate had been received in the sum of £250.00. It was reported that the County Council had been asked about filings from Hesketh Lane for use on the access to the Centenary Sports Ground and had left some kerbs, on the Centenary Sports Ground car park, for use by the Parish Council. It was suggested that some of these kerbs could be utilised as bollards for the entrance to Station Road play area.

192/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised to arrange for 3 concrete bollards posts to be put in the entrance to the play area and for the ground underneath the seat to be repaired.

5. Station Road Embankment

193/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J I Lamb be asked for ideas and an estimate for works to the fence and the embankment at Station Road bridge, and

2. That the County Council be requested to replace the dangerous chain link fencing on the fence at Station Road bridge.

B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. Recreation Ground It was reported that, despite the presence of notices regarding 'No dogs', there was a lot of dog dirt on the ground.

2. Glenpark Drive A reply was awaited from the Director of Development and Amenities regarding the future of this area.

**BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1998**

194/97 RESOLVED:- That an entry be submitted for the Best Kept Village Competition 1998 at a cost of £8.00 and the Chairman be authorised to complete the Application Form.

**MILLENNIUM**

It was reported that Mrs M Bamber of the Lady Farmers' was interested in assisting in arrangements for the Millennium and it was agreed that the Chairman and Mrs J Birkby would prepare a list of village organisations.

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

195/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND** (Exempt Information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary Plans showing electricity cables had been received from NORWEB and would be passed to Mr J Hunter with a request that they be returned to the Clerk when the work is completed.

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2. Leases The Clerk reported on his meeting with the Council's Solicitor when the various points raised by the Clubs had been answered and future action to be taken by the Council agreed. As a result of the meeting, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, had written to the 3 Sports Club setting out the latest position and requesting approval to proceed to finalising the leases. A written response had been received from the Football Club and a verbal response from the Cricket Club, both of which were noted.

196/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the latest position with regard to the leases for the 3 Sports Clubs be noted,

2. That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, in progressing the matter between meetings of the Council, be confirmed, and

3. That the future of the access road and car park be subject to detailed discussions with the 3 Sports Clubs after the leases have been finalised and signed by the parties concerned.

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 30th March, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mr J Hunter (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant;

One member of the public was present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Chairman (Mrs N M Goodier) and Mrs P Stables.

### MINUTES

197/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Speeding in Hesketh Bank The Police were targeting enforcement activities at accident sites but had been seen in the village over the past weekend.
2. Cleaning of Gullies The District Council had been advised that the Council supported a three weekly cycle on main roads. It was also reported that Guide Road was now on a six weekly cycle.
3. Speed Limit - Guide Road The County Surveyor had indicated that a lower limit than 30mph was not suitable for this type of road. The representatives on the LAP&TC Committee would raise the issue of a 20mph speed limit with representatives of Scarisbrick & Lathom at the next Area Committee meeting.
4. West Lancashire District Council Civic Dinner A letter had been received from Mrs D Trippier who had been told of this Council's response by the Chairman of the District Council. It was agreed to acknowledge the letter from Mrs Trippier and the Vice-Chairman indicated that he didn't mind writing to The Chairman of the District Council.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC Area Committee Meeting The Secretary had received a response from the Department of Education and Employment about the appointment of School Governors by Minor Authorities; a response about Student Bus Passes would be given at the meeting; and Newburgh Parish Council were suggesting that AGM papers should be circulated to parishes at least two months before the AGM.

198/97 RESOLVED:- That the representatives listen to the debate on Newburgh's resolution and vote accordingly.

2. LAP&TC Training Day - 9th May, 1998 No-one was interested in attending.

3. Waste Collection Charges It was reported that the District Council had now introduced charges for the collection of waste from Charities and it appeared to be the only Council in Lancashire levying such a charge. It had also been suggested that some Community Halls in Skelmersdale were not paying rates on their property.

199/97 RESOLVED:- That representations be made to the District Council about the imposition of charges for the collection of waste from charities, and that information be sought about the payment of rates by the owners of community halls.

B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agenda There were no items for this Parish
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin The question of the new low cost housing development at The Brow was raised. It was reported that the persons with the most points on the General Housing List would be allocated the homes for rent, whilst applications for the shared ownership homes would be made through the Housing Association.
3. LCC Planning Department The latest Newsletter had been received which indicated that the County Planning Officer had obtained another appointment and the Planning Department had been integrated with the Surveyor's Department with effect from the 1st April, 1998.
4. Lancashire Police Authority The next meeting of the Police & Community Forum would be held on the 20th April, 1998 in Skelmersdale.
5. Local Council Review - March Edition The latest edition had been received.

## FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

### Accounts for Payment

200/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Hesketh Bank AFC - Water - Standing charge	£ 9.25
B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 541.25
Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual subscription	£ 10.00✓

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that a large hole had appeared in the access road to the car park of the Centenary Sports Ground. The Clerk agreed to contact Leakline first thing in the morning.

## PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

201/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/97/0471 - Removal of condition No 3 imposed on planning permission No 08/96/0161 (The stable shall be used for private purposes only and shall not be used for riding school, livery or any other commercial purposes). Erection of dutch barn - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, Hesketh Bank (To go to Committee)
2. No 08/98/0170 - Erection of one detached bungalow and detached garage - Plot 1, Rose Gardens, Hesketh Bank (To go to Committee)
3. No 08/98/0155 - Detached bungalow and garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access - Land at 22 Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)
4. No 08/98/0186 - Siting of portacabin for use as canteen - Westview, English Village Salads, Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)
5. No 08/98/0189 - Two non-illuminated advertisement signs - Finns Fine Furniture, 19 Station Road, Hesketh Bank (Delegated to Director)
6. No 08/98/0222 - Replace existing bungalow with a 2 storey dwelling and double garage (amendment to Planning permission No 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (To go to Committee)
7. No 08/98/0229 - Two storey extension to rear - 21 Station Road, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)
8. No 08/98/0231 - Extension at side and rear of detached garage - Vine Cottage, 43 Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)
9. No 08/98/0237 - Amendment to condition No 6. imposed on Planning permission No 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830hrs - 1800hrs to 0700hrs - 2000hrs - 165 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (To go to Committee) (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 2nd April, 1998 There were no items for this Parish.

B. Items to Note The following items were noted:-

Applications determined since last meeting

1. No 08/98/0043 - New additional vehicular access - 45 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
2. No 08/98/0021 - Extension to bungalow at front and side - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
3. No 08/97/0097 - Retention of existing improved access and provision of landscaped parking area (off Shore Road) - The Garage, 6 Guide Road, Hesketh Bank (REFUSED)
4. No 08/97/1127 - Erection of four bay greenhouse - 'Elvina', Guide Road, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
5. No 08/98/0049 - Use of existing garage as a dog grooming business (renewal of permission No 08/96/1206) - Sunnybank, Guide Road, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED - Personal to applicants)
6. No 08/98/0128 - Retention of 3 portacabins for religious/educational purposes (retention of Planning permission No 08/93/0100) - Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED to 31.03.2003)
7. No 08/98/0071 - Listed Building Consent - Open up two windows in vestry; provide stainless steel protective grilles to all windows. Replace rotten pew platform on south side with flagged floor - Beconsall Old Church, Beconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)

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## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Street Seats No prices had been received to date.

202/97 RESOLVED:- The Clerk was requested to approach two further persons regarding this work and Mr B Birkby was authorised to approach Mr J T Lamb.

2. Granville Avenue An approach had been made about the drains in Granville Avenue. It was reported that the street had not been adopted and, therefore, the drains were not the responsibility of the Local Authority.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Drainage Mr P Sergeant was awaiting quotations for this work.

2. Various works Mr J T Lamb had been shown round and a price was awaited. Mr A Murphy suggested that a resident of Glenpark Drive could be approached for a quotation and Mr B Birkby undertook to follow it up.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

### A. Item for Decision

Discharge of sewage and radioactive substances into the river Mr J R Foster raised the question of discharges into the river.

203/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to approach North West Water about the discharge of sewage into the river especially at times of peak rainfall,

2. That the representatives on the LAP&TC Area Committee be authorised to raise the matter at the next Area Committee meeting, and

3. That the Clerk be authorised to approach the Environment Agency, BNFL, RADMIL and MAFF about the discharge of radioactive materials into the navigation channel of the river.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Chairman had made a start on the Entry Form for the 1998 Competition.

204/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to complete the Entry Form for the 1998 Best Kept Village Competition on the lines agreed by the Council.

## MILLENNIUM

205/97 RESOLVED:- That the offer of Moving Music to provide a tape recording of a Council meeting be not taken up and the Hesketh Bank Sea Anglers be added to the list of local organisations to be approached about the Millennium