

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 27th April, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

Five members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms C Chadwick; Mrs P Stables and Mr J Hunter

MINUTES

209/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Donations Letters of thanks had been received from All Saints Church PCC; MENCAP(West Lincs); West Lincs Dial-a-Ride and Victim Support (West Lincs).

2. LAP&TC Area Committee It was reported that a presentation had been given on the West Lancashire Development Plan by Mr P Bradford of the Planning Dept; the District Council was responsible for weed control; School bus passes depended on the bus contractor and the contracted hours for the pass but eventually the County Council were to do away with subsidised bus passes; and the Newburgh proposal regarding agendas for the AGM was amended from 2 months to one month.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council regarding School Bus Passes.

3. Waste Collection Charges The District Council had indicated that a random survey of 10 Lancashire Districts had shown that all levied a charge for collecting waste materials from charities as did St Helens & Sefton MBC's. In addition, all community centres in Skelmersdale paid full rates as the Council is not allowed to grant itself discretionary relief.

4. Best Kept Village Competition An entry had been made and posters would be placed around the village. It was agreed to post future results on the Notice Boards. The Clerk was asked to send the County Council a reminder about the 'Hesketh Bank' sign from Hesketh Lane/Station Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Appointment of School Governors by Minor Authorities The Clerk had received a similar response from the Department of Education and Employment to that received by the Secretary of the LAP&TC Area Committee which confirmed that Minor Authority Governors would be appointed by invitation not as of right.

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

1. District Council Agendas - There were no items for this Parish
2. Lancashire County Council Environment Directorate - This would cover Transportation Policy, Highways Consultancy and Planning with Graham Harding as the Director
3. CCL News - The latest edition had been received
4. Pondscapes - The latest edition had been received
5. LAP&TC - A newsletter had been received which included the final report on the Disciplinary Procedures taken in London
6. Grasscutting - A letter of thanks had been received from a resident about the grasscutting in Chapel Road

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

210/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Autocross, Rossendale - Repairs to bus shelters

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| a. | Shore Road/Chapel Road - | £ 170.38 |
| b. | Station Road (All Saints Church) - | £ 340.75 |

Total £ 511.13/

I J Webb Esq - Road planings £ 423.00/

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following was noted:-

West Lancashire District Council - Precept - First payment £7,500.00/

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following items were raised:- Access across the northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground; the fencing of the northern boundary; leases for the 3 Sports Clubs; and disclaimers over rights of way onto Parish Council land.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly lists

211/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0270 - Use of one room for Aroma Beauty Therapy treatment - 128 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/98/0281 - Reserved matters - Erection of one detached house (inc revised details of means of access) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)

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c. No 08/98/0322 - Installation of 3 air conditioning condensing units on rear elevation - Midland Bank plc, Station Road, Hesketh Bank - (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 30th April, 1998

212/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/98/0170 - Erection of one detached bungalow & detached garage - Plot 1, Rose Gardens, Hesketh Bank (Recommendation - GRANTED)

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

Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/98/0117 - Detached double garage at rear - 36 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/98/0186 - Siting of portacabin for use as canteen - Westview, English Village Salads, Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED to 30/04/2000)
- c. No 08/98/0155 - Detached bungalow and garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access - Land at 22 Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Replacement Bus Shelter - Chapel Road near to Charles Close An estimate had been received from Autocross as follows:-

New shelter to match recent purchases	£ 985.00
Windbreaks x 2	£ 600.00
Site preparation & installation	£ 325.00
Total	<u>£1910.00 plus VAT</u>

213/97 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Autocross for the replacement of the bus shelter on Chapel Road near to Charles Close at a total cost of £1910.00 + VAT.

2. Street Seats An estimate had been received from Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the repair and revarnishing of street seats but was submitted on the basis of the various repairs required rather than a cost for each seat.

214/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised

a. To place an order with Mr B Parkinson for the repair and revarnishing of street seats upto a total cost of £300.00 on the basis that the worst seats are repaired first, and

b. To obtain from Mr B Parkinson an estimate of the amount required to complete the repair and revarnishing of all the street seats in the Parish.

3. Street Cleaning Mrs J Birkby had taken photographs of a number of areas of the parish to show that the standard of cleaning was not as high as when the Parish Council employed a lengthsman.

215/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That a catalogue be kept of all complaints etc regarding the cleanliness of the parish, and

2. That the District Council be asked if there is a spraying programme for vegetation in the road channels,

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

1. The Brow Wall Letters from the District Council and the County Council regarding the current state of the wall. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the District Council's letter to the County Council with a request that the ownership be determined as soon as possible.

2. Station Road Bridge Embankment The County Council had indicated that the chain link would be removed the next time repairs were undertaken. It was also noted that some panels were broken.

3. Dog Fouling A letter outlining the District Council's policy had been received.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground Drainage One quotation had been received in the sum of £ 5,220.00 and Mr P Sergeant was trying to obtain a second price.

2. Recreation Ground and Play Areas - Various Works One estimate had been received for various works.

216/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the following works:-

a.	Station Road Play Area - Flagging under park seat	£ 20.00
b.	Station Road Bridge - Trim hawthorn bushes by fence	£ 20.00
c.	Recreation Ground - Supply, fit and relay flagstones	£260.00
d.	Recreation Ground - Removal of rubbish from rear of Belsfield Drive & Ribble Avenue	£ 45.00
Total cost		<u>£345.00</u>

2. That Mr B Parkinson be requested not to undertake the work in relation to installing bollards at the entrance to the Station Road Play Area, and

3. That the District Council be asked about the removal of rubbish dumped on Parish Council land.

3. Recreation Ground - Litter Bins

217/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the litter bin by the swings has been set on fire, and the Council be requested to provide an additional bin adjacent to the pigeon hut at the bottom of the slope.

4. Station Road Play Area The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the property in Cherry Vale who had said he would remove the rubbish from the Play Area side of wall to ascertain when this work would be undertaken.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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The Clerk reported responses from North West Water and the Environment Agency about the dumping of sewage from the Pumping Station in ~~Guide~~ Road and from the Environment Agency, BNFL, RADMIL and CEFAS (MAFF) about the discharge of radioactive substances into the River Ribble. The various responses and reports were noted.

TIMETABLE FOR 1998/99

218/98 RESOLVED:- That the following timetable of meetings of the Parish Council be approved and adopted:-

Tuesday, 26th May, 1998(7.00pm); Monday, 22nd June, 1998; Monday, 20th July, 1998; Tuesday, 1st September, 1998; Monday, 28th September, 1998; Monday, 26th October, 1998; Monday, 23rd November, 1998; Monday, 4th January, 1999; Monday, 1st February, 1999; Monday, 1st March, 1999; Monday, 29th March, 1999 and Monday, 26th April, 1999 All meetings to commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

219/97 RESOLVED:- That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Tuesday, 26th May, 1998 at 8.00pm.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

220/97 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 The Contractor had left gaps in the fence by the access points constructed by the neighbouring landowner.

221/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J Hunter be asked to request the Contractor to complete the new boundary fence,

2. That the Clerk be requested to consult the Council's legal advisor on the Council's position once the fence has been completed with a view to informing the owner of the adjacent land of same.

2. Access Road The Clerk was asked to consult the Council's Insurers regarding the use of volunteer labour.

B. Item to Note

1. Leases The Council's Solicitor had been asked to complete the leases for issue to the three Sports Clubs. In response to a question, it was reported that the access road was not a private road but could be used by anyone in the Parish.

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Mesdames P M Stables and J Witter

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

Two members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J Birkby.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/98 **RESOLVED:-** That Councillor Mrs N M Goodier be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1998/99.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

It was agreed that the Declaration would be signed at the next meeting of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/98 **RESOLVED:-** That Councillor J Hunter be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1998/99.

MINUTES

03/98 **RESOLVED:-** That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** - Line 2 'Guide Road' to read 'Marsh Road'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. School Bus Passes A letter had been sent to the Chief Education Officer regarding the current and possible future policy.
2. Best Kept Village Competition A reminder had been sent to the County Council regarding the Village sign at Hesketh Lane/Station Road and the Clerk undertook to provide copies of the posters for this years competition for the Notice Boards and for local shops.
3. Appointment of School Governors A reminder had been sent to the local MP.
4. Environmental Issues It was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that, in the light of the pollution in the river, the Council should make enquiries of the relevant authorities as to whether it was safe to eat fish caught in the river.

Upon being put, the proposal was defeated by 7 votes to 2 votes and it was thereupon:-

04/98 RESOLVED:- That no further action be taken regarding the safety of eating fish caught in the river.

5. Insurance

05/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to check with the LAP&TC the position regarding insurance for contractors employed by the Parish Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE

06/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to continue to serve on this Committee, the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; Councillors B Birkby; Ms C Chadwick; Mrs P Stables and Mrs J Witter

2. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

07/98 RESOLVED:- That the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; Councillors R Ball; A Murphy; P Sergeant and Mrs J Witter

3. FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

08/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to continue to serve on this Committee, the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; Councillors R Ball; Ms C Chadwick; J R Foster and Mrs P Stables

4. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

09/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to continue to serve on this Committee, the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Councillors B Birkby; Ms C Chadwick and Mrs J Witter

5. Millennium Committee

10/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That a Millennium Committee be established for the year 1998/99, and

2. That the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Councillors B Birkby; A Murphy and P Sergeant

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

11/98 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies listed below:-

1. LAP&TC - The Chairman; the Vice-Chairman; and Councillor Mrs J Birkby, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Mrs J Birkby if she is willing to continue to represent the Council on this body
2. VILLAGE INSTITUTE - Councillor P Sergeant
3. LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION - Councillor P Sergeant
4. COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - The Chairman

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC Training Course A Training Course for new Councillors and Clerks was to be held on the 11th July, 1998 at a cost of £36.00 per person.

12/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor A Murphy and Councillor J R Foster, if he is able, be authorised to attend the Training Course on the 11th July, 1998, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to ask Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to attend the course.

2. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - AGM

13/98 RESOLVED:- That Councillor P Sergeant be authorised to attend the AGM on the 19th June, 1998 if he is able to do so.

3. LAP&TC - Area Committee - AGM

14/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council do not give a short presentation at the AGM of the Area Committee.

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

1. District Council Agendas - No items for this Parish
2. District Council Members' Bulletin - Circulated to Councillors
3. LAP&TC Circular - Circulated to Councillors
4. District Council - Year 2000 Supply Chain Compliance - Noted
5. District Council - Countryside Events Leaflets - Available for Members

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

15/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. | Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Subscription | £ 10.00✓ |
| 2. | LAP&TC - Subscription | £ 272.84✓ |
| 3. | Cornhill Insurance - Insurance policy payment | £ 258.79✓ |

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following payment had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - 1/2 Concurrent Expenditure £ 2097.21

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

a. No 08/98/0388 Change of use of outbuildings to 3 dwellings, detached block of 3 garages - Wright's Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

16/98 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to this application provided that the District Council ensures that Footpath 39 is not usurped by the development.

b. No 08/98/0434 Replacement dwelling - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

17/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 28th May, 1998

a. Applications

18/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/98/0078 2 storey extension at side and first floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSED - Green belt policies)

2. No 08/98/0098 Siting of residential caravan for horticultural worker (renewal of planning permission No 08/92/1089) - Spencer Propagators, Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED - Temporary to 31/05/2003)

3. No 08/98/0431 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 (Recommendation - REFUSED - Green belt policies)

b. Appeal The following appeal was noted:-

No E/96/0042 Creation of new vehicular access road and parking areas - Land adjacent to 6 Guide Road and 20 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (WITHDRAWN)

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3. West Lancashire Local Plan - Supplementary Planning Guidance

19/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain 2 copies of the Planning Guidance in respect of Station Road, Hesketh Bank

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

Applications Determined

1. No 08/98/0170 - Erection of one detached bungalow and detached garage - Plot 1, Rose Gardens, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
2. No 08/98/0231 - Extension at side and rear of detached garage including provision of pitched roof over extended building - Vine Cottage, 43 Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
3. No 08/98/0270 - Use of one room for Aroma & Beauty Therapy treatment - 128 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
4. No 08/98/0229 - Two storey extension to rear - 21 Station Road, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Temporary Closure of C142 Station Road, Hesketh Bank The Chairman reported that the road had been closed because the Surveyor did not think the wall was safe. The District and County Councils were investigating ownership of the wall. It was the owner's responsibility to undertake necessary repairs. The wall had been stabilised as a temporary measure by being shored up. It was suggested that the question of ownership could go on for some time.

The Clerk undertook to write to the Building Control Manager of the District Council with a copy to the Principal Engineer -Structures regarding the need for an urgent decision on ownership.

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

The meeting recommenced at 9.10pm.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS (CON'T)

A. Items for Decision (Con't)

2. Street Seats Councillor B Birkby reported that he had placed an order with Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the repair and varnishing of 8 street seats at a total cost of £ 281.50.

20/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of Councillor B Birkby in placing an order with Mr B Parkinson for the repair etc of 8 street seats in the sum of £ 281.50 be confirmed, and

2. That Councillor Birkby be requested to obtain an estimate for the repair etc of the remaining street seats for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

3. Footpaths

21/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that:-

1. Footpath signs are missing on the following footpaths:-
 - a. Footpath No 43 at Titmouse Brow
 - b. Footpath No 42 at School Fold
 - c. Footpath No 21 - Moss Lane to Boundary Meanygate
 - d. Footpath No 29 - Moss Lane to Dandy's Meanygate and,
2. Footpath No 17 has been blocked by greenhouses which have been built on the line of the footpath.

B. Items to Note

1. Station Road/Marsh Road The Surveyor that because of the lack of traffic accidents at this junction, he was reluctant to install a traffic mirror.
2. Cleaning of roads Concern was expressed about the increasing problems of mud from building sites and fields on roads in the village and it was reported that vehicles were driving straight off the tip at Alty's onto the road without cleaning wheels.

22/98 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to take whatever further measures are considered appropriate to reduce the amount of mud etc on roads in the Parish.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Drainage Councillor P Sergeant reported the receipt of 3 quotations for drainage work on the Recreation Ground as follows:-

Quote No 1	£ 5220.50 + VAT
Quote No 2	£ 6321.00 + VAT
Quote No 3	£ 4832.50 + VAT

It was necessary to speak to the 3 contractors in order to ascertain if all the required works were included in the quotations.

23/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor P Sergeant and the Clerk be authorised to accept the most advantageous tender for the drainage work required at the Recreation Ground.

2. Play Equipment Report The Insurance Company had identified some items of work required at the Recreation Ground Play Area. It was also reported that the safety surfacing by the roundabout required attention.

24/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide an estimate for undertaking the work identified by the Insurance Company at the Recreation Ground Play Area,

and 2. That Mr I Yates be requested to provide an estimate for repairing the safety surfacing by the roundabout at the Recreation Ground Play Area.

B. Items to Note

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Ownership The Clerk undertook to chase the District Council for a reply regarding the ownership of the Glenpark Drive Play Area.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

25/98 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 The Contractor had provided 2 quotations for filling in the gaps in the new fence on the northern boundary as follows:-

Quote No 1	26 yards	£ 260.00
Quote No 2	36 yards	£ 360.00

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Council's Solicitor which re-iterated the previous advice given in relation to action to be taken by the Council.

26/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the quotation from Mr F Simpson in the sum of £ 360.00 to fill in the gaps in the fence be accepted,

2. That the account from Mr F Simpson for the work completed in the sum of £ 931.96 be accepted for payment,

3. That the Clerk be requested to obtain a quotation for the provision and erection of a notice on the lines suggested by the Council's Solicitor, and

4. That the Clerk be requested to seek advice from the LAP&TC regarding what further action the Council can take in relation to the northern boundary.

2. Leases The Clerk was waiting for the Council's Solicitor to complete the leases.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 22nd June, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J R Foster and A Murphy

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs R C Ball; J Hunter and P J A Sergeant

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

MINUTES

27/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th May, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Insurance The LAP&TC had indicated that the Council should take positive steps to ensure that contractors used by the Council carry their own Public Liability Insurance. However, the Council's own PLI should cover accidents as a result of work undertaken on behalf of the Council and whilst work is being carried out.

2. LAP&TC Training Course The Clerk reported that Mr J R Foster had indicated that he would attend whilst no contact had been made with Ms C Chadwick.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Ownership This issue was still with the District Council. A complaint had been received that the roots of a tree on the land was lifting the driveway of the adjacent house. The Clerk had asked the District Council to look at the situation.

4. Hesketh Bank Sign A further reminder had been sent to the County Council.

5. Recreation Ground Play Area Approval had been given to accept the lowest tender for the work required and the contractor had been asked to try to keep the expenditure under £5,000. It was mentioned that the contractor should be asked to avoid the Sports Day on the 8th July, 1998.

28/98 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr P Sergeant, in consultation with the Clerk, in accepting the lowest tender for the work required in the sum of £ 4832.50 + VAT be confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire Civic Sunday - 19th July, 1998 The Chairman was unable to attend and it was agreed to decline the invitation.
2. West Lancs Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme The AGM was to be held on the 20th July, 1998, which was the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed to decline the invitation.
3. West Lancs Disability Helpline - Fundraising Event It was agreed to put advertising posters on the Notice Boards.
4. LCC - Developing a Rural Transport Strategy for Lancashire The Chairman undertook to complete a questionnaire and to attend a half day Seminar on Saturday, 18th July, 1998 at County Hall, Preston.
5. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - AGM - 10th July, 1998
The Agenda was noted.

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

1. District Council Agendas - There were no items affecting this Parish.
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin - This had been circulated.
3. Pondscapes - Latest newsletter
4. Department of Environment, Transport & the Regions - Publication 'The use of Common Land'.
5. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme - Annual Report - This had been circulated.
6. Hesketh Village Institute - Deed of Release from Covenant (Council's copy)

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

29/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Autocross - New shelter, Chapel Road	£ 2244.26✓
	Repairs to shelter, Station Road	£ 381.88✓
b.	Zurich Municipal - Play equipment insurance	£ 241.95✓
c.	Hesketh Village Institute - Annual rent for use of premises	£ 150.00✓
d.	Mr B Parkinson - Repairs to seats	£ 291.70✓
	Recreation Ground - Play equipment repairs	£ 70.00✓
	Station Road Play Area - Various works	£ 175.00✓
e.	Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 602.50✓

2. That the action of the Clerk & Vice-Chairman, in agreeing to accept a price from Mr B Parkinson for the repairs to the play equipment at the Recreation Ground not exceeding £ 80.00, be confirmed.

2. Application for Grant (Mrs J Birkby, Mrs J Witter and Mr B Birkby all declared an interest in this item)

The Hesketh Village Institute had requested that the annual grant be paid in kind, via the purchase of some new tables, rather than in cash as in previous years. The purchase of 6 tables, to replace the tables owned by the ATC, would cost £ 301.13 + VAT and the Council could reclaim the VAT paid.

30/98 RESOLVED:- That, because there was not a quorum of Councillors present able to deal with this issue, the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

31/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0281 - Reserved matters - Erection of one detached house (including revised details of means of access adjacent to 103 Moss Lane) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane (Already approved by Director of Development & Amenities)
- b. No 08/98/0455 - Front porch - 49 Glenpark Drive (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/98/0483 - New concrete loading area and re-siting of office - 165 Moss Lane (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item - To be submitted to Committee)
- d. No 08/98/0474 - Single storey extensions at front & rear - Plumtree Cottage, 51 Newarth Lane (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/98/0468 - Rebuilding of part of dwelling & alteration to elevations - The Barn, 94a Beconsall lane (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 25th June, 1998

a. Applications for determination

32/98 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- A. No 08/98/0222 - Replace existing bungalow with a two storey dwelling & double garage (amendment to permission 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane
(RECOMMENDATION:- Decision delegated to Director of Development & Amenities in consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Development & Planning Committee subject to Secretary of State raising no objection to the Local Planning Authority making a decision itself on the application)
- B. No 08/98/0237 - Amendment to condition 6 imposed on planning permission No 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830 to 1800 hours to 0700 to 2000 hours - 165 Moss Lane
E 98/22 - Breach of operating hours condition - 165 Moss Lane
(Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item - RECOMMENDATION - Refused - Director of Corporate Resources authorised to issue a Breach of Condition Notice or Enforcement Notice to secure compliance with condition 6 of Planning Permission No 08/89/1226)

b. Appeal The following appeal was noted:-

E/97/0052 Change of use of the land from agricultural to use for the packing and distribution of agricultural produce not grown on land owned or leased by the occupier of the land - Solfresh Ltd, 222 Moss Lane

3. Foreign Workers It was reported that a number of foreign workers, mainly from Madeira, were living in caravans in Moss Lane. They were putting out bin bags for collection and it was suggested that they had also tapped into the sewerage system. The local PC was aware of these workers and had indicated that he had no cause for concern.

33/98 RESOLVED:- That the matter be brought to the attention of the District Council.

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

1. Applications determined since last meeting of Council

No 08/98/0189 - 2 non-illuminated advertisement signs - Finns Fine Furniture, 19 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (CONSENT GRANTED)

No 08/98/0431 - 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). Erection of dutch barn - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

No 08/98/0098 - Siting of residential caravan for horticultural worker (renewal of permission No 08/92/1089) - Spencer Propagators, Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED to 31/05/2003)

No 08/98/0078 - Two storey extension at side & first floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

No 08/98/0322 - Retention of 3 air conditioning condensing units on rear elevation - Midland Bank plc, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Naming of Street

34/98 RESOLVED:- That the suggested name for the new development at The Brow, Hesketh Bank, 'Douglas View' be endorsed.

2. Repairs to street seats Mr B Parkinson had been asked to undertake work to the value of £281.50, which had been completed. Morris Homes had undertaken to pay for the cleaning and varnishing of the seat adjacent to the bus shelter by their site and the Clerk undertook to forward an account for their attention. Mr B Parkinson would supply an estimate for repairing and revarnishing the remaining seats following his return from holiday.

3. Site boundary of Morris Homes development, Station Road The hedge, which was the boundary of the site required cutting and the company had erected a fence behind the hedge. The Clerk was requested to advise Morris Homes and the District Council that the hedge was the responsibility of the company or whoever purchased the houses. In addition, there was a small strip of footway in front of the new wall near to The Brow which required to be covered with tarmac as soon as possible. The Clerk undertook to write to the company regarding this unsatisfactory situation.

4. Titmouse Brow The Clerk undertook to advise the County Council that two bars of the handrail were missing.

5. Mobility measures in Hesketh Bank The County Council had finance available to lower kerbs where side roads meet more major roads as an aid to persons with disabilities and had asked the Parish Council for suggestions. It was agreed that councillors would undertake appropriate consultations and look at the various areas of Hesketh Bank prior to the next meeting of the Council.

6. Footpath - Methodist Chapel to School Fold This was becoming overgrown with nettles and the Clerk undertook to advise the County Council accordingly.

7. School Fold Hedge This would be cut when the Council next arranges for its hedges to be cut.

8. Shore Road - Hedges and ditches It was reported that quantities of minerals were deposited under the hedgerows and in the ditches on Shore Road and the Clerk undertook to advise the County Council of the situation.

9. Greenfields/ Fairwinds Avenue Two of the fence panels which divided these two roads were broken and the Clerk undertook to advise the appropriate authority.

10. The Brow The Clerk undertook to request the District Council to use the rotary brush to clean the road at this location.

11. Road resurfacing The Clerk agreed to request the County Council to sweep up the loose chippings still on the roads following the recent resurfacing.

12. Litter Bins The District Council, due to reductions in expenditure, were only able to replace litter bins on land it owns or maintains.

13. Station Road Bridge Embankment

35/98 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee meet with Mr B Parkinson at the site to discuss possible ways forward prior to arranging a meeting with the Area County Surveyor.

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

1. Weedspraying Commenced on 01/06/98 and would be completed in two weeks using contact weedkillers.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

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

1. Removal of rubbish The District Council were ⁿot able to help with rubbish dumped on Parish Council owned land.

2. Recreation Ground It was noted that two wagons had driven across the Recreation Ground to deliver goods to an address in Belsfield Drive.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Councillor J R Foster raised the issue of dust and smells emanating from the chicken farm on Shore Road. It was suggested that this was a matter for the Environmental Health Department of the District Council

Councillor Foster also referred to the sewers at the top of Rankin Avenue which start to smell when the sewer dries out after rainfall. It was suggested that the District Council be advised the next time the smells occur.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

36/98 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 An order had been placed for the additional work and the Clerk undertook to chase up the contractor. The question put to the LAP&TC had been referred to the NALC in London.

2. Leases The Clerk was to meet the Council's Solicitor tomorrow morning and it was hoped that the Leases would be signed prior to the next meeting of the Council.

Nama Gooies
20/7/98

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 20th July, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; C Chadwick and J Witter

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables

MINUTES

Mr J R Foster referred to page 4 of the Minutes and the item relating to Foreign Workers and asked if it was possible to report a statement made by a person who was not at the meeting. The Chairman indicated that she had reported a conversation with the local Police Officer and the Minutes reflected what he had told her about the situation.

Mr Foster, in relation to 'Repairs to street seats' on Page 4, also asked for clarification of what Morris Homes had been asked to pay for cleaning and varnishing the seat by their development and was advised of the amount.

37/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

1. Page 2 - Correspondence Item A2 - Line 2 '21998' to read '1998'
2. Page 5 - Recreation Ground etc Item B1 - Line 1 'mot' to read 'not'
3. Page 5 - Recreation Ground etc Item B2 - Line 1 delete 'a'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. LAP&TC Training Course Ms Cindy Chadwick and Messrs Bob Foster and Tony Murphy had attended the recent course.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancs Area Committee AGM The Chairman reported on the meeting at which the Elections to the various offices and outside organisations had been made and a number of Parishes had given a brief report on their activities during the past year.

The following items were reported:- a speaker from the Post Office would be asked to attend a future meeting; Steve Kent of the District Council would write to all Parishes about Village Maps; Upholland Parish Council had prepared and printed some leaflets about footpaths in the Parish; a speaker from the LAP&TC would be available to visit Parishes to talk about the Millennium and ideas for celebrating same; and Downholland's second bid for lottery funding had been rejected which should free up funds for other Parishes with schemes for the current year.

3. Hesketh Bank Sign There was still no response from the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Lancashire Homes for Older People - Consultation Document

38/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this Consultation Document from the County Council.

2. Future Meeting of Council The Chairman reported that Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School had advertised for a new Deputy Head and shortlisting, which involved three Parish Councillors including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, would take place on the 28th September, 1998.

39/98 RESOLVED:- That the meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, 28th September, 1998 be postponed until Tuesday, 29th September, 1998 at 7.30pm.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items affecting this Parish
2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 37 - Circulated to members
3. Lancashire County Council - Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2002 - Further amendments noted
4. Lancashire Police Authority - Police and Community Forum - meeting at Ormskirk Civic Hall on 20th July, 1998
5. Lancashire Constabulary - Road Safety Information - Copies were available for members
6. Appointment of Governors to Primary Schools - David Borrow MP had arranged a meeting with the Education Secretary on this issue
7. Local Council Review - July 1998 edition received

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

40/98 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Mr B Parkinson - Flagging work etc at Recreation Ground £ 271.30✓

2. Application for Grant (Mesdames J Birkby & J Witter and Mr B Birkby as Trustees of Hesketh Village Institute declared an interest in this item)

Hesketh Village Institute had applied for a grant in kind by means of the purchase by the Council of some new tables to replace those owned by the ATC who were moving to new premises. The cost of 6 tables, excluding VAT would be £301.13 and an amount of £200 had been included in the estimates. The Clerk reported that the Council was currently in a sound financial position.

41/98 RESOLVED:- That the Council purchase 6 tables for the Hesketh Institute at a cost of £301.13 excluding VAT in lieu of the usual annual cash grant.

(This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 5 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote. The 3 Trustees took no part in the debate or the voting.)

3. Application for Assistance (Mr P Sergeant declared an interest in this item)

Hesketh Bank Cricket Club had applied for assistance following the loss of their changing rooms through fire. Plans were currently being prepared for replacement changing rooms and the Council, as Landlords, would be formally notified when the plans were submitted to the District Council. The Council considered the various ways in which emergency assistance could be given to the Club and the Clerk reported on the current financial position of the Council.

42/98 RESOLVED:- That the Cricket Club be advised that the Council are prepared to grant emergency assistance to the Club in the form of the waiving of the outstanding rental for the use of the Cricket Field, in respect of 1997/98 and 1998/99, amounting to £414.
(This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 8 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote. Mr Sergeant took no part in the debate or the vote)

4. Annual Audit of Accounts 1997/98

The Clerk reported the completion of the Annual Audit of Accounts for the year 1997/98 and presented to the Council, the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and the Supporting Statements, as approved by the Auditor.

43/98 RESOLVED:- That the audited Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Supporting Statement in respect of the financial year 1997/98 be received and adopted.
(This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 8 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The allocation of the shared ownership houses at The Brow and the remedial work to the Recreation Ground drains were raised by members of the public.

44/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advise the Director of Housing of the District Council that the Parish Council is concerned that these shared houses are not going to local people as originally stated by the Housing Association, and to send a copy of the letter to the Chief Executive of the District Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

- a. No 08/98/0468 - Conversion of part of building to dwelling, including partial rebuilding - The Barn, 49a Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK This item was included on the agenda for the Development & Planning Committee on the 23rd July, 1998.
- b. No 08/98/0597 - Incorporation of land into residential curtilage - Land rear of 19 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director of Development & Amenities)

45/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 23rd July, 1998

46/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made in respect of the following applications:-

a. No 08/98/0237 - Amendment of condition No 6 imposed on Planning Permission 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830 - 1800 to 0730 - 2000 - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - GRANTED subject to:-

1. No activity shall take place on site outside the hours of 0730 to 1900
 2. No HGV movements, running of engines or loading or unloading shall take place on the site before 0800
 3. No more than one HGV shall leave the site between the hours of 0800 and 0830 on Sundays).
- (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this application and took no part in the debate)

b. No 08/98/0483 - New concrete loading area and resiting of office - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

Enforcement No E/98/24 - Extension of produce depot - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - 08/98/0483 - REFUSED; E/98/24 - Cease the use of land as extension to produce depot and remove all hardstanding/hardcore from the site)

(Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this application and took no part in the debate)

c. No 08/98/0434 - Replacement dwelling - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - GRANTED)

d. No 08/98/0468 - Conversion of part of building to dwelling, including partial rebuilding - The Barn, 49a Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Decision to grant planning permission delegated to Director of Development & Amenities in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee subject to expiry of the publicity period and to no further points of objection being received other than those reported to the meeting).

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Station Road - Planning Guidance for residential Development - 'Hourwatch' site
2. Applications determined since previous meeting
 - a. No 08/98/0281 - Reserved matters - Erection of one detached house (including revised details of means of access) - Land adjacent to 109 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (APPROVED)
 - b. No 08/98/0455 - Front porch - 49 Glenpark Drive, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/98/0474 - Single storey extension at front - Plumtree Cottage, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Street Seats

a. Maintenance Programme

47/98 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the repairs and varnishing of the remaining street seats at a cost of £ 292.00.

b. Seat adjacent to Morris Homes development The Clerk reported that Morris Homes had agreed to reimburse the Council with the sum of £30.00 in relation to the seat adjacent to their site.

2. Mobility Measures in Hesketh Bank

48/98 RESOLVED:- That the following locations be suggested to the County Council for mobility measures in the parish:-

Moss Lane/Station Road; Rankin Avenue/Station Road; Beconsall Lane/Station Road; Newarth Lane/Station Road; Chapel Road/Station Road (one side only)

3. Bus Shelter Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane It was reported that the bus stop had been moved and the shelter put into storage by Tarleton Parish Council. the shelter was used by many residents of Hesketh Bank especially schoolchildren and the elderly.

49/98 RESOLVED:- That a request be made to Tarleton Parish Council to replace the shelter at the new bus stop with the back near to the wall to prevent youths hiding unseen in the shelter at night.

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

1. Mud on roads - Letters from Burscough & Ormskirk Police Stations advising that appropriate action would be taken
2. Footpaths in Hesketh Bank - Details had been passed to the Public Rights of Way Section
3. The Brow Retaining Wall - Investigations ongoing, Clerk to advise the District Council that the Tidal Authorities may have some information as to ownership
4. Rural Public Transport Strategy for Lancashire - The Chairman was working on the questionnaire
5. Titmouse Brow - The handrail would be replaced
6. Loose chippings on roads - The carriageways had been swept and problem should have been resolved
7. Hedgerows and ditches - Rubbish etc at these locations was the responsibility of the adjacent landowners
8. Footpath - School Fold to Chapel Road - To be inspected and appropriate action taken
9. Station Road - Morris Homes development - the gap by the new wall was to be made good (the County Council to be advised of this response); the boundary is the centre of the hedgeline with the purchasers responsible for maintenance upto that point; the hedge would be cut back

10. Streetcleaning - The roadway by the Brow Wall to be inspected and remedial action taken
11. Fairwinds Avenue - Fence not the responsibility of the County Council or the District Council
12. Glenpark Drive Gullies - Weeds present but gully cleansing to be done on Tuesday and Wednesday this week

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Director of Development & Amenities of the District Council had requested a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the future of this area.

50/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That members of the Recreation Committee be authorised to meet officers of the District Council to discuss the future of the Play Area,

2. That, subject to the area being brought up to scratch by the District Council including the renewal of the tarmac areas, the Parish Council offer to take over responsibility for the Glenpark Drive Play Area, and

3. That, subject to the District Council providing the necessary safety surfacing, the Parish Council offer to provide a new slide on the Play Area.

2. Station Road Play Area - Embankment The Recreation Committee had met Mr B Parkinson on the site to discuss various options for the embankment and Mr Parkinson had now submitted estimates for 3 schemes. The County Council had cut back the grass on part of the embankment but, for the second year running, had not completed the job.

51/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to complete the grass cutting on the Station Road Embankment, and

2. That the estimates from Mr B Parkinson be submitted to the County Council for consideration with a recommendation that the Parish Council would wish to see option 3 implemented.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole Cover The Bowling and Social Club had reported a broken manhole cover at the entrance to the Sports Field.

52/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to arrange for a new cover to be supplied and fitted.

4. Recreation Ground, Shore Road The drainage work had been completed and the contractor was preparing a plan of the drains.

It was reported that top soil and seeding were required to cover up the areas disturbed by the Contractor. The Hesketh bank Football Club were prepared to undertake the work if the Council would buy the top soil required.

53/98 RESOLVED:- That the Hesketh Bank Football Club be advised that the Parish Council will pay for the purchase of the necessary top soil for renovation work to the football pitch at an estimated cost of £ 150.00.

5. Roundabout - Recreation Ground, Shore Road

54/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request Mr Ian Yates to repair the safety surfacing under the roundabout at this location.

6. Litter Picking Mrs J Witter had received an offer for young people to undertake litter picking and was asked to obtain more information.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

55/98 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 The additional fencing work had been completed and a letter from the NALC was noted.

56/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council take the action recommended by NALC in relation to the Northern Boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground.

2. Leases (Mr P Sergeant declared an interest in this item)

The Chairman reported on a meeting between the Centenary Sports Ground Committee and the 3 Sports Clubs and the Clerk reported on further discussions with the Council's Solicitor. It was hoped that the leases would be signed immediately prior to the next meeting of the Council on the 1st September, 1998.

57/98 RESOLVED:- That the reports be noted.

Nanna Goodie
1/9/98.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st September, 1998 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

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

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J Hunter.

MINUTES

Mr J R Foster referred to his comments about the Audit of the Accounts made at the last meeting and was advised that the Minutes were not a verbatim report of the meeting but a general note of the discussions together with the decisions taken by the Council.

58/98 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (Inspector Janet Edmondson attended for this item)

Inspector J Edmondson gave a brief update on the current policing situation in Hesketh Bank and was pleased to report that Hesketh Bank was probably one of the safest places to live in Lancashire with most crime down on the corresponding period last year. One area which offices were giving specific attention to was the immediate response time to incidents but the times were not being achieved partly because of the distances involved in the Northern Parishes.

Inspector Edmondson reported that the local PC, Mark Thackery, had been promoted to Sergeant and was now based at Blackburn. He would still live in the area but had just moved out of the Police House. The vacancy would be advertised and would be filled at the earliest opportunity. The vacancy could be advertised with or without accommodation and there was a likelihood that if the successful applicant already lived in the area, the house would be sold off as approval in principle for the sale had been given by the Police Authority. The Police Houses at Rufford and Banks were being retained but a more central location was being sought for Tarleton Police Post.

A general discussion about policing in the area ensued and Inspector Edmondson confirmed that, under the Crime and Disorder Act, the Constabulary would be working with the District Council, Parish & Town Councils and other agencies to prepare plans aimed at reducing crime in the District. The Constabulary's own Policing Plan for 1999 was in the course of preparation and the Divisional Commander required details of issues to be included in the plan by the 21st September, 1998. Any issues which the Council particularly wished to see included should be forwarded to Inspector Edmondson, through the Clerk, by that date.

Inspector Edmondson was thanked for attending the meeting.

59/98 **RESOLVED** That the Clerk be requested to write to Sergeant Mark Thackery to thank him for his services to the village and wish him every success in his new post.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Village Sign The County Council could not justify expenditure on purely informative signs but the Parish Council could fund a replacement sign if it so wished.

60/98 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Environmental Services be requested to supply estimates for the provision of 2 - Square Signs - HESKETH BANK - PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY, one for Hesketh Lane/Station Road and one for Shore Road.

2. Donation to Village Institute The order for the tables had been placed and acknowledged.

3. Hesketh Bank Cricket Club - Emergency Assistance The Club had been advised of the waiving of the outstanding rental and had thanked the Council at the meeting held immediately prior to this meeting.

4. Audit of Accounts The Notice of Completion of Audit and a copy of the Accounts had been on the Moss Lane Notice Board for 14 days as requested by the Auditor.

5. Shared Ownership of Properties in Hesketh Bank Letters from the Chief Executive and the Director of Housing and Health of the District Council were noted.

6. Maintenance of Street Seats The quotation from Mr B Parkinson had been accepted and he had subsequently advised the Clerk of an additional seat on Shore Road.

61/98 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in authorising the additional seat being added to the schedule of seats to be repaired, be confirmed.

7. Bus Stop & Shelter - Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane Tarleton Parish Council were meeting tonight.

8. Next Meeting of the Council It was reported that the Village Hall was not available for the meeting scheduled for the 29th September, 1998.

62/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask the Warden of Cropper Gardens if it would be possible to hold the next meeting of the Council in the Communal Lounge at Cropper Gardens.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC

a. Training Course - Planning - 26th September, 1998 None of the Councillors expressed an interest in attending this course.

b. Annual General Meeting of Association - 7th November, 1998

63/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs J Birkby be nominated to attend the AGM of the LAP&TC.

2. Parish Newsletter It was reported that Mrs D Trippier had forwarded her thanks for including information about the Good Neighbour Scheme in the latest edition.

64/98 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be extended to Mr Paul Sergeant for printing the Newsletter.

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

1. District Council Agendas
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin No 38
3. Summary of District Council's Corporate Plan 1998/99
4. District Council's Homeseeker's Newsletter
5. District Council's Home Front News
6. NALC Press Release - Decision of House of Lords to retain the right of Town & Parish Councils to nominate a Governor for the Primary School Governing Bodies in their area.
7. CCL Newsletter
8. Russell Leisure Ltd - Closure of factory at Skelmersdale and transfer of all operations to Edinburgh

65/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That in respect of the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum on the 13th October, 1998, Mr J R Foster, the Council's representative, be authorised to submit a suggestion for discussion that finger posts identifying footpaths be replaced by an arrow marked on the road, and

2. That the NALC Press Release, regarding appointments to Governing Bodies of Primary Schools, be welcomed.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

66/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	David Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters	£ 240.00✓
b.	Autocross - Painting Shelter - Chapel Road	£ 176.25✓
c.	Hesketh Bank AFC - Top Soil Etc.	£ 158.60✓
d.	Ernst & Young - Audit Fee	£ 195.05✓
e.	GR & W Heaps - Drainage Work on Recreation Ground	£ 5869.60✓
f.	B Parkinson - Repairs to Street Seats	£ 320.00✓

2. Application for Grants

67/98 RESOLVED:- That the following applications be deferred to later in the Financial Year:-

1. West Lancashire Victims Support
2. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association
3. West Lancashire Heritage Centre Project

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

68/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made of the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0632 - Retention of cabin for pigeon racing - Recreation Ground, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) (N.B. The Statutory Notice to be served on the Parish Council as owners of the site had been served on the District Council in error but a notice was to be served on the Parish Council)
- b. No 08/98/0688 - Erection of detached double garage and dormer extension in rear elevation - 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/98/0711 - First floor extension at rear - 76 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/98/0733 - Conservatory at rear - 99 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/98/0739 - Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (renewal of planning permission 08/97/0826) - Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) (N.B. The Statutory Notice had been served on the Parish Council as owners of the site)
- f. No 08/98/0744 - Conservatory at rear - 35 Beconsall lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director);

2. That consideration be given, at the appropriate time, to including comments about the current state of Moss Road, and other moss roads in the Parish, on applications for development along those roads.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 3rd September, 1998

There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. Appeals

69/98 RESOLVED:- That the following appeals be supported on the grounds that the granting of planning permission for the development would improve road safety in the area and Local Planning Authorities should perhaps give more consideration to local views:-

- Land adjacent to 20 Shore Road & 6 Guide Road - Appeals against Enforcement Notices
Public Inquiry to be held Tuesday, 20th October, 1998.

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

1. Applications determined since last meeting:-
 - No 08/98/0434 - Replacement dwelling - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - No 08/98/0237 - Amendment of condition No 6 imposed on planning permission 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830 hrs to 1800 hrs to 0730 hrs to 1900 hrs - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/98/0222 - Replace existing bungalow with a 2 storey dwelling and double garage (amendment to planning permission 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/98/0468 - Conversion of part of building to dwelling, including partial rebuilding - The Barn, 94a Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

2. Enforcement Notice Served - Extensions to produce depot - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
3. Temporary Workers on Horticultural/Agricultural Holdings - Caravans at rear of 429 Moss Lane and 330 Moss Lane - Site licence not required - Breach of planning control - Enforcement Officer pursuing

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Station Road Embankment The Area Surveyor (South) had indicated that he would be able to do limited work to the embankment this year, at a cost of £250, and continue to maintain the area by strimming 5 times a year. The Parish Council could fund additional work subject to the issue of a licence by the County Council.

70/98 RESOLVED:- That the offer of the Area Surveyor (South) to maintain the embankment at Station Road Bridge be accepted and the Clerk be requested to ascertain a timetable for future strimming of the area.

2. Public Footpath Moss Lane to Shore Road - 1200 metres in NW direction

The County Council had advertised an Order which, when confirmed, would add this footpath to the Definitive Map of the Parish.

71/98 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to including this footpath on the Definitive Map of the Parish.

3. Street Seat - Moss Lane/Boundary Lane A complaint had been made by a local resident that youths were hanging around this seat and using the hedge behind the seat as a public toilet. The residents had asked for the seat to be moved. The Clerk had advised the Police of the situation and the resident concerned had said that the incidents had reduced. It was further reported that the seat had been damaged over the previous weekend.

72/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the seat be inspected with a view to repairs being carried out, and

2. That Members of the Council monitor the position between now and the next meeting of the Council.

4. Parish Paths Project Details of a Parish Paths Project for which the vast majority of the funding would be provided by the District Council had been received.

73/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council is interested in taking up the offer of a Parish Paths Project in the Parish, and

2. That copies of the correspondence be circulated to members of the Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee for initial consideration.

5. Bus Shelter - Shore Road opp Chapel Road (Preston bound)

74/98 RESOLVED:- That Autocross be requested to repair the broken glass in this shelter the next time the firm is working in the area.

6. Bus Stop - Station Road/Chapel Road opp Village Institute

75/98 RESOLVED:- That Stagecoach be requested to replace this bus stop sign..

7. Waiting Restrictions - Station Road/Moss Lane

76/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked for the latest position regarding the waiting restrictions for which the signs had been erected but the yellow lines had not been put down.

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

Public Rights of Way in Hesketh Bank - The County Council had confirmed the various complaints and new signs would be erected as soon as possible.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Annual Inspection of Play Areas The Recreation Committee had undertaken the Annual Inspection of the Play Areas, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book.

77/98 RESOLVED:- That consideration be given, at a future meeting, to establishing a priority order for the necessary work required on the Play Areas to enable adequate finance to be included in the Annual Estimates of the Council.

2. Recreation Ground - Repairs to Safety Surfacing

78/98 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in placing an order with Mr Ian Yates for the repair of the safety surfacing at the Recreation Ground, at an order of cost of £100, be confirmed, subject to the work being undertaken after the end of the school holiday period.

3. Glenpark Drive - Meeting with Mr P Cooley of the District Council
Members of the Recreation Committee had met Mr P Cooley of the District Council to discuss the possible transfer of the land to the Parish Council.

79/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council undertake to accept the transfer of the land to the its ownership subject to certain works, as outlined at the meeting, being carried out by the District Council before the transfer is effected.

4. Centenary Sports Ground

a. Replacement of Manhole Cover Two quotations had been received for the replacement of the manhole cover at the entrance to the Ground.

80/98 RESOLVED:- That the quotation of Mr B Parkinson, in the sum of £85.00, for the replacement of the manhole cover, be accepted.

b. Front Hedge It was agreed that Messrs P Sergeant and A Murphy be authorised to make enquiries for someone to cut this hedge and other hedges on Council owned land.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee had carried out an inspection of the allotments and a copy of the report appears in the Minute Book.

CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 - CRIME AUDIT

The District Council were preparing a Crime Audit of the District as laid down in the Act and were seeking information from Parish Councils. It was agreed that members would think about this subject to enable a discussion to be held at the next meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

81/98 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

Leases (Mr P Sergeant declared an interest in this item)

It was reported that the Cricket and Football Clubs had signed the leases but a meeting of Members of the Bowling Club had decided not to sign the leases at this stage but to continue negotiations with the Parish Council.

82/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the report be noted, and

2. That the Council's Solicitor be asked for further advice in the light of the Bowling Club's decision.

B. Item to Note

Northern Boundary The Clerk reported that the action agreed at the previous meeting was in hand

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 29th September, 1998 in the Communal Lounge, Cropper Gardens, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs P M Stables

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

Six members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames J Birkby; C Chadwick and J Witter; Messrs B Birkby and J Hunter;

MINUTES

83/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Minutes of Council Meetings As a result of a question by Mr J R Foster as to whether the Council could take a decision which was the opposite of a previous decision, a general discussion was held on the Minutes of Council Meetings during which the Chairman made it clear that she had nothing whatever to do with the drafting of the Minutes. The Clerk undertook to let Mr Foster have a copy of the previous letter from the Council in relation to the public footpath from Moss Lane to Shore Road, Hesketh Bank. (Minute 71/98 refers)

2. Crime Audit It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Council request the introduction of alcohol free zones to cover the play areas in the Parish. Upon being put the proposal was defeated on the casting vote of the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

Best Kept Village Competition A Highly Commended Certificate had been awarded in respect of a Special Feature at Hawthorn Nurseries, Marsh Road, Hesketh Bank.

84/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate to be made at a future meeting of the Council, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to pass on the congratulations of the Council to the owners of the property.

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

1. District Council Agendas

2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin
3. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee Agenda for 09/10/98
4. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Report 1997
5. Local Council Review - September 1998
6. Pondscapes - Winter 1998
7. Hesketh Village Institute AGM on 12/10/98 at 8.00pm
8. Rural Transport Partnerships

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

Accounts for Payment

85/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. F B Simpson Esq - Completion of fence at Centenary Sports Ground - | £ 423.00✓ |
| 2. B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses - | £ 577.34✓ |
| 3. Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing charges for water at Recreation Ground | £ 20.47✓ |
| 4. David Ward Esq - Cleaning bus shelters - | £ 48.00✓ |

B. Items to Note

Receipts

Morris Homes Ltd - Repairs to street seat -	£ 30.00✓
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were raised:- School Fold footpath; Tarleton High School Swimming Pool; Gangs of youths in village at weekends; Special Constables; General Police presence; Drainage at Recreation Ground and Flagged path and hedges at Recreation Ground.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

86/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0783 - Erection of cricket pavilion - Hesketh Bank Cricket Ground, Station Road, **HESKETH BANK** (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/98/0796 - First floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, **HESKETH BANK** (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/98/0814 - Single storey extension to existing detached garage to provide staffroom & toilet - Land at rear of 140 Moss Lane, **HESKETH BANK** (To be determined by Director), and

2. In respect of application No 08/98/0783, Hesketh Bank Cricket Club be requested to forward a copy of the plans to the Parish Council.

met

2. Development & Planning Committee - 1st October, 1998

a. Applications

87/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0711 - First floor extension at rear - 78 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)
- b. No 08/98/0688 - Erection of detached double garage and dormer extension in rear elevation - 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

- 1. Applications Determined:-
 - a. No 08/98/0597 - Incorporation of land into residential curtilage - Land rear of 19 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - b. No 08/98/0739 - Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (renewal of planning permission 08/97/0826) - Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED to 30/09/2000)
- 2. District Council's new Arboricultural Officer - David Thornber (01695) 585114

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Speeding in Hesketh Bank

88/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to take a traffic survey with a view to speed restrictions being introduced on Shore Road and Moss Lane, between the parish boundary and the current restriction signs, and

2. That the Police again be requested to monitor the speed of vehicles on Station Road and Chapel Road.

2. Bus Shelter

89/98 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Autocross for the replacement of a pane of glass in the bus shelter on Station Road outside All Saints Church.

3. Parish Map Project

90/98 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of the Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee, to discuss this project, be held on Monday, 26th October, 1998 at the Village Institute, Station Road commencing at 7.00pm

4. Street Seat - Moss Lane/Boundary Lane Councillors had not seen any problems at this location.

91/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide an estimate for the repair of this seat. (The broken piece was with the Chairman)

5. Titmouse Brow - Handrail

92/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to repair this handrail.

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

1. Station Road Embankment - To be tidied and sprayed with weedkiller by the County Council (The Clerk to contact the County Council about the area past the walkway)
2. Village Signs
 - a. Hesketh Lane/Station Road - County Council to provide quotation
 - b. Shore Road - Sign to be provided by County Council
3. Bus shelter - Shore Road, opp Chapel Road - Order placed
4. Brow Wall - Ownership still being investigated

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Centenary Sports Ground - Station Road Hedge

93/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Sergeant be authorised to arrange for this work to be carried out.

2. Recreation Ground - Hedges, Grasscutting etc.

94/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy be authorised to obtain quotations from the following contractors for the works indicated:- Contractors - Mr Ian Lamb; Mr Andrew Coxhead and Mr J Farrington; Works - Hedgecutting, including behind bus shelter on Shore Road; grasscutting by the flagged footpath and suggestions in respect of the tree nearest to the footpath.

3. Station Road Play Area Mr J R Foster wished to disclaim all responsibility for the state of this area.

95/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to ask Mr Ian Yates to investigate the broken handrail on the slide with a view to making the apparatus safe, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to report the existence of the dumped rubble to the Environmental Health Department and the Health & Safety Executive.

B. Items to Note The following was noted:-

Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole cover - to be repaired at weekend.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN TARLETON, HESKETH BANKS AND BANKS

The Lancashire Youth Service had been looking at youth provision in the three villages. It was suggested that they should visit the area between 6.30pm and 9.00pm on a Friday evening.

96/98 RESOLVED:- That the Youth Service be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss youth provision in the area.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

97/98 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 to Note The following was noted:-

Leases - The Clerk reported on the latest position.

Nanna Goodie
26/10/98

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 26th October, 1998 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs J Birkby;

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames P M Stables and J Witter and Mr J Hunter

MINUTES

98/98 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING MATTERS (PC Graham Wilson, who is currently covering Hesketh Bank, attended for this item)

PC Wilson discussed the current policing situation in the area and answered numerous questions from Councillors in respect of manpower levels, speeding in the village, mud on roads, hedgecutting and the effects of not sweeping up the cuttings, riding cycles on pavements and without lights, parking on Station Road bridge, underage drinking, juvenile nuisance and foot patrols in the area.

The Chairman thanked PC Wilson for his attendance.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. **Best Kept Village Competition** Arrangements were in hand for a presentation to take place at the next meeting of the Council on the 23rd November, 1998 and Tony Murphy undertook to take photographs of the occasion.

2. **Youth Provision in Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and Banks** The Youth Service would attend the next meeting on the 23rd November, 1998 to talk to Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. **Cross Hall High School and Ormskirk Grammar School - Consultation**

99/98 **RESOLVED:-** That no comments be made on the proposed merger of these schools.

2. **Moving Music** Details of a Company which produces CD's and Cassettes to order was noted.

3. LAP&TC - AGM - 7th November 1998

a. Budget and Subscriptions Details of the proposed changes were noted.

b. Resolutions from Member Councils

100/98 RESOLVED:- That the Council's representatives at the AGM be authorised to vote on the various resolutions in the light of the debate on each item.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. District Council Committee Agenda
2. West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum - Mr J R Foster reported on the meeting - It had been agreed that finger post signs were not suitable in some areas, it was noted that errors on the OS sheets for Skelmersdale were the fault of the New Town, the Countryside Access Charter was noted, and a further report would be submitted on verges.
3. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin No 40 (Had been circulated)
4. LCC - Home to School Transport for Students Aged 16+ (Details had been circulated)
5. Lancashire Police Authority - Police and Community Forum Agenda - 19th October, 1998
6. West Lancashire Sports Directory
7. West Lancashire District Council - Statement of Accounts to 31st March 1998

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

101/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Rawsthorn Solicitors - Stamp Duty and Land Registry Fees | £ 237.00✓ |
| b. | Yates Playgrounds - Repairs to safety surfacing at Recreation Ground and Repairs to slide at Station Road | £ 266.72✓ |
| c. | Mr B Parkinson - Repairs to manhole cover at Centenary Sports Ground and Repairs to seat at Moss Lane/Boundary Lane | £ 105.00✓ |
| d. | Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath | £ 15.00✓ |
- (The Chairman outlined the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday with members of the Council meeting at All Saints CE Church at 10.15am)

2. Capital Schemes for 1999/2000

102/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to obtain estimates for and submit the following two schemes to the District Council:-

- a. Provision of safety surfacing for junior slide at Glenpark Drive (The slide to be provided by the Parish Council from its own resources)
- b. Levelling and surfacing with tarmac the entrances and turning circle at the Village Institute.

B. Items to Note The following was noted:-

Receipts - West Lancashire District Council - 2nd Precept payment £ 1963.00/

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

103/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0879 - Removal of condition No 3 imposed on planning permission ref 08/96/0161, (The stables shall be used for private purposes only and shall not be used for Riding School Livery or any other commercial purposes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- b. No 08/98/0885 - Two storey extension at side - 94 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 28th October, 1998

104/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0632 - Retention of cabin for Pigeon Racing Club meeting room - Recreation Ground, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED, use restricted to between 0800hrs and 2100hrs only).
- b. No 08/98/0388 - Change of use of outbuildings to 3 dwellings and detached block of 3 garages - Wrights Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)
- c. No 08/98/0783 - Erection of replacement cricket pavilion - Hesketh Bank Cricket Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED subject to condition regarding the use of the players and spectators lounge)

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since the previous meeting:-

- a. No 08/98/0688 - Erection of detached double garage and dormer extension in rear elevation - 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - b. No 08/98/0711 - First floor extension at rear - 76 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/98/0744 - Conservatory at rear - 35 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - d. No 08/98/0733 - Conservatory at rear - 99 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (WITHDRAWN - Permitted development)
2. Appeal Hearing - The Garage, 6 Guide Road - Changed date from 20th October, 1998 to 17th November, 1998



HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Meeting of Footpath Committee - 26th October, 1998 The Chairman reported on the meeting held earlier this evening and attended by herself and Mr J R Foster.

105/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the report of the Footpath Committee be received and adopted

2. That the Clerk be authorised to approach the College of Arms regarding a Coat of Arms for the Parish,

3. That the Chairman be authorised to purchase a calendar of the Parish, if appropriate, and approach the photographer about copyright for the photographs, and

4. The Chairman be authorised to contact the District Council to advise the relevant Officer of the latest position with regard to the provision of a Footpath Map of the Parish.

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

1. Station Road Embankment - The extra work had still not been done - The Clerk to contact Mr Taylor
2. Bus Shelters - The work had been completed
3. Speeding in Hesketh Bank - No reply from the County Council - The Police to arrange for speed of traffic to be monitored
4. Safer Routes in Winter - A leaflet from the County Council was on the Moss Lane Notice Board
5. Street Seat - Moss Lane/Boundary Lane - This had been repaired

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Various Works

Mr A Murphy reported on his discussions with the three contractors and the prices received for the various works.

106/98 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in authorising the following works be confirmed:-

Mr J Farrington - Hedgecutting at £15.00 per hour upto maximum of 8 hours

Mr B Parkinson - Grasscutting and works to trees at estimated cost of £ 210.00

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Station Road Play Area - Slide repaired and refixed (The Clerk to write to the Beconsall Hotel regarding the fence as Bonfire Night approaches)
2. Land adjacent to Station Road Play Area - West Lancashire District Council Housing & Health Department and Development & Amenities Department unable to help, no response to date from Health & Safety Executive

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Plans for new Cricket Pavilion received
4. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Report to go to future meeting of District Council's Transportation and Amenities Committee

NHS EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - PROPOSAL FOR TRUST MERGER

A copy of the letter had been circulated and the full document was available for any Councillor who wished to read it.

107/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the document at this stage.

MILLENNIUM

108/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to call a meeting of all Village organisations for Wednesday, 9th December, 1998 at the Village Institute, Station Road, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

109/98 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 to Note The following was noted:-

Leases - The Clerk had nothing further to report.

John Wick
23/11/98.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 23rd November, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs J Witter (In the Chair)

Mesdames J Birkby and P M Stables

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier, Mr J Hunter and Mr P Sergeant

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was:-

110/98 RESOLVED:- That Mrs J Witter be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Mr Lewis, representing the Organisers of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mr J Hodson of Marsh Road.

MINUTES

111/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th October, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

YOUTH PROVISION IN HESKETH BANK, TARLETON AND NORTH MEOLS
(Mr A Murphy left the meeting during this item)

Mr George Hedley of the Lancashire Youth Service, based in Burscough, addressed the Council on the current work being undertaken by the Youth Service in the Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and North Meols areas. The Village Institute facilities were used on 2 evenings a month and it was hoped to increase this to 3 evenings in the New Year and to introduce a more structured programme.

The Service was seeking to identify people from the community who could assist in running the various activities and the County Council would offer help with training, support and resources. Mr Hedley asked if the Council could help with recruitment and it was agreed to put an item in the next Parish Newsletter.

Mr Hedley answered a number of questions and was thanked for his attendance.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. LAP&TC - AGM Mrs J Birkby gave a report on the AGM of the Association.
2. Millennium It was agreed to postpone meeting until the New Year.

3. Policing Matters It was agreed to request the Clerk to write to the Inspector at Burscough regarding the items mentioned at the last meeting including mud on roads, not sweeping up cuttings after hedgecutting and the increase in bottles and cans found at various locations.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Cropper Gardens

112/98 RESOLVED:- That a Christmas Tree, upto the value of £25.00, be purchased for Cropper Gardens.

2. The Domesday Book Millennium Edition

113/98 RESOLVED:- That no action be taken on the invitation to purchase a Millennium Edition of the Domesday Book.

3. Audit and Profile of Crime and Disorder in West Lancashire Public meetings were to be held in Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Tarleton and a meeting for Parish Councils in Ormskirk on the 3rd December, 1998 at 7.30pm.

114/98 RESOLVED:- That it be left to individual Councillors to decide whether they wish to attend any of the meetings on this subject.

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

1. District Council Committee Agendas
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin - No 41
3. Local Council Review - November Edition
4. CCL News - Autumn Edition
5. West Lancashire Community Health Council - Progress Report 1996-1998

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

115/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Autocross - Repairs to bus shelters	£ 188.01/
b.	David Ward - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 48.00/
c.	B Parkinson Esq - Works at Recreation Ground	£ 210.00/

B. Item to Note

The appointment of the District Auditor as the Parish Council's Auditor for the next 5 years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

116/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following planning applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0951 - Use of land and buildings for the packing and distribution of agricultural produce - Solfresh Ltd, 222 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- b. No 08/98/0969 - Siting of portacabin (7.31m x 3.65m) at rear for use as offices - 7/9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/98/0998 - Outline - Erection of 4 no detached dwellings (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adjacent to 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- d. No 08/98/1007 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on planning permission No 8/6/10666 (condition 2) - Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- e. No 08/98/1008 - Outline - Erection of one detached replacement dwelling (including details of siting) - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- f. No 08/98/0987 - Erection of bungalow - Land adjacent to 123 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- g. No 08/98/1009 - O/L residential development including details of means of access - land at Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Hourwatch) (To go to Committee)
- h. No 08/98/1012 - Replacement agricultural storage building - Land opposite 332 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 26th November, 1998

117/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/98/0879 - 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 purposes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED with conditions)

3. Development at Poppyfields, Hesketh Bank

118/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council who is to monitor the ditch between the Poppyfields and Delta Park estates when the development is completed and to advise the District Council of blocked drains at The Brow just before the turn down Titmouse Brow.

B. Items to Note

1. Applications Determined The following planning decisions were noted:-

- a. No 08/98/0796 - First floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

- b. No 08/98/0388 - Change of use of outbuildings to three dwellings, detached block of three garages - Wright's Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/98/0632 - Retention of cabin for pigeon racing club meeting room - Recreation Ground, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/98/0783 - Erection of replacement cricket pavilion - Hesketh Bank Cricket Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- e. No 08/98/0814 - Single storey extension to existing detached garage to provide staffroom and toilet - Land rear of 140 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- f. No 08/98/0885 - Two storey extension at side - 94 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL SCHEMES 1998/99 AND 1999/2000

A. 1998/1999 The District Council had indicated that the following scheme could now proceed:-

Village Institute - Refurbishment of kitchen - £ 2700

B. 1999/2000 The following schemes had been submitted:-

- 1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Safety surfacing for new slide - £ 1740 + VAT (Slide to be provided by Parish Council at cost of £ 955 + VAT)
- 2. Village Institute - Tarmac front drive and entrances - £ 3050 + VAT

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Station Road Embankment The Clerk was asked to again contact the Area Surveyor regarding the maintenance of this land.

2. Station Road - Boundary Sign

119/98 RESOLVED:- That the purchase of a boundary sign from the County Council to be situated at Hesketh Lane/Station Road, at an estimated cost of £ 370.00, be approved.

3. Prohibition of Waiting - Station Road/Moss Lane The works had not been completed before the deadline set by the legislation and, therefore, the scheme had to be re-advertised.

120/98 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the proposed no waiting scheme for the junction of Station Road/Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

4. Flooding

121/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the following places where flooding is taking place:-

Station Road (Top of Rankin Avenue); All Saints Church Hall (2 places); Taylor's Farm, Shore Road (Nos 11/11A/11B); Bus Stop, Hesketh Lane/Mill Lane

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

Speed Limits in Hesketh Bank - Survey being undertaken.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Ownership This issue had been considered by the Transportation and Amenities Committee in November when it was decided that the Land should be transferred to the Parish Council with the Parish Council applying for a grant for the area to be re-tarmaced with the District Council tidying up the shrubs etc.

122/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to obtain an up-to-date estimate for the tarmac work, and

2. That the Parish Council do not sign a lease until a guarantee is received that the necessary finance for the tarmac is to be made available.

2. Station Road Play Area

a. Area between play area and Cherry Vale The Health & Safety Executive had no powers in respect of this area.

123/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to submit a price for tidying up this area and Mr B Birkby be authorised to outline to Mr Parkinson the extent of work required.

b. Fence It was agreed to leave this fence to be dealt with by Mr B Birkby.

3. Coastal Path Survey It was agreed to consider this in conjunction with the Parish Map Project and discuss it at the next meeting of the Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

124/98 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

Leases The Clerk reported on the latest advice from the Council's Solicitor in respect of the lease for the Bowling Club.

125/98 RESOLVED:- That the Bowling Club's Solicitor be advised that the Parish Council will not agree to any amendments to the lease submitted to the Bowling Club.

Nama Goodwin
4/1/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 4th January, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

No members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr P Sergeant

MINUTES

126/98 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd November, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (Inspector Janet Edmondson attended for this item)

Inspector Edmondson advised the Council that the vacancy caused by the transfer of PC M Thackery had been advertised and she was hopeful that an appointment would be made in the near future. When appointed the new Officer would be introduced to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity. The house on Station Road would be sold. Inspector Edmondson assured the Council that, although there were current vacancies, the staffing had never fallen below minimum levels.

A long discussion took place on policing in Hesketh Bank and the use of the house on Station Road as an office and base for the local community officer. The Council were generally in favour of retaining the house as a base but Inspector Edmondson indicated that was not an option.

Inspector Edmondson gave the Council a brief report on current crime trends in the area and advised the Council that there had been a reduction in road casualties in the district as a result of the targeting of certain roads including the A565. Radar was utilised in the Parish whenever possible and a letter from Sergeant White indicated that only Station Road was giving cause for concern in respect of speeding in the village and that would be addressed.

The question of mud and hedge cuttings on roads was again raised and Inspector Edmondson said that although the Police did sometimes take action it was not totally the responsibility of the Police.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Edmondson for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Audit & Profile of Crime and Disorder in West Lancashire Only Mr J R Foster had attended the meeting in Tarleton.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire District Council Details had been requested about buildings for hire in the parish.

127/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked to approach the various organisations direct for the information required.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting was on Friday, 8th January, 1999 and would be attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.

3. LAP&TC - Conferences and Courses A number of Conferences and Courses had been arranged by the Association.

128/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs N M Goodier, be nominated to attend the Planning Course on the 13th February, 1999 at a cost of £15.00.

4. CCL and Charity Commission Details of Seminars had been received which had also been advised to the Village Institute Committee.

5. College of Arms A search fee of £10 was required in respect of searching for a coat of arms for the parish/village.

129/98 RESOLVED:- That a search fee of £10 be paid to the College of Arms.

6. Best Kept Village Competition A précis of the results had been received.

130/98 RESOLVED:- That the results be published in the next edition of the Newsletter and a copy be forwarded to the owners of all premises mentioned in the report.

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

1. District Council Agendas
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin (circulated)
3. District Council Home Front News
4. District Council Housing Strategy report
5. LCC Waste Awareness Campaign Posters
6. Lancashire Rural Action for the Environment - Letter re- funds.
7. LAP&TC Winter Newsletter
8. CCL Annual Report 1997/98
9. NALC Annual Report & Accounts 1997/98
10. District Council Publication - Lets Talk Rubbish
11. District Council Publication - The Voice of West Lancashire

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

Accounts for Payment

131/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1.	College of Arms - Search Fee	£ 10.00✓
2.	LAP&TC - Course Fee	£ 15.00✓
3.	B W Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 563.91✓
4.	Mrs N Goodier - Purchase of calendar	£ 4.50✓

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

1. Concurrent Expenditure Funding 1999/2000 - Maximum for Parish £ 4,221.00
2. Capital Bids 1999/2000 - The following order of priority had been agreed:-
Joint 1 - North Meols and Upholland
Joint 2 - Hesketh-with-Beconsall and Parbold
3. LAP&TC - Letter re-Quality of Local Council Audits

132/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the District Council to complain about the omission of the Glenpark Drive Scheme from the list submitted to the Committee and to forward a copy of the correspondence to the LAP&TC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists There were no applications affecting this Parish.
2. Planning Application Consultation

133/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

Erection of bungalow - Land adj. 123 Station Road, HESKETH BANK

3. Development & Planning Committee - 7th January, 1999

134/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/98/1008 - O/L erection of one detached replacement dwelling (including siting) - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

No 08/98/0951 - Use of land and buildings for packaging and distribution of agricultural produce - Solfresh Ltd, 222 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED with restrictions)

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

1. Applications Determined
 - a. No 08/98/0879 - Removal of condition 3 imposed on permission ref 08/96/0161 (The stables shall be used for private purposes only and shall not be used for Riding School Livery or any other commercial purposes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED subject to conditions

- b. No 08/98/0969 - Siting of portacabin (7.31m x 3.65m) at rear for use as offices - 7/9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED until 31st December, 2000
2. Appeal decision - Site adjoining 6 Guide Road and 20 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - Appeals dismissed - Enforcement period extended from 3 months to 6 months

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. A Rural Transport Strategy for Lancashire A letter concerning the strategy had been circulated to Members.

135/98 RESOLVED:- That the following responses be made to the County Council:-

a. Information Board - To be sited either c/o Station Road/Moss Lane or near to Station Road/Moss Lane Bus Shelter,

b. Newsletter - Will include information

c. Village Contact - Mr J Hunter

d. Health Services - Hospitals in Southport & Ormskirk both require 2 buses to reach

Doctors' Surgeries in Tarleton, appointments rarely correspond with bus times

Suggest need for circular service round the northern parishes

e. Consultation - Expect to be consulted on changes within parish. Advise County Council that many pensioners and children do not live on the bus route.

2. Station Road Embankment The County Council confidently predict there will be no more slip ups.

136/98 RESOLVED:- The the Recreation Committee be authorised to inspect the embankment and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

3. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

137/98 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to take observations on Hesketh Lane, Tarleton when the High School children are on the way home as it has been reported that cyclists are riding 6 abreast along the road.

4. Parish Map Project The Clerk reported that this Parish was to be included in Phase 2 of the programme for 1999/2000. The Chairman reported the purchase of a calendar incorporating photographs of Hesketh Bank and that she had spoken to the photographer who had agreed to allow the pictures to be used on the Parish Map subject to an acknowledgement of the photographer being included. The Clerk was requested to speak to Mr S Kent at the District Council about the photographs.

5. Titmouse Brow

138/98 That the County Council be advised that the handrail at Titmouse Brow has been broken at the bottom end of the path.

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

1. Speed Limits, Hesketh Bank - The Police were to take action in respect of Station Road. The County Council were to place signs incorporating the village name and a road safety message on Shore Road and Moss Lane.
2. West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum - Various useful telephone numbers had been circulated.

MILLENNIUM

In addition to the Parish Map Project, which would be celebrate the Millennium, the Chairman had obtained a leaflet - 'Millennium Festival Funds for All' and had been advised by the photographer referred to in the preceding item that he could supply a variety of millennium souvenirs for the Council.

139/98 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of all Village organisations be held in February, 1999 at The Becconsall Hotel and Mr B Birkby be authorised to liaise with the Landlord over a suitable date for the meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road - Replacement changing facilities

140/98 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to meet with representatives of the Football Club on Monday, 11th January, 1999 at 7.00pm at a venue to be arranged by the Football Club to discuss the Club's plans to replace the changing hut at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

2. Recreation Ground Car Park - Access to school grounds It was reported that an access had been formed from the car park to the school grounds without permission and a request for retrospective approval had now been received from the Chairman of the Governors of the School.

141/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Governors of School be advised that permission be approved subject to the following:-

- a. The school advises parents via the weekly newsletter that the car park is the property of the Parish Council and cars are parked at the owners risk,
- b. There is no permanent right of way between the two areas of land and permission can be withdrawn by the Parish Council at any time,
- c. The School make a contribution to the Parish Council towards the repair and maintenance of the car park as a result of the additional use being made of the facilities by parents of children at the school, and
- d. The School advises its teachers that the Parish Council car park is not a staff car park but should be used by parents etc for the dropping off and picking up of children attending the school.

2. That the Clerk be requested to obtain an estimate for the provision of a notice for the car park to advise that cars are parked at the owners' risk.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Clerk reported a letter from the District Council which set out the terms on which the District Council would transfer the land to the ownership of the Parish Council.

142/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the terms set out in the District Council's letter be not accepted,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to advise the District Council, in strong terms, that the Parish Council will only take over responsibility of the area if the District Council undertake all the works currently required to the shrubs and the tarmac area, and

3. That the District Council be advised that any claims received by the Parish Council in respect of accidents caused by the current state of the land will be referred to the District Council as owners of the land.

4. Station Road Play Area

143/98 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson to tidy up the area between the play equipment and Cherry Vale at a cost of £ 140 and, on completion, the Clerk be authorised to forward a copy of the account to the owner of 1 Cherry Vale with a request for reimbursement.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

144/98 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 to Note

Leases There was nothing further to report and the Clerk was asked to consult the Council's Solicitor regarding a possible future course of action.

Nana Goodie
1/12/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st February, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs P Staples

Messrs J R Foster; J Hunter; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant;

No members of the press and public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter and Messrs R C Ball and B Birkby

MINUTES

Mr J R Foster asked about deductions in the salary of the Clerk and the Chairman outlined the position regarding National Insurance and Income Tax.

145/98 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS (Mr Len Watson, County Advisor attended for this item)

Mr L Watson outlined the role of the Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils and the National Association of Local Councils. LAP&TC provided training courses and an advice service for Councils, published a bi-monthly newsletter and operated the borrowing service for capital expenditure. Mr Watson further explained how the borrowing service was organised on behalf of the Government.

Mr Watson answered a number of questions and indicated that help and assistance was available to all Councils in membership and he attended various Council meetings to give advice as appropriate.

The Chairman thanked Mr Watson for his attendance at the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Coat of Arms The College of Arms had indicated that no coat of arms had been granted to either Hesketh Bank or Hesketh-with-Becconsall and the cost of applying for one was in excess of £6,000. It was agreed that a logo be designed for use by the Council.

2. Schoolchildren in Hesketh Lane, Tarleton The Police would be undertaking an action plan involving all cyclists either riding without lights, on pavements or in an unsafe manner. The parents of children would be advised of what they were doing.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Access Guide to West Lancashire This was to be launched at Skelmersdale Library on Friday, 12th March, 1999 but no-one was able to attend.

2. No 471 Squadron ATC - New Headquarters The official opening would be at Tarleton High School on Wednesday, 17th February, 1999 at 3.00pm. The Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman may be able to attend and would speak to Mr Huyton at the Millennium meeting on the 2nd February.

B. Items to Note

1. District Council Agendas

Transport & Amenities Committee - Dangerous Wall, Station Road, Hesketh Bank Councillor Mrs J Witter was on this Committee but not in attendance at this meeting.

2. District Council - West Lancashire Citizens Guide Copies had been circulated to Members.

3. Various Publications Copies of the latest editions of the following had been received:- Clerk & Council's Direct, Local Council Review and CCL News.

4. Circular Walk Leaflet A leaflet of a walk to Fairy Glen had been received.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

146/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Hesketh Bank AFC - Water charges | £ 9.32/ |
| b. | B Parkinson - Work adjacent to Station Road Play Area | £ 140.00/ |
| | (The Clerk would now submit the account to the owners of the adjacent house) | |

2. Application for Grant

147/98 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application from the Winged Fellowship be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

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

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| a. | West Lancashire District Council - Concurrent Expenditure - 2nd payment | £ 2097.22/ |
| b. | NORWEB - Wayleave | £ 84.93/ |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

148/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/1124 - Conservatory extension at front, single storey dining room/office extension at front, single storey extension at side/rear to form en-suite facilities to 2 bedrooms - Southview Lodge, 92 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/0013 - Conversion of barn to dwelling and a detached double garage - The Barn, 94a Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- c. No 08/99/0010 - Use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums (Renewal of permission 08/97/1045) - Rear of 429 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- d. No 08/99/0040 - Single storey extension at side - 14 Glenpark Drive, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/99/0062 - Ground floor/first floor extension at rear - 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/99/0064 - County matter - Construction of control kiosk for new plant - Hesketh Bank Treatment Works, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 4th February, 1999

149/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/1007 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on planning permission No 08/6/10666 (condition 2) - Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSED)
- b. No 08/98/0998 - O/L Erection of four No detached dwellings (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adjacent to 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSAL)

3. West Lancashire Local Plan Modification The Council's response to the Inspector's recommendations was noted.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined

- a. No 08/98/1012 - Replacement agricultural storage building - Land opposite 332 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/98/0951 - Use of land and buildings for the packing and distribution of agricultural produce - Solfresh Ltd, 222 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED with conditions)
- c. No 08/98/1008 - O/L Erection of one detached replacement dwelling (including details of siting) - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

- d. No 08/98/0987 - Erection of bungalow - Land adjacent to 123 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Environment & Footpaths Mr J R Foster raised the following items:-

- a. Footpaths 46/47 These were closed on the 6th June 1998 and had not been re-opened.

150/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Environment Agency if any work had been done and when the footpaths will be re-opened.

b. Flood Retreat Defences

151/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Environment Agency about Flood Retreat Defences in Hesketh Bank.

c. Survey of River Douglas Catchment Area

152/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Environment Agency about the current survey of the River Douglas Catchment Area

d. Environmental Forum

153/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council about membership of the Environmental Forum.

2. Provision of new street seat, Chapel Road Mr J R Foster asked about the possibility of siting a new street seat in Chapel Road between Cropper Gardens and Station Road.

154/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the County Council for permission to site a new street seat near to the junction of Chapel Road and Charles Close.

3. Surface Grit, Shore Road Mr J R Foster reported that the surface grit had nearly all come off.

155/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to complain to the County Council about the state of the surface of Shore Road.

4. Bus Shelter, Shore Road/Chapel Road (Southport side)

156/98 RESOLVED:- That Autocross be requested to repair the broken panel in this shelter when they are next in the area.

5. Lights, Shore Road

157/98 RESOLVED:- That the appropriate authorities be asked about the possibility of increasing the number of lights on Shore Road.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Changing Facilities The Recreation Committee had met representatives of the Football Club who wanted to replace the changing hut with a brick building of similar size including showers etc. The new facilities would be available for use by the School. The Football Club had been advised to consult the Planning Officer on their plans before submitting drawings to the Parish Council.

158/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council has no objection, in principle, to the replacement of the changing facilities with a brick building.

2. Recreation Ground - Flooding by Flagged Path The Clerk reported a complaint from a resident of Belsfield Drive that the flagged path was covered with water which was also running into his garden. He maintained this had occurred since the Council had undertaken drainage work on the football pitch.

It was indicated that the new drains should not have that effect on the surrounding area and the Football Club would be putting mole drains on the pitch in the summer which would extend almost up to the footpath.

159/98 RESOLVED:- That the situation be monitored over the next few months.

3. Station Road Play Area - Embankment The Recreation Committee had inspected the area and recommended that it required tidying up in the future.

160/98 RESOLVED:- That the recommendation of the Recreation Committee with regard to the Station Road Embankment be accepted.

4. Glenpark Drive - Transfer of Land to Parish Council The Director of Development and Amenities was to report the Parish Council's comments to the Chairman of the Transportation and Amenities Committee.

161/98 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to advise the Parish Council of the reaction of the Chairman of the Transportation and Amenities Committee.

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

Access from Recreation Ground Car Park to School Grounds A response was still awaited from the School. In answer to a question, it was suggested that planning permission was not required to form an opening in a boundary.

MILLENNIUM

The Millennium Meeting had been arranged for Tuesday, 2nd February, 1999 and 18 acceptances had been received to date.

It was possible, after this meeting that the Council would have £1,000 available to spend on the Millennium.

PARISH COUNCIL REVISED ESTIMATES 1998/99
PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES AND APPROVAL OF PRECEPT FOR 1999/2000

The Council considered the Revised Estimates for 1998/99, suggested Estimates for 1999/2000 and the Precept for 1999/2000.

162/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Revised Gross Estimates for 1998/99 in the sum of £16,306 be approved,

2. That, in respect of the expenditure on the drainage of the Recreation Ground in 1998/99 (at a cost of £5,000), the balance of £1,500 over the amount of £3,500 included in the estimates be met from the Repairs and Renewals Fund,

3. That the estimated additional expenditure of £1149 required to meet the Council's liabilities in 1998/99 be met from the Council's Balances,

4. That, in accordance with the previously approved formula, the Clerk's Salary for 1999/2000 be £ 2108,

5. That an amount of £500 be included in the Estimates for 1999/2000 for Millennium Activities and an amount of £3,000 be included for Parish Improvements,

6. That the Gross Estimates for 1999/2000 in the sum of £ 13,674, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be approved, and

7. That a Precept of £9,453 (£13,674 - concurrent expenditure contribution of £4,221) be levied on the District Council for the year 1999/2000.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

163/98 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 to Note

Leases The Clerk had asked Mr K Wareing for documents, required by the Council's Solicitor, which were thought to be in his possession and Mr J R Foster handed copy letters to the Clerk which indicated that the documents were in the hands of Banks & Wilson. The Clerk undertook to proceed with the matter.

Nana Goodie's
1/3/99.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st March, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

No members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames C Chadwick and P Stables

MINUTES

164/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February, 1999, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Annual Estimates In response to questions, the Clerk indicated that Bank Interest and the Wayleave had traditionally not been reported in the estimates submitted to the District Council which in any event only covered Concurrent Expenditure.
2. Attendance of Members The Clerk was requested to take whatever action is necessary in respect of the non-attendance of Ms C Chadwick at meetings.
3. West Lancashire Environmental Network Details had been received.

165/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to register the Parish Council with the Network.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC

166/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman's name be submitted for the ballot for invitation to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

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

1. District Council Agendas

- a. Transport and Amenities Committee Officers had been authorised to serve a notice on the owner of the land on which the Brow wall is situated requiring the repair and reinstatement of the wall.

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2. District Council
 - a. Meeting re- Community Patrol Service
 - b. Register of Electors for 1999
 - c. Members' Briefing Bulletin No 43 (Circulated)
3. Lancashire County Council - Roadworks on A585
4. Wrightington Hospital - NHS Trust Board Meetings
5. West Lancashire Heritage Association - Fund Raising Event

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Grants

a. General Grants The Clerk reported there was £ 100 available for distribution in the current financial year and 5 applications had been made to the Council.

167/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following grants be made in 1998/99:-

A.	West Lancashire Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme	£ 35.00✓
B.	West Lancashire Victim Support Scheme	£ 35.00✓
C.	Lancashire Youth Clubs Association	£ 35.00 /

2. That the following applications for grant be refused:-

- A. West Lancashire Heritage Centre Project
- B. Winged Fellowship

b. Burial Ground Grants The Clerk reported there was £ 200 available for distribution in the current financial year.

168/98 RESOLVED:- That the following grants be made in 1998/99:-

A.	All Saints CE Church	£ 100.00✓
B.	Old Church, Beconsall Lane	£ 100.00✓

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

169/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That consideration of the following application be deferred to later in the meeting:-

No 08/98/1009 - O/L Residential development including details of means of access - Land at Station Road, HESKETH BANK

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

- a. No 08/99/0118 - Conservatory at rear - 3 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK
- b. No 08/99/0162 - Conservatory at rear - 5 Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK

2. Development and Planning Committee - 4th March, 1999

a. Planning Applications The following applications were considered:-

- 1. No 08/98/1009 - O/I Residential development including details of means of access - Land at Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

170/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the application but the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to indicate where and when the remaining 0.5ha of open space on the overall site is likely to be provided.

- 2. No 08/99/0010 - Use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums (renewal of planning permission 08/97/1045) - Rear of 429 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
E 99/6 - Use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums - Rear of 429 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - Application - REFUSED, Enforcement Action - GRANTED)

171/98 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

- 3. No 08/99/0013 - Conversion of barn to dwelling and a detached double garage - The Barn, 94a Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

172/98 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

- b. Old Church of All Saint's, Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK

The recommendation was for the re-instatement of the church bell in the bell tower at the Old Church to be funded by the District Council.

- c. Appeal E 97/0052 - Solfresh Ltd, Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

The appeal had been withdrawn.

- 3. Alleged Breach of Planning Control - Siting of residential caravans at Hundred End Cottage, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK

173/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the site used to house a village store and Post Office and that the two caravans suddenly appeared on the site, and be requested to indicate if planning permission had ever been granted for residential caravans on this site.

- 4. Notification of Hedgerow Removal - Land off Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Opposite Ribble View Farm)

174/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made about this proposal.

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

Applications Determined

1. No 08/98/1007 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on planning permission No 8/6/10666 (condition 2) - Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK - REFUSED
2. No 08/99/0040 - Single storey extension at side - 14 Glenpark Drive, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Provision of seat - Chapel Road/Charles Close The County Council had indicated that a licence could be issued if the Parish Council consulted nearby residents on Chapel Road, Charles Close and Pardoe Close and no objections were raised.

175/98 RESOLVED:- That the provision of a seat at this location be held in abeyance for the time being.

2. Norwood Avenue/Sidney Avenue - No Ball Games sign

176/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Councillor, Mrs J Witter, be authorised to deal with this matter.

3. Shore Road (opposite Marsh View)

177/98 RESOLVED:- That the attention of the County Council be drawn to the dangerous situation at this point of Shore Road with regard to heavy vehicles entering and leaving the site and the loading and unloading of vehicles on the highway.

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

1. Rural Transport Strategy for Lancashire The Notice Board was being compiled.
2. Titmouse Brow - Broken handrail Has been repaired
3. Shore Road, Surface Dressing The length done in 1991 was listed for treatment this summer.

178/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to suggest to the County Council that top dressing is not sufficient as the surface acts as a plane with wheels of heavy vehicles skidding on the top.

4. Street Lighting Shore Road on potential list for new lights but little chance of funds being made available in the future.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

1. Flooding in Property adjacent to Recreation Ground A number of complaints had been received about flooding in property adjacent to the Recreation Ground since the drainage work had been completed. It was reported that the new drains were taking water away from these properties.

179/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised to look at the situation and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

2. Station Road Embankment

180/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that, when the trees were recently pruned, the cuttings were all left behind on the site and be asked to liaise with Mr B Birkby over the pruning of the bushes.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole Cover It was reported that this concrete cover had again be broken.

181/98 RESOLVED:- That the cover be replaced by a metal cover and Mr B Birkby be authorised to liaise with the Chairman over the replacement.

4. Under-Age Drinking

182/98 RESOLVED:- That the Police be advised of the presence of large numbers of beer cans and bottles around the various play areas which appear to indicate an increase in under-age drinking and young people congregating in the village.

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

1. Glenpark Drive

- a. Transfer from the District Council - Nothing to report
- b. Provision of Safety Surfacing - A report was to go to the Community Liaison Sub-Committee on the 9th March, 1999.

2. Recreation Ground - Access to School from Car Park - The Governors had discussed the Council's letter and a reply would be forthcoming.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

183/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council submit an entry to the 1999 Best Kept Village Competition and authorisation be given to pay the Entry Fee of £ 8.00, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to complete the Entry Form on behalf of the Parish Council.

MILLENNIUM

The Vice-Chairman reported on the Millennium meeting held in February, 1999 and indicated that a second meeting was to be held on Wednesday evening when it was hoped to elect a Millennium Committee to co-ordinate Millennium Celebrations in the Parish.

The Council discussed ideas for possible commemorative areas in the Parish and the role the Council should play on the Millennium Committee.

184/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That approval in principle be given to the provision of Millennium Commemorative Areas on Station Road, near to the Play Area, and on the Recreation Ground, Shore Road on the left hand side of the ground at the top of slope opposite the children's play area, subject to estimates of the cost of providing the areas being reported to a future meeting of the Council, and

2. That the Parish Council's representatives at the Millennium meeting be authorised to suggest that the Committee to be elected consists of other residents of the Parish in addition to Parish Councillors, and that the Committee undertake fund-raising activities to assist in financing Millennium Celebrations in the Parish.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

185/98 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 the Local Government Act 1972)

A. Item for Decision

Leases The Clerk had nothing further to report regarding the Bowling Club lease.

1863/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Council's Solicitor for advice on how the Council should proceed in relation to the Bowling Club lease.



HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 29th March, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

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

Mesdames J Birkby; P M Stables and J Witter

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

No members of the public or press were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames C Chadwick and N M Goodier

MINUTES

187/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March, 1999, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Attendance of Members Ms C Chadwick had indicated that she would be resigning from the Council and had been asked to write to the Clerk to that effect.

188/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to advertise the vacancy on the Council when the resignation letter from Ms Chadwick is received.

2. West Lancashire Environmental Network The Parish Council was now registered with the Network and the Clerk was requested to invite a representative to attend a future meeting of the Council.

3. The Brow Wall The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council for the name of the owner of the Brow Wall.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - 9th April, 1999 The items for discussion were noted.

2. Retirement of Parish Clerk - Tarleton

189/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to send a letter to Mr J Edmondson, Clerk of Tarleton Parish Council, on his retirement from that position.

3. Becconsall Hotel, Hesketh Bank - Transfer of Licence

190/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Transfer of Licence in respect of the Becconsall Hotel.

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

1. District Council Committee Agendas

- a. Community Liaison Sub-Committee - 9th March, 1999
Glenpark Drive Play Area Safety Surfacing

The Sub-Committee had agreed to this project being added to the approved list for 1999/2000 to proceed only if Downholland's Scheme does not go ahead.

- b. Transportation & Amenities Committee - 23rd march, 1999
Glenpark Drive Play Area - Transfer from District Council

The report had omitted reference to the Clerk's latest letter but the Committee had authorised the Chairman and Officer's to meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss this issue.

2. District Council - Election Dates and Posters
3. District Council - Civic Dinner - 19th March, 1999 - The invitation had been declined
4. District Council - Housing Needs Survey Posters had been put on Notice Boards and a copy of the questionnaire received.
5. District Council - West Lancashire Design Awards 1999
6. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 44
7. A Community Safety Strategy for West Lancashire
8. LCC Library Service - Updating of details held by Service
9. Local Council Review - March 1999
10. Clerks & Councils Direct - March 1999
11. CCL - Guide to Events in Lancashire -1999
12. Beacon Millennium - Raising Money for Charity
13. Lancashire Constabulary - Ringmaster Information System To be deferred to next meeting.
14. CCL News - Spring 1999

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

Accounts for Payment

191/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription 1999/2000 | £ 10.00✓ |
| b. | B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £ 583.65✓ |
| c. | P T Watkinson - Works at Village Hall (£ 2700 + VAT)
(see also Receipts) | £ 3172.50✓ |

B. Items to Note

Receipts

West Lancashire District Council - Capital Scheme Grant £ 2700.00✓

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

192/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0210 - Detached bungalow - Land rear of 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/0244 - Single storey rear extension to shop and first floor balcony with stairs to existing first floor flat - 15 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/99/0225 - Erection of stables/workshop building - Bedouin, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/99/0227 - County Matter - Acquisition of seismic data using vibroseis and dynamite sources - Ribble Estuary & adjacent embankments (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/99/0257 - Portacabin to be used as an office - 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/99/0258 - Replacement greenhouse block for horticultural use - Wedgewood, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 4th March, 1999

193/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/99/0062 - Ground floor/First floor flat extension at rear - 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSAL)

3. Appeal Lodged (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item)

194/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following appeal:-

No E/98/0024 - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

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

1. Applications Determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/98/1124 - Conservatory extension at front; single storey dining room/office extension; single storey extensions to side/rear to form en-suite facilities to 2 No bedrooms and extension to kitchen - Southview Lodge, 92 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/99/0013 - Conversion of barn to dwelling and a detached double garage - The Barn, 94a Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

c. No 08/99/0118 - Conservatory at rear - 3 Pardoe Close,
HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
d. No 08/98/1009 - O/L Residential development including details
of means of access - Land at Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
e. No 08/99/0162 - Conservatory at rear - 5 Chapel Gardens,
HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

2. Enforcement Action Authorised

Use of agricultural premises for the recycling of plastic drums - Land rear
of 429 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

3. Residential Development - Land at Station Road, HESKETH BANK

The Director of Planning and Technical Services had indicated that 10 % of each area for which
planning permission had been requested had been allocated as open space.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Chapel Road - Grass Verges

195/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the grass verges on
Chapel Road from the Chapel towards Station Road and opposite Delta Park Drive required
cutting.

2. Painting of Litter Bins

196/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked about the responsibility for
painting litter bins.

3. School Fold - Hedgerow

197/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy be authorised to arrange for Mr J Farrington to
cut this hedgerow.

4. Shore Road The situation opposite Marsh View had been referred to the
Traffic Management Section of the County Council.

Concern was again expressed about the speed of vehicles on Shore Road and a comparison made
with Blackgate Lane, Tarleton which is a straighter and wider road.

198/98 RESOLVED:- That a further request be made for the speed limit on the stretch of
Shore Road between Hundred End and the existing 30 mph sign to be reduced to 40 mph.

5. Bus Timetables

199/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to arrange for timetables to
be displayed at bus stops in the Parish.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

- a. Norwood Avenue/Sidney Avenue - 'No Ball Games' Sign - Now fixed
- b. Street Lighting, Shore Road - The District Council has no funds available but the Parish Council can fund street lights from its own budget.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Flooding

200/98 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to inspect the flooding at the Recreation Ground and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

2. Station Road Play Area - Flooding by Swings

201/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised to take appropriate action to alleviate this problem in consultation with Mr B Parkinson.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole Cover

202/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson for a replacement manhole cover at a cost of £ 14.50 + VAT plus labour.

B. Items to Note The following was noted:-

Station Road Embankment Programmed maintenance to start after April. Previous work undertaken by Fast Action Response Team because the hedge was a hazard.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

1. Village Signs The Clerk was asked to chase the County Council.
2. Photographs of last years presentation The Clerk was asked to again try and get a photograph printed in a local paper.
3. Hanging baskets It was suggested that these were expensive to maintain and decided that no further action be taken.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1. Footpaths 46 & 47 The proposed work had been postponed and the paths would be closed when required.

Mr J R Foster was concerned that dangerous sprays were used on land, the boatyard was an industrial area where solvents, fibreglass etc. were used and that the Parish Council should make walkers aware of these hazards. The Vice-Chairman, undertook to raise the issue with Mr Len Watson at the next LAP&TC Area Committee meeting.

2. Flood Retreat Defences The Environment Agency had indicated that the defences which protect the West Lancashire coastline are considered sufficient to prevent overtopping for the current range of extreme tidal surges including the 1 in 50 year event. The

Agency is also committed to monitoring sea level change upto 2030 and will ensure that defences can be raised to take account of any potential sea level rise at the appropriate time should it be necessary. The practice of managed retreat does not feature in the Agency's plans for the West Lancashire coastline. The Agency was not able to speculate on the effects of sand extraction at Southport.

3. Survey of River Douglas Catchment Area The writer was unaware of any survey but the Clerk was handed a copy of a Local Environment Agency Plan - Douglas Consultation Report of November 1998. The Clerk agreed to advise the writer of the letter to the Council of the above Plan.

4. West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum This would be held on the 27th April, 1999 and Mr J R Foster would submit possible agenda items direct to the District Council.

5. Bottle Bank

203/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to consider locating a bottle bank in Hesketh Bank which is the only parish in this area without one.

6. Proposed Right to Roam Legislation

204/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the appropriate authorities if any area in Hesketh Bank would be subject to this proposed legislation.

MILLENNIUM

The Millennium Committee had been formed and were organising fund raising events and a Summer Festival. A number of possible projects were under consideration.

205/98 RESOLVED:- That the payment of a possible grant to the Millennium Committee be deferred for the time being.

DOMESDAY BOOK AND RECORD OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

206/98 RESOLVED:- That Mrs P Stables be authorised to make enquiries about persons able to undertake calligraphy.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

207/98 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 the Local Government Act 1972)

Leases

208/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to chase up the Council's Solicitor regarding further action in relation to the Bowling Club lease.

Nanna Looch
26/4/99