

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 26th April, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

No members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables and Messrs R C Ball and P J A Sergeant

MINUTES

209/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March, 1999, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Membership of Council Ms C Chadwick had handed a letter of resignation to the Clerk this evening and the vacancy would now be advertised.
2. West Lancashire Environmental Network The Clerk had invited a speaker to attend a future meeting of the Council. The Council had yet to appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Network and the date of the AGM of the Network was not yet known.
3. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - 9th April, 1999 The following items had been discussed:-
 - a. Rural Transport Strategy - The Notice Board for this Parish was ready and a location was required. The Clerk had already advised the County Council that the corner of Moss Lane would be a suitable site and the Chairman had also suggested that site at the LAP&TC meeting. It had also been decided to run a bus from Hesketh Bank to Ormskirk via Tarleton and Rufford which would have wheelchair access. North Meols Parish Council had asked if the bus could start in Banks and that was under discussion. In addition, a suggestion for a circular route around the northern parishes was also under consideration.
 - b. Lottery Funding for the Millennium - Parish Councils could now apply in their own right subject to meeting the special criteria for such grants.
 - c. Presentation at AGM of Area Committee - Parishes had been asked if they wished to give a verbal presentation at the AGM of the Committee, lasting about 5 minutes. A decision could be taken at the next meeting of the Council.
4. Record of Councillors - Calligraphy Mrs P Stables was not present and the Chairman knew of someone as well. The issue was deferred to the next meeting.
5. Tarleton Parish Council The new Clerk, Mrs J A Sutton, had written to introduce herself.

6. Village Signs The Clerk has chased these up with the County Council.

7. Seismic Testing - River Estuary It was indicated that this covered the same area that had been tested previously but the Vice-Chairman confirmed that the current application was specific to petroleum.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. WL District Council - Corporate Plan - Consultation Draft

210/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Consultation Draft of the District Council's Corporate Plan.

2. Newburgh Parish Council - Civic Service - 16th May, 1999 The invitation was handed to the Chairman who would reply nearer the time.

B. Items to Note (PC Graham Wilson attended for Item 6)

The following items were noted:-

1. District Council - Committee Agendas - Mr J R Foster would be attending the West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum on the 27th April, 1999
2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 45
3. District Council - Sustainable Strategy
4. District Council - Revenue Budget & Capital Programme 1999/2000
5. District Council - Home Front News - Spring 1999
6. Lancashire Constabulary - Problems in Village The Police were aware of increased juvenile nuisance and damage to various buildings and were taking action to try to alleviate these problems. Residents were urged to report all incidents to the Police so that they could build up a picture of what was happening in the village and when.
7. Millennium Festival Awards Updated information on awards was passed to the Secretary of the Millennium Committee.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

211/98 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

David Ward Cleaning Services - Cleaning bus shelters - /£ 120.00

2. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme - Rental of Village Hall for AGM

212/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council pay the rental for the hire of the Village Institute for the AGM of the Good Neighbour Scheme at a cost of £15.00

3. Hesketh Bank Millennium Project

a. Start-up Funds A request had been made for the Parish Council to provide some start up funds for the Millennium Committee towards the cost of a fund raising weekend to be held in July 1999. The main expense was the hire of a marquee for 3 days. A lengthy discussion took place on the venue for the event and also the future plans for the Village Institute.

213/98 RESOLVED:- A. That it be suggested to the Millennium Committee that the events on the weekend in July 1999 be held in the Village Institute thereby saving the hire costs for a marquee,

B. That the request for start up funds towards the cost of the weekend be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council, and

C. That the Clerk be authorised to seek the advice of the LAP&TC as to whether the money set aside for the provision of additional sports facilities in the village could be transferred towards the cost of a new Village Hall as it appeared to be unlikely that additional land for sports facilities would become available.

b. Future Maintenance and Insurance

214/98 RESOLVED:- That this item be deferred until more information as to the chosen project is available.

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

1. Receipts West Lancashire District Council - 1st Payment of Precept
- £ 7,500.00
2. Acknowledgements The following donations had been acknowledged:-
 - a. West Lancashire Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme
 - b. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association
 - c. Victim Support - West Lancashire
 - d. All Saints Church - Copy of latest accounts received

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

215/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0318 - Detached dwelling house - Land adjacent Shore Road Barn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- b. No 08/99/0293 - Agricultural storage building and alterations to existing access - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/99/0351 - Single storey extension at side (including garage) linked to dwelling - 144B Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

- d. No 08/99/0374 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and erection of detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and access) - 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- e. No 08/99/0094 - Consideration of details for prior approval - Excavation works - Land at Hesketh Bank Marsh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/99/0366 - Reserved matters - Detached house and integral garage - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 29th April, 1999

216/98 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0244 - Single storey rear extension to shop - 15 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED) - Mr J R Foster declared an interest in this item.
- b. No 08/99/0227 - County Matter - Acquisition of seismic data using vibroseis and dynamite sources - River Estuary and adjacent embankments (Recommendation - NO OBJECTION subject to compliance with requirements of English Nature and certain conditions)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Dropped kerbs The Clerk undertook to ask the County Council what was happening to the proposals for mobility measures suggested last year.

2. Sumps in road The Clerk undertook to report sumps in the following locations:- O/S 50 Station Road; By bus stop adjacent to Rankin Avenue; By All Saints Church Hall; O/S 11/11A/11B/11C Shore Road; O/S 47 Shore Road

3. Bus Shelter - O/S All Saints Church, Station Road

217/98 RESOLVED:- A. That Autocross be requested to again replace the glass panel which had been removed by youths sitting on the seat and kicking at the panel, and

B. That Mr B Parkinson be asked to move the seat from behind the bus shelter to the Recreation Ground adjacent to the play equipment.

4. Lancashire's Local Transport Plan - Consultation Questionnaires were handed to members of the Council and Mr B Birkby undertook to place copies in the local shops.

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

1. Surface Dressing, Shore Road The Area County Surveyor maintained that the surface laid in 1997 was still alright whilst that laid in 1991 was to be redone this summer.

2. Waiting Restrictions - Station Road/Moss Lane/Mill Lane The County Council Committee had approved the scheme. The works would be undertaken, the Order sealed and brought into effect.

3. Bus Stop - Hesketh Lane/Mill Lane, Tarleton Tarleton Parish Council had decided not to replace the shelter at this stop. The Clerk was asked to inform Tarleton Parish Council that this Council is dismayed they have bowed to pressure from vandalism

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RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Flooding

218/98 RESOLVED:- That Members of the Recreation Committee inspect the flooding individually and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

b. Holes near Roundabout

219/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to fill the holes by the roundabout on the Recreation Ground.

2. Glenpark Drive

a. Transfer from District Council A date for the meeting with representatives of the District Council which was convenient to the Parish Council was still awaited.

3. Station Road Play Area

a. Flooding

220/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to undertake remedial action to the ground by the seat .

4. Centenary Sports Ground

a. Manhole cover

221/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to supply and fit a new concrete manhole cover and provide some means of protecting the cover from vehicles.

RINGMASTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

222/98 RESOLVED:- That details of the system be noted but no action be taken on this issue at this time.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

223/98 RESOLVED:- A. That meetings of the Parish Council be held on the following dates, commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated:-

Monday, 24th May, 1999 (At 7.00pm)
Monday, 19th July, 1999
Monday, 27th September, 1999
Monday, 22nd November, 1999
Monday, 31st January, 2000
Monday, 27th March, 2000

Monday, 21st June, 1999
Wednesday, 1st September, 1999
Monday, 25th October, 1999
Tuesday, 4th January, 2000
Monday, 28th February, 2000
Monday, 24th April, 2000

met

B. That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Monday, 24th May, 1999 at 8.00pm (Parish Council meeting to be adjourned and re-convened after Assembly if necessary)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The question of the inspection of play equipment was raised and it was indicated that Mr B Birkby inspected the equipment on a weekly basis with action taken by the Parish Council to rectify faults when required.

PARISH INVENTORY

Mr J R Foster asked if a copy of the Parish Inventory was available and it was suggested by other Councillors that a list of land, equipment etc held or owned by the Council was not required. A proposal by Mr Foster for a list to be prepared did not find a seconder.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

224/98 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 The latest advice from the Council's Solicitor was noted.

225/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested approach the NALC for further advice regarding the leases for the Sports Clubs using the Centenary Sports Ground.

Nanna Lock
19/7/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 1999

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 24th May, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J R Foster and J Hunter

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A Murphy and P J A Sergeant.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/99 **RESOLVED:-** That Councillor Mrs N Goodier be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1999/2000.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/99 **RESOLVED:-** That Councillor J Hunter be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1999/2000.

MINUTES

The Clerk reported that, because his word processor was in for repair, the Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

03/99 **RESOLVED:-** That consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th April, 1999 be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

04/99 **RESOLVED:-** That consideration of any matters arising from the previous meeting of the Council be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. West Lancashire District Council - Community Safety Challenge Fund
Brief details had been received and it was agreed that more information was required and there was a need to discuss the fund with representatives of the Police.

2. West Lancashire Environmental Network - AGM This would be held on Saturday, 19th June, 1999 at Skelmersdale Arts Centre from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

05/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to represent the Council at the AGM of the West Lancashire Environmental Network.

3. West Lancashire Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme - AGM This would be held on Monday, 19th July, 1999 at Derby Day Centre, Ormskirk at 7.30pm. This was the date of a future meeting of the Parish Council.

06/99 RESOLVED:- That the Scheme be advised that the Parish Council are unable to be represented at the AGM.

4. Local Council Advisory Service - Health & Safety Seminars 1999 The nearest was at Winsford on the 15th June, 1999 but although the subjects were Safety in Playgrounds and Skateboard Parks and Safety at Organised Events, it was felt that the cost, at £ 50 + VAT per person, was too expensive.

5. CCTV Scheme - Ormskirk Town Centre A presentation was to be made at West Lancashire District Council Offices on Friday, 4th June, 1999 but no-one was able to attend.

6. Various Items in Parish Councillor A Murphy had reported, by letter, a number of issues as follows:-

a. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

i. Safety Surfacing by Swings

07/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr Ian Yates for the repair of the safety surfacing.

ii. Seat - School Fold side of ground

08/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson to replace the missing slat and varnish the seat.

iii. Path alongside Belsfield Drive There were still flooding problems on this path.

09/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact Mr Paul Taylor to investigate the flooding at this location and to arrange for the Recreation Committee, plus Councillor P Sergeant, to discuss the recommendations of Mr Taylor.

iv. Dog Bins

10/99 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to replace the dog bin located at the top of the slope on the School Fold side and to empty the dog bins on a more regular basis.

b. Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole Cover When replacing the cover, it had been seen that a concrete block had been wedged inside the shaft. The Council were told of the problems encountered by the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Councillors B Birkby and Mrs J Witter in trying to get the District Council to clear the shaft.

11/99 RESOLVED:- A. That the actions of the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Councillors B Birkby and Mrs J Witter in arranging for the District Council to clear the manhole shaft, be confirmed, and

B. That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Chief Executive of the District Council to complain about the attitude of the staff of the District Council over the requests for the manhole to be cleared.

7. County Council The Clerk was asked to again chase up the Village Signs.

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

1. District Council

- a. Agendas No items affecting this Parish
- b. Members' Briefing Bulletin No 46 This had been circulated to Members.
- c. The Brow Wall, Station Road Action was being taken against the owner of the land, the owner of the wall was still to be determined.
- d. Litter Bins and Bottle Bank Litter bins - rusting bins can be refurbished, Bottle bank - suggestions for siting would be investigated
- e. Canal and Countryside Walks & Beacon Country Park Events Leaflets received

2. County Council

- a. Bus Stop Plates and Timetable Information Bus stop plates - To be replaced, Timetable cases - looking at possibility of increasing number of cases in Parish.
- b. Grass Verges - Chapel Road The contractor was being asked to attend to these.
- c. Heritage Conservation in Lancashire Brochure received.
- d. Right to Roam Legislation No registered common land in this Parish.

3. Local Council Review and Clerks & Councils Direct May editions

4. LAP&TC Spring Newsletter

5. Various Issues reported by Councillor A Murphy

- a. Seat The seat from outside All Saints Church had been moved to the Recreation Ground, by the slide, but moved back again, presumably by young people.
- b. Large hole near roundabout Had been filled in.

- c. School Fold Hedge Cutting had commenced.
- d. Chapel Road/Delta Park Drive Litter bin replaced

FINANCE

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

12/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Cornhill Insurance - Insurance premium | / £ 268.14 |
| b. | LAP&TC - Annual subscription | / £ 309.68 |
| c. | Mr B Parkinson - Various works | / £ 132.00 |

2. That Cornhill Insurance be requested to amend the cover from 14 bus shelters and 8 street seats to 14 bus shelters and 16 street seats.

2. Millennium Project - Start-Up Funds

13/99 RESOLVED:- That a donation of £ 150.00 be made to the Millennium Committee as Start-Up funds towards the millennium celebrations. (The voting on this proposal was:- FOR - 4 votes, AGAINST - 0 votes, ABSTAINED - 3 votes)

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

The meeting re-convened at 9.08pm with Councillor P Sergeant also in attendance.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

14/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0450 - New vehicular access - Land between Lodge Farm & Ashleigh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK
- b. No 08/99/0419 - Replacement detached house & garage - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
- c. No 08/99/0425 - Erection of implement storage & livestock building - 'Jaydon', Guide Road, HESKETH BANK
- d. No 08/99/0468 - Single storey extension at rear - 12 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK

2. Development & Planning Committee - 27th May, 1999

15/99 RESOLVED:- That no comment be made on the following application:-

No 08/99/0210 - Detached bungalow - Land at rear of 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. West Lancashire Local Plan Latest modifications
2. Applications determined
 - a. No 08/99/0258 - Replacement greenhouse block for horticultural use - Wedgewood, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - b. No 08/99/0244 - Single storey rear extension to shop - 15 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/99/0351 - Single storey extension at side (including garage) linked to dwelling - 144B Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - d. No 08/99/0257 - Portacabin to be used as an office - 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

DOMESDAY BOOK

It was reported that a person would be happy to do the necessary calligraphy free of charge and this item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council

Nanna Goodie
19/7/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 19th July, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

IN ATTENDANCE:- Carol Latham, Development Officer, West Lancashire
Environmental Network and Inspector Janet Edmondson, Lancashire Constabulary

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P Stables

WEST LANCASHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

Carol Latham, Development Officer of the Network, spoke about the work of the Network and said she was interested in listening to ideas as to how the Network could assist members. The Network was established in 1996, now had 98 members and helped member organisations with projects.

The Network had obtained Lottery funding for 2 paid officers and to produce a Newsletter, 3 times a year. Monthly updates of the newsletter were circulated to Members and finance was available to move to a new office next year.

Messrs J Hunter and P J A Sergeant arrived at this point in the meeting.

The Network provided free training courses for members and assisted members in fundraising. It was also looking to update the Green Connections Directory.

In response to questions, Carol Latham said that the Network was looking at providing training on running fundraising events, including the organisation required and how to encourage the media to publicise and attend such events and would assist an organisation to find funding and promote such items as leaflets for walkers etc. Carol also indicated that the Network had not been involved with schools to date but this was an area that she was keen to address.

The Chairman thanked Carol Latham for attending the meeting.

Mrs J Witter arrived at this point in the meeting.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

Inspector Janet Edmondson reported that PC Graham Wilson had now been appointed as the new Local Beat Officer but was currently sharing duties with the Banks and Tarleton Officers. She expected him to take over duties completely at the end of August. There was a need to find a replacement for the response car for the Northern Parishes. She also reported that the Constabulary were actively pursuing joining the

over

Fire Service in using the Fire Station on Hesketh Lane as a base. There had been a joint exercise on Hesketh Marsh last week.

Inspector Edmondson gave a run down of the latest crime figures for the area which were most encouraging. In regard to juvenile nuisance, there had been 6 reported incidents in the last 4 weeks and 5 incidents of motor cycle nuisance in the same period, probably all involving the same motor cycle. Action was being taken against both types of incident.

In response to questions, Inspector Edmondson indicated that PC Wilson would undertake foot patrols in the village when the opportunity was there and it was considered to be most appropriate and that all leave had been cancelled for New Years Eve with staffing levels in excess of normal New Years Eve cover. She confirmed that the Northern Parishes would not be neglected on New Years Eve.

Inspector Edmondson again urged people to report incidents when they happened so that the Police could build up a picture of crime and nuisance in the area. She undertook to let the Clerk have the telephone number for crime information which was updated regularly by the Crime Prevention Officer. The number is 01695 566178.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Janet Edmondson for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

16/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meetings held on the 26th April, 1999 and 24th May, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Meeting held on 26th April, 1999

1. Mobility Measures The work not done in 1998/99, including works in Hesketh Bank had been carried forward to 1999/2000.

2. Drainage The areas highlighted by the Council would be checked by the County Council.

3. Bus Shelter - Hesketh Lane/Mill Lane, Tarleton An explanation from Tarleton Parish Council was noted and it was reported that Tarleton Parish Council had held a site meeting to identify a new location for the shelter. It was also said that the Double yellow lines at Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane would be done in the near future.

17/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the County Council, with a copy to Tarleton Parish Council, requesting that the shelter is replaced as a matter of urgency.

4. Glenpark Drive Play Area The meeting with the District Council had now been fixed for Monday, 9th August, 1999 at 9.30am at Ormskirk.

18/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Councillors Mrs J Witter and B Birkby and the Clerk be appointed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

5. Allotments Mr J R Foster asked about the ownership of the allotments. The Clerk reported on lengthy correspondence some 20 years ago which

had failed to disclose the owner of the land. Mr Foster understood a hospital in Blackburn was the owner and the Clerk confirmed that the hospital had been approached but had declined to get involved. In answer to another question, the Chairman confirmed that the Allotments Committee were aware of buildings on the land which were used for keeping implements and equipment.

B. Meeting held on 24th May, 1999 There were no items raised from this meeting.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk indicated that no applications had been received as a result of the advertisement placed on the Notice Boards. It was now in order for existing Members of the Council to approach people whom they felt may be interested in serving on the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. Recreation Committee

19/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman, Mrs P Stables, Mrs J Witter, Mr B Birkby and Mr A Murphy be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year, and

2. That Mr A Murphy be authorised to carry out weekly inspections of the play equipment as set down by the Insurance Company.

2. Allotments Committee

20/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs J Witter, Mr R Ball, Mr A Murphy and Mr P Sergeant be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

3. Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee

21/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs P Stables, Mr R Ball, Mr J R Foster and Mr J Hunter be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

4. Centenary Sports Ground Committee

22/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Witter, Mr B Birkby and Mr A Murphy be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

5. Millennium Committee

23/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr B Birkby, Mr A Murphy and Mr P Sergeant be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

24/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following appointments be made for the ensuing year:-

a. LAP&TC Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 1 vacancy

- b. Hesketh Village Institute Mr P Sergeant
- c. Lancashire Playing Fields Association Mr P Sergeant
- d. Council for Protection of Rural England The Chairman
- e. West Lancashire Environmental Network Mr J R Foster
- f. West Lancashire Rights of Way Committee Mr J R Foster

2. That the following change be made on representation for the ensuing year:-

Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School The Chairman to replace the Vice-Chairman as the Parish Council's representative.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LCC Education Department - Draft School Organisational Plan 1999/2004 The Chairman undertook to try to read the document before the next meeting.

2. Awards for All - Millennium Festival Lottery Grants - Information Day - 17th August 1999

25/99 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend be declined.

3. LCC - The Future of Municipal Waste Management in Lancashire Mr B Birkby undertook to try to read the document before the next meeting.

4. WLDC - Reception for Parishes and Clergy - 16th September, 1999

26/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be appointed to represent the Council at the Reception.

5. LAP&TC - Training Day - Finance - 25th September, 1999

27/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Lancashire Handbook

28/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a copy of the Lancashire Handbook at a cost of £/6.50 plus updates at a cost of £/5.00.

7. LAP&TC

a. Clerk's Contract It was stated that all Clerks should have a contract of employment.

29/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to prepare a draft Contract of Employment for consideration by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.

b. Great War Records A letter had been handed to each Council regarding the commemoration of persons who gave their lives for their country in various wars.

30/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to copy the letter to each Councillor and the issue be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

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

1. District Council Committee Agendas
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletins Nos 47 & 48
3. LCC Waste Management Strategy for Lancashire - Introduction
4. LAP&TC

a. West Lancashire Area Committee - The Chairman reported on the meeting when the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Committee had been re-appointed with a new Hon. Secretary required next year. A number of Parishes gave reports on achievements during the year. A course was to be run for New and Advanced Clerks and the dates of the Spring Conference had been announced.. A number of complaints had been made about weeds and weedspraying.

b. Various circulars and information - Details of millennium memorabilia were handed to the Chairman

5. Lancashire Playing Fields AGM - This had been held whilst the representative of the Council was on holiday

6. Various Publications

7. Seismic Survey - Details had been received which did not appear to affect this Parish

8. Millennium Merchandise - Details passed to the Chairman

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

31/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Zurich Municipal Insurance - Playground Insurance	/ £ 249.85
		£ 2.89
b.	Yates Playgrounds - Repairs to safety surfacing	/ £ 55.22
c.	LAP&TC - Balance of contribution to Area Secretary	/ £ 3.00
d.	B Parkinson Esq - Repairs to seat (Alongside School Fold)	/ £ 46.90
e.	Village Institute - Hire of Village Institute 199/2000	/ £ 180.00

2. That, in respect of the following account, a breakdown of the costs be requested as the amount was well in excess of the estimate given, and the amount requested, on the day the work was undertaken:-

West Lancashire District Council - Clear blocked drain £ 88.01

2. Application for Grant

32/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following application for grant be approved:-

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Hesketh Village Institute

£ 200.00

2. That the following application for grant be deferred to later in the financial year:-

West Lancashire Victim Support

3. Moss Lane Notice Board The Clerk reported that the Moss Lane Notice Board cover was missing and he had asked Mr B Parkinson to carry out necessary repairs. Mr J R Foster indicated that he had the cover at home and Mr A Murphy was asked to advise Mr Parkinson accordingly.

33/99 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in authorising repairs to the Moss Lane Notice Board be confirmed.

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

Annual Audit - To be held in September/October 1999

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Fowler raised the following issues:-

Fences/boundaries on new estates; Parish Wards; Allotments

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

34/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk in making no comments on the following applications be confirmed:-

- a. No 08/99/0493 Conservatory at side - 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/0506 Conservatory at rear - 7 Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

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

- a. No 08/98/0998 Outline - Erection of one detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adjacent 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) - Amended application - Proposed number of dwellings reduced from 4 to 1 and application site reduced in size.
- b. No 08/99/0664 Erection of barn for storage of hay and straw - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Planning & Development Committee - 22nd July, 1999

There were no items in this Parish

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

Applications determined since last meeting:-

- a. 08/99/0366 Reserved matters - Detached house and integral garage - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- b. 08/99/0293 Agricultural storage building and alterations to existing access - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- c. 08/99/0210 Detached bungalow - Land rear of 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- d. 08/99/0419 Replacement of detached house and garage - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- e. 08/99/0425 Erection of implement storage and livestock building - Jaydon, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- f. 08/99/0468 Single storey extension at rear - 12 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- g. E/98/0024 Appeal against enforcement notice - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPEAL DISMISSED, enforcement notice upheld (as varied) and planning permission refused.
- h. 08/99/0374 Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and erection of a detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and access) - 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - REFUSED
- i. 08/99/0506 Conservatory at rear - 7 Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- j. 08/99/0493 Conservatory at side - 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Maintenance of Bus Shelters The Clerk reported the receipt of a quotation from Autocross for the maintenance of the bus shelters.

35/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to speak to the contractor about the possibility of reducing the cost of the work.

2. School Fold Hedge The work had not been completed.

36/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy was authorised to try and get the work done by another contractor.

3. Street Seats

37/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson to move the seat from the bus shelter outside All Saints Church to the corner of Becconsall Lane and to concrete the seat into the ground to stop it being moved.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

Recreation Ground - Various Works

38/99 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to inspect the recreation facilities and bring forward a list of suggested works to a future meeting.

B. Items to Note

1. Recreation Ground - Flooding The Chair was to chase Paul Taylor for his advice.
2. Station Road Play Area The dumping of rubbish had been reported to the District Council.
3. Centenary Sports Ground The cutting of the hedge was in hand.
4. Grasscutting Mr B Parkinson had asked to be included on the list of Contractors invited to quote for grasscutting.

ALLOTMENTS

39/99 RESOLVED:- That the Allotments Committee be requested to inspect the allotments and bring forward a list of suggested works to a future meeting.

PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Clerk reported that the money currently in the Council's Deposit Account for the provision of additional sports facilities could be utilised to support the provision of indoor sports facilities in the Village Institute.

MILLENNIUM

It was suggested that a garden competition for residents of the Parish be held and Mr A Murphy undertook to get some information on organising and judging such a competition.

40/99 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of the Millennium Committee be held after the next meeting of the Parish Council to bring to the Council suggestions for ways in which the Millennium should be celebrated in the Parish.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

41/99 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 was still awaiting a response from NALC.

Nanna Goodwin
11/9/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st September, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs P M Stables

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

Two members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter and Mr B Birkby.

MINUTES

42/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area Meeting The Chairman had cancelled the arranged meeting due to pressure of work and suggested dates were now awaited from the District Council.

2. Draft School Organisational Plan 1999/2004 The Chairman had not been able to read through this document.

3. Contract for Clerk The Clerk reported that he had the matter in hand. Mr J R Foster asked about the payment of Income Tax and National Insurance by the Clerk and was advised of the current position. Mr Foster still felt that the Council should be making deductions in respect of these items and that the Clerk should receive an itemised pay slip.

43/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the advice of the LAP&TC regarding the payment of Income Tax and National Insurance by the Clerk.

VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

Mr J Devine and Mr L Greenwood were interested in taking the vacancy and both briefly addressed the Council.

As result of a ballot, Mr Devine received 3 votes and Mr Greenwood 4 votes whereupon it was:-

44/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr L Greenwood be co-opted to serve on the Parish Council for a period expiring in May 2000.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. WL District - Northern Parishes Bus Focus Group

45/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J Hunter be authorised to attend the inaugural meeting of the Northern Parishes Bus Focus Group at Mere Brow Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, 14th September 1999 at 7.30pm.

2. Public Rights of Way & Access Seminar

46/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to attend the Public Rights of Way and Access Seminar at County Hall, Preston on Saturday, 13th November 1999 at 9.30am.

3. Affiliation Fee from LAP&TC to NALC - Future Level

47/99 RESOLVED:- That the Council support the LAP&TC in its opposition to the proposed level of affiliation fees to the NALC.

4. LAP&TC - Seminar on Finance - 25 September 1999 No-one was able to attend this seminar.

5. LAP&TC - AGM

48/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to attend the AGM of the LAP&TC at County Hall, Preston on Saturday, 6th November 1999 at 10.00am.

6. Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA)

49/99 RESOLVED:- That the consideration of the invitation to take up corporate membership of OPSTA be deferred until the Vice-Chairman is able to make some enquiries regarding the organisation.

7. Wildlife and Landscape Forum

50/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to attend, if he is able, the first meeting of the new Wildlife and Landscape Forum at Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve on Tuesday, 21st September 1999 at 7.00pm.

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

1. District Council - Corporate Plan
2. District Council - Committee Agendas
3. County Council - Heritage Open Days 11/12 Sept.
4. County Council - Reconstitution of School Governing Bodies
5. County Council - Waste Management Strategy - Tabloid Size Consultation Summary
6. LAP&TC - Newsletter
7. WL Environmental Network - Update
8. District Council - Housing Strategy Statement 2000/2003
9. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 49

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

51/99 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Cornhill Insurance - Additional Premium (Bus shelters and street seats)
£ 31.29
- b. B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's Salary & expenses (To June 1999)
/£ 616.37

2. Works at Centenary Sports Ground - Clearance of Blocked Drain

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive of the District Council and his subsequent conversation with Councillor Birkby whose description of the events differed from that of the District Council's Officers. The Vice-Chairman indicated that he had also spoken to the District Council on the Saturday morning band had made it quite clear that the drain was on land owned by the Parish Council and that he was Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. The question of whether the cost should be passed on to the Bowling Club was also discussed.

52/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the account submitted by the District Council in the sum of £ 88.01 (inc VAT) be not paid,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to respond to the Chief Executive's letter with the Parish Council's version of events,

3. That, as a gesture of goodwill, the Council pay the District Council the sum of £ 40 + VAT, being the highest amount estimated by the District Council when they attended the site, and

4. The cost be not passed on to the Bowling Club on this occasion but that the situation be monitored and future costs of unblocking the drain be passed on to the Club(s) concerned.

3. Annual Audit - Financial Year 1998/99 The Clerk reported that the papers had been prepared for the Annual Audit of the Accounts for the Year 1998/99. The accounts would be on deposit at the Chairman's house from the 13th to the 19th September, 1999 inclusive.

53/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the accounts for the year 1998/99 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to the Auditor, and

2. That the Clerk be authorised to regularise the situation regarding the letting of the allotments on Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

4. VAT for Years 1995/96, 1996/97 and 1997/98 The Clerk reported that, as a result of a change to the Claim Form, he had been visited by an Official of HM Customs and Excise regarding these claims. The total claim had been reduced principally because VAT on expenditure on the Centenary Sports Ground, for which rental payments were received, could not be reclaimed if it accounted for more than 5% of the total amount of VAT being reclaimed in any particular year.

The amended claim would now be forwarded to Southend for payment and revised claim forms had been left with the Clerk.

Messrs J Hunter and P Sergeant left the meeting at this point.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered by the Council:-

a. No 08/99/0662 Erection of stable block (comprising 7 No loose boxes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK

b. No 08/99/0679 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear. Pitched roof to existing single storey extension to provide living accommodation (including dormer extensions in front & rear elevations) - Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK

54/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the above two applications be deferred until the next item on the agenda.

c. No 08/99/0735 Residential development comprising 31. 3 & 4 bedroom detached dwellings and garages; estate road and new vehicular/pedestrian access. Provision of public open space. Highway improvements at junction of Chapel Road and Station Road including new mini-roundabout. - Land at The Green, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

55/99 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made to this application of the following grounds:-

The application is a departure from the originally approved planning brief for this site

The original proposal was for only 2 means of access onto the site from Station Road, Hesketh Bank and the current proposal, which forms a cul-de-sac as an extension to The Green, will provide a third means of access.

The provision of a third means of access is unnecessary if the current estate road, which starts on Station Road near to The Brow, is extended through to the part of the site covered by this application.

The provision of an access to the site off The Green will increase the traffic using that road and Chapel Road to the detriment of residents in those roads.

The provision of a mini roundabout at Station Road and Chapel Road will increase traffic congestion in that part of the village bearing in mind that cars currently park on the land in front of the two shops at that junction and the mini roundabout will make that junction more hazardous. In addition, a large number of HGV's use Station Road to reach growers on Shore Road and Guide Road and they will be unable to negotiate a mini roundabout and will end up going across it rather than around it.

d. No 08/99/0793 Use of existing packing shed for purposes of precision engineering and toolmaking, including the repair and renovation of agricultural machinery - 221 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

e. No 08/99/0774 First floor extension at rear - 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

f. No 08/99/0719 Application for determination as to whether Prior Approval is required for details - Erection of agricultural building for use as farm manager's office, staff room and toilets - Hesketh Marsh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

56/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the above three applications.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 2nd September 1999 The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/99/0662 Erection of stable block (comprising 7 No loose boxes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Refused)

b. No 08/99/0679 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear. Pitched roof to existing single storey extension to provide living accommodation (including dormer extensions in front & rear elevations) - Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Refused)

57/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the above two applications.

B. Items to Note

1. Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/99/0450 New vehicular access - Land between Lodge Farm & Ashleigh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

b. No 08/99/0664 Erection of barn for storage of hay and straw - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank - Traffic Conditions The County Council had now indicated that an extension of the speed limit on Shore Road would not be justified. The question of HGV's loading and unloading on the carriageway should be taken up with either the Police or the Planning Department of the District Council. The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council regarding the provision of the new signs for Shore Road, Station Road and Moss Lane and the Clerk was asked to take up with the Police and Planning Department the issue of loading and unloading HGV's on the carriageway on Shore Road..

2. Drainage - Hesketh Bank The Area Surveyor had various works to cure the flooding in hand.

3. Provisional Local Transport Plan A copy of the provisional Local Transport Plan for Lancashire had been received and was available from the Clerk for any Councillor who wished to look at it.

4. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

58/99 RESOLVED:- That the Police be advised that mud is still being dropped by vehicles onto Shore Road and the Area County Surveyor be advised of a large amount of soil and minerals under the hedges on the north side of Shore Road which is preventing water draining into the ditch along that side of the road.

5. Bus Shelter, adjacent to Recreation Ground

59/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request the Area County Surveyor to repair/replace the damaged tarmac in this bus shelter.

6. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

60/99 RESOLVED:- That the attention of the appropriate authorities be drawn to the practice of tractors pulling 2 trailers at once along Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Inspection of Play Areas by Recreation Committee A copy of the report of the Recreation Committee is attached to these minutes.

61/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to arrange for the necessary work to the play equipment and the painting of the litter bins on the Play Areas, and in other locations in the Parish, to be undertaken as soon as practicable.

2. Land adj. Station Road Bridge The Clerk reported a response from the Director of Housing & Health that officers had been unable to locate fly tipping at this site.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Car Park adjacent to Bowling Club
The Bowling Club had reported damage to a car caused by a football from the football pitch and suggested that a safety net be erected between the pitch and the car park.

62/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Bowling Club be advised that the Parish Council does not wish to get involved in disputes between the Sports Clubs using the facilities at this Sports Ground, and

2. The Clerk be authorised to obtain suitable wording for disclaimer notices to be erected on the car parks at the Centenary Sports Ground and at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

Mr R Ball left the meeting at this point.

4. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Footpath from Delta Park Estate to Shore Road

63/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson for the cutting of the grass on either side of the footpath on the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

b. Flooding adjacent to Belsfield Drive and the Play Equipment

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Mr Heaps, who undertook the drainage of the football pitch, and to Mr Paul Taylor, a local contractor, regarding the continuing flooding on the Recreation Ground. She felt there were two problems, one the flooding of the gardens in Belsfield Drive possibly as a result of the surface water not being able to drain away, and the other the flooding near to the swings possibly due to the fact there is no drain from that location into the main drain which runs down the field.

The Chairman was awaiting estimates from Mr Taylor for the necessary remedial works and would also approach Mr Heaps for a quotation.

64/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred pending the receipt of estimates for the necessary remedial works.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading.

ALLOTMENTS

A. Items for Decision

1. Annual Inspection A copy of the report of the Allotments Committee is attached to these minutes.

65/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to regularise the tenancy situation regarding the allotments as soon as practicable.

RESEARCH INTO MEN WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR AND MEMORIALS

The Council considered a letter which was circulated at the recent meeting of the LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee regarding the recording of names on War Memorials.

66/99 RESOLVED:- That the offer to investigate the War Memorial in the Parish be declined.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

67/99 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 a response from the NALC regarding the current situation with the Lease for the Bowling Club.

68/99 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee be held on Monday, 20th September 1999 at 7.00pm to discuss the current situation and bring forward recommendations to the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 27th September 1999.

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27/9/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 27th September, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

PC Graham Wilson attended for part of the meeting.

No members of the press and public were present.

APOLOGIES

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

MINUTES

69/99 **RESOLVED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 1999, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC Graham Wilson reported that he had taken up his post in the village as from last week. The main problems were still with juveniles causing nuisances and disturbances in Station Road and Shore Road and on the Play Areas in those areas and the Police were currently looking at ways to combat such behaviour. There was some underage drinking taking place and all shops selling liquor had been spoken to. However, in some instances, the alcohol was purchased by adults. Youths were also congregating in the bus shelter outside All Saints Church and the removal of the seat back to Becconsall Lane/Station Road may solve that problem. PC Wilson further indicated that not all the youths, which numbered as many as 50, were local with some travelling from Banks, Tarleton and Southport into the village.

Crime in the village was low at present and there were currently no specific plans to enforce the new double yellow lines at this point in time. Finally, there was nothing further to report regarding the proposed move of the Tarleton Police Station from Windgate to the centre of the village.

70/99 **RESOLVED:-** That arrangements be made for the seat in the bus shelter outside All Saints Church to be moved to the corner of Station Road and Becconsall Lane and concreted into position.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Northern Parishes Bus Focus Group Mr J Hunter had been unable to attend this meeting.

2. Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association There was nothing further to report.

3. Wildlife & Landscape Forum Mr J R Foster had attended and reported that it was hoped to establish a Forum with a view to logging what there is in each locality. Mr Foster undertook to keep the Council informed of progress.

4. Provision of New Village Signs The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council about these signs.

5. Traffic Problems on Shore Road The issue had been referred to Sergeant White of the Police Traffic Department and Mr F Wilkinson, Enforcement Officer of the District Council.

6. Various Highways Matters

a. Bus Shelter o/s Recreation Ground The inside of the shelter would be inspected and appropriate action taken.

b. Edge of Carriageway, Northern side of Shore Road This would be inspected during wet weather and any flooding problems caused by the build up of materials would be resolved.

c. Mud on Roads This had been referred to the Police.

d. Hesketh Lane - Use of long slow moving trailers This had been referred to the Police.

7. Research into Men who Died in the Great War and Memorials A response had been received which indicated that there could be a number of men from Hesketh Bank whose names were not listed on the War Memorial and suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to reconsider the matter. It was agreed that the Chairman would raise the issue at the next meeting of the LAP&TC Area Committee in October.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee - 8th October, 1999
Items on the agenda for this meeting were noted.

2. LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee - Review of Electoral Arrangements Parish Councillors had been invited to the meeting of the District Council's Policy and Resources Committee on the 5th October, 1999 at 7.30pm to hear the Chief Executive of the Boundary Commission for England speak about this review.

3. Best Kept Village Competition The preliminary Notice of Results had been received by the Chairman. It was thought that the local school had won a prize for a project undertaken in conjunction with the BKV Competition. The Chairman undertook to investigate and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

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

1. District Council - Committee Agendas
2. District Council - Home Front News
3. District Council - Members Update - Transportation & Amenities Committee
4. District Council - Members Update - Housing & Health Committee
5. LCC - Joint Structure Plan Review
6. LCC - Minor Authority Governor Appointments - The Clerk to advise the County Council that there is no vacancy at present.
7. LCC - Proposed Change to Public Transport Policy Statement - There were no withdrawals of service affecting this Parish
8. LAP&TC - Training Evenings - Morecambe
9. Various Magazines
- 10.. LAP&TC - Delegated Powers and Agency Arrangements Questionnaire - The Clerk to complete on the basis that none are currently operative in this Parish.
11. LCC - South Area Consultative Committee - 5th October, 1999 at New Church House, adj to Ormskirk Parish Church at 2.00pm
12. Village Hall Committee - AGM on 11th October, 1999 at 8.00pm in the Front Hall.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

71/99 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Mr B Parkinson - Various works | / £ 175.00 |
| b. | Prontaprint, Lancaster - New letterheads | / £ 52.88 |
| c. | David Ward, Wigan - Cleaning bus shelters | / £ 150.00 |

2. Requests for Grant

72/99 RESOLVED:- That the following requests be deferred until later in the financial year:-

- a. Childline North West
- b. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following payments had been received:-

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| a. | WL District Council - Precept - 2nd Payment | £ 1953.00 |
| b. | HM Customs & Excise - VAT Refund | £ 3746.58 |
| c. | Mr B Watkinson - Allotment Rental | £ 24.00 |
- (It was reported that some allotments were not being worked and the Clerk agreed to look into the position at the completion of the Audit)

2. Audit of Accounts The books had been deposited with the Auditor and would be returned in the middle of October.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

73/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/99/0837 Part two storey/part single storey extension at rear with conservatory at side - Marsh Farm, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK

2. Development & Planning Committee - 30th September, 1999

74/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/99/0735 - Development at The Green, HESKETH BANK
(Recommendation - REFUSED)

b. No 08/99/0318 - Detached dwelling house - Land adj. Shore Farm Barn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

c. No 08/99/0998 - O/L Erection of 1 detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adj. 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK
(Recommendation - REFUSED)

d. No 08/99/0793 - Use of existing packing shed for purposes of precision engineering and toolmaking, including the repair and renovation of agricultural machinery - 221 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

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

Contravention of Building Regulations - Hundred End Cottage, Hundred End, HESKETH BANK Erection of extension (Recommendation - Institute legal proceedings in accordance with S 35 of Building Act 1985 and serve notice in accordance with S 36 of Building Act 1984)

B. Items to Note

1. Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/99/0662 - Erection of stable block (comprising 7 No loose boxes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

b. No 08/99/0774 - First floor extension at rear - 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Bus Stop & Shelter - Station Road/Mill Lane, Tarleton The County Surveyor had indicated that a new site had been agreed for the bus stop but any bus shelter would be provided by Tarleton Parish Council.

75/99 RESOLVED:- That a copy of the County Surveyor's letter be forwarded to Tarleton Parish Council with a request for the re-instatement of the bus shelter at the new site.

2. Bus Shelter Maintenance The Clerk was still awaiting a revised quotation.

3. Mobility Measures It was reported that finance was available for dropped kerbs in the current financial year and the Clerk was requested to ask the County Surveyor when the work in this Parish was to be carried out.

4. Hesketh Lane/Station Road, Tarleton/Hesketh Bank The Clerk was requested to ask the County Council if the current resurfacing work on Hesketh Lane was to be continued into Station Road.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Drainage Work The Chairman had still not received quotations from Mr P Taylor and had now asked Mr Robin Heaps to visit the site and provide quotations. The Chairman would meet Mr Heaps on site if necessary.

b. Bad Language in Football Matches A complaint had been made about bad language from players taking part in matches on the Recreation Ground. Mr P Sergeant indicated that this problem had arisen before and Hesketh Bank AFC would take it up with the Club concerned if details were forwarded to them.

2. Glenpark Drive A revised date for the meeting with the District Council was still awaited.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Car Park Mr P Sergeant undertook to speak to Mr J Ball about the provision of disclaimer notices on the car park and at the Recreation Ground.

4. Poppyfields Development - Provision of Open Space It had previously been reported that the developer was selling houses on the estate to families on the basis that a play area would be provided but the Council recognised that the play equipment would need to be provided by either the Parish Council or District Council. The developer should be providing the District Council with a sum of money to maintain the site for a period of seven years. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation as the estate was developed.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

76/99 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 - LEASES

(Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee when the situation regarding the leases and, in particular the lease for the Bowling Club, had been discussed. The three alternatives had been discussed and were outlined to the Council. The Committee hoped that the situation could be resolved amicably.

77/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That upto 4/5 members of the Bowling Club Committee be invited to attend an informal meeting with the Council's Centenary Sports Ground Committee on Wednesday, 27th October, 1999 in the Front Hall at the Village Institute at 7.30pm, and

2. That a meeting between the Council's Centenary Sports Ground Committee and representatives of the Clubs which have signed leases be held on Tuesday, 2nd November, 1999 in the Front Hall at the Village Institute at 7.30pm to discuss the future maintenance of the car park and access road.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL - SALARY & OTHER ENTITLEMENTS

(Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Chairman reported on the situation regarding Income Tax and National Insurance in respect of the salary paid to the Clerk and the Clerk had set down the position in a letter to the Chairman which would be filed with the Council's records.

The Chairman also reported that the Clerk could not be made redundant whilst there was a Parish Council in being but when he decided to retire he would be entitled to a gratuity for which provision would need to be made in the Council's estimates.

The Clerk reported receipt of a model Contract of Employment for the position of Clerk from LAP&TC.

78/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the position in regard to the Clerk's liability for Income Tax and National Insurance be noted,

2. That the Clerk be requested to provide an estimate of the current level of Gratuity to which he would be entitled on retirement to enable provision to be made in the Council's Estimates for 2000/2001 and future years, and

3. That the Clerk be requested to draw up a first draft of a Contract of Employment for consideration by the Council.

Nanna Goodie
25/10/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 25th October, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs R Ball, B Birkby, 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 Mrs P M Stables and L Greenwood.

MINUTES

79/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th September, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCILLOR J R FOSTER

Councillor J R Foster referred to his recent letter to the Clerk requesting a number of issues to be included on the agenda. The Chairman replied that some of the issues raised had been referred to the LAP&TC and the letter would be included on the agenda when all the answers were to hand.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Street Seat O/S All Saints Church The seat had now been moved to the corner of Station Road and Becconsall Lane. It was suggested that the young people who had been congregating at the bus shelter had moved to outside the Church Hall.

Messrs J Hunter and PJA Sergeant arrived at this point in the meeting.

2. Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association It was agreed to hold this item in abeyance until more information was available.

3. Provision of New Village Signs Two signs had been erected on Shore Road and two signs erected on Moss Lane. Only one sign had been erected on Station Road, on the right hand side of the road when approaching the village, and the sign was situated in Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. The Clerk had spoken to the County Council who had confirmed that only one sign was to be sited in Station Road and the objections had been made to the original site on the left hand side of the road which was why the sign was on the right. However, an objection had now been made to the existing location of the sign which was being investigated.

80/99 RESOLVED:- That it be left to the County Council to sort out the siting of the sign in Station Road/Hesketh Lane but that the Clerk be requested to advise the County Council that the original post is still in place by the tree on the left hand side of the road on the boundary line and that the new sign on Shore Road on the left hand side of the road approaching the village has been bent.

4. Village Memorials The Chairman reported that there would be a charge for the service offered in respect of the War Memorials but it was a grey area as persons born in the village may have moved early in their life and their name may well be recorded in the place where they lived for the majority of their life.

5. Best Kept Village Competition The Chairman reported that Mrs Wareing's class of 7 year old pupils had won a competition for schools run in conjunction with the Best Kept Village Competition. The class had received a cheque for £30 and their picture would appear in the local papers and Lancashire Life.

81/99 RESOLVED:- That a letter of congratulations be sent to the school with a request for some details of the prize winning project.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. District Council - Best Value Consultation with Partners

82/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be advised that the following services are in the greatest need of improvement:-

Street cleaning (The service is not the equivalent of the service provided by the Parish Council's lengthsmen)

Maintenance of Play Areas (Areas in the District Council's ownership are not being attended to at all), and

2. That the District Council be requested to use any influence they have with the County Council to secure an improvement in the maintenance of roads and footways in rural areas.

2. LCC Planning Services - Best Value Consultation The Chairman undertook to look at the questionnaires and complete them, if appropriate.

3. Remembrance Sunday - 14th November, 1999

83/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr B Birkby be requested to confirm that a wreath will be available, and

2. That members of the Council who will be attending the service at All Saints Church meet at the Church at 10.15am.

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

1. District Council - Committee Agendas
2. District Council - Members Update - Policy & Resources Committee
3. District Council - Members Briefing Bulletin No 50
4. District Council - Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
5. Lancs. Police Authority. - Police & Community Forum - 11th October, 1999 - It was noted that local officers may be appointed to deal with such things as anti-social behaviour, cars parked on pavements etc. but the Police Authority would be looking for a local precept to help fund the initiative, and a list of do's and don'ts when organising Millennium celebrations had been circulated.
6. West Lancs. Environmental Network - Latest update

7. Environment Agency - Floodline Pack
8. District Council - Statement of Accounts to March 1999

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

84/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Brian Parkinson Esq., - Various works /£ 165.00
- b. B W Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's Salary & Expenses /£ 683.28

2. That the District Council be recharged with the cost of cutting back the trees on Glenpark Drive amounting to £ 45.00, and

3. That the Recreation Committee be requested to compile a list of sites which require regular maintenance throughout the year.

2. Parish Council Capital Schemes - 2000/2001

85/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to obtain estimates for the following schemes and submit them for consideration for the Parish Council Capital Scheme Programme for 2000/2001:-

- a. Safety surfacing under new slide at Glenpark Drive Play Area
- b. Roadway and Car Park at Centenary Sports Ground, Station Road - 1st Phase (Part of roadway from Station Road to include kerbs on both sides of the road.

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:-

- a. WLDC - Concurrent expenditure (2 payments) £ 4221.37
- b. Hesketh Bank AFC - Rental for CSG 1998/99 £ 176.00
- c. Hesketh Bank Bowling & Social Club - Rental for CSG 1998/99 £ 408.00

2. Audit of Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed by the District Auditor who had asked every Parish Council in West Lancashire to revise the presentation from that accepted by the previous Auditors. The final writing off of the accounts would not be until early December. The Clerk had been asked to ensure that the counterfoils of the cheques issued be initialed by the persons signing the cheques and the Fidelity Guarantee cover was not adequate for the amount of monies received by the Council.. Further details would be included in the District Auditor's letter to the Parish Council which would be issued in December.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

86/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0907 - Single storey extension at side - 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/0918 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and means of access) - Plants for Pleasure, 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- c. No 08/99/0935 - Use of land for grazing and training horses; erection of stable block, training area together with 1.2m high fence and 6 4m high lighting standards - Land adjacent Meadow Bank, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That, in respect of Application No 08/99/0974 - Erection of 51 no detached houses, new vehicular access & estate road - Land off Station Road & The Green, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee),

- a. The Clerk be requested to obtain a copy of the plans for the next meeting of the Parish Council;
- b. The Planning Officer be asked to confirm that an appropriate amount of open space will be provided as part of this application; and
- c. The Planning Officer be asked if there is any connection with the applicant, Chelwood Homes NW Ltd, and the developer of Poppyfields, Morris Homes.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 28th October, 1999

87/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following:-

Tree Preservation Order No 12, 1999 - Land at Old Sea Defence Embankments, opposite Shore Side Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Approval)

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/99/0318 - Detached dwelling house - Land adjacent Shore Farm Barn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- b. No 08/99/0793 - Use of existing packing shed for purposes of precision engineering and toolmaking, including the repair and renovation of agricultural machinery - 221 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED

c. No 08/99/0735 - Residential development comprising 31 3&4 bedroom detached dwellings and garages; estate road and new vehicular/pedestrian access. Provision of public open space. Highway improvements at junction of Chapel Road and Station Road including new mini-roundabout - Land at The Green, HESKETH BANK - WITHDRAWN

d. No 08/99/0998 - O/L Erection of 1 detached dwelling (includes details of siting and means of access) - Land adj 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK - WITHDRAWN

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Bus Shelter Maintenance A revised price of £ 12.50 per shelter had been received from Autocross for the maintenance of bus shelters with a recommendation that the work be undertaken on a quarterly basis, if funds allow. The call out charge had also been reduced to £50 with the possibility of the charge being waived if an order for repair was placed with the firm depending on the damage and type of shelter.

88/99 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Autocross for the maintenance of bus shelters be accepted, initially on a half yearly basis with the work being undertaken in March and September.

2. Bus Stop & Shelter - Station Road/Mill Lane, Tarleton

89/99 RESOLVED:- That a reminder be sent to Tarleton Parish Council regarding the replacement of this shelter.

3. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank - Loading on carriageway The Police had visited the location and reported that there was ample off-road parking for lorries collecting produce and views in excess of 200 metres available for traffic exiting the premises. In addition, no accidents had been recorded involving vehicles from the plant. No further police action had been identified.

90/99 RESOLVED:- That a strong request be made for further consideration to be given to either a reduction in the speed limit on Shore Road, Hesketh Bank or the introduction of traffic calming measures on the grounds that the current limit is higher than that on similar roads in the district and there is a potential accident waiting to happen along this stretch of road.

4. Mobility Measures in Hesketh Bank

91/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a reminder to the County Council regarding this issue.

5. Replacement of kerbs & carriageway

92/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a reminder to the County Council regarding this issue.

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

Traffic Matters - Hesketh Bank

a. Mud of Road The police to monitor the situation as resources allow.

b. Trailers The Police had indicated that regulations permit the towing of 2 trailers by tractors subject to certain conditions.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Painting Play Equipment - Various play areas Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Equipment	Mr B Parkinson	Yates Playgrounds
Glenpark Drive - Swings	£ 45.00	£ 110.00
Shore Road - Roundabout, handrail, large swing, climbing frame	£ 240.00	£ 560.00
Station Road - All equipment and bench	£ 240.00	£ 580.00

93/99 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson for painting various items of play equipment, in the same colour as now, at a total cost of £ 525.00.

2. Painting litter bins Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Mr B Parkinson	Yates Playgrounds
£ 12.00 per bin	£ 425.00
Total £ 300.00	

94/99 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson for painting the litter bins on the list previously provided, in a dark green colour similar to the bus shelters at a total cost of £ 300.00.

3 Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Drainage work The Chairman had still not heard from Mr P Taylor but was due to meet Mr Robin Heaps on the site later this week. It was indicated that certain works could be carried out by Mr B Parkinson.

95/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson for certain works at the Recreation Ground and to negotiate a price with Mr R Heaps for the necessary drainage works.

b. Erection of notice board The District Youth Service had requested permission to site a Youth Service Notice Board adjacent to the Parish Council's Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

96/99 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the erection of a Youth Service Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road, subject to the Youth Service obtaining planning permission, if necessary.

5. Station Road Play Area

97/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson for the removal of the graffiti on the slide at Station Road Play Area.

6. Centenary Sports Ground

98/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Sergeant be requested to chase up Mr J Ball for the two disclaimer notices for the car parks at the Centenary Sports Ground, Station Road and the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

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

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road - Use of bad language The Football Club were investigating the use of bad language and endeavouring to eradicate it.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

1. Annual General Meeting - Resolutions from Member Councils

99/99 RESOLVED:- The the Council's 2 delegates be authorised to listen to the various debates and vote accordingly.

2. West Lancashire Area Committee - 8th October 1999 The Parish Council's representatives had been unable to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk reported that the next meeting should be held on Monday, 22nd November, 1999 which was in the middle of his holiday abroad. The following meeting was not due to be held until Tuesday, 4th January, 2000.

100/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and District Councillor be authorised to submit any comments deemed necessary on the items included in the Development & Planning Committee agenda for the meeting to be held on 25th November, 1999, and

2. That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday, 6th December, 1999 in the Front Hall at the Village Institute, Station Road, Hesketh Bank commencing at 7.30pm.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

101/99 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 - LEASES

(Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk confirmed that the Centenary Sports Ground Committee would be meeting members of the Committee of the Bowling and Social Club on Wednesday evening and the Chairman outlined the Parish Council's position in relation to the leases.

Messrs J Ball and J R Foster referred to the actions of previous members of the Parish Council in agreeing to purchase the land and the Chairman explained how the current position had been reached.

The Clerk also reported that the Centenary Sports Ground Committee would be meeting representatives of the Football and Cricket Clubs on Tuesday, 2nd November, 1999 to discuss the future maintenance of the access road and car park.

It was reported that the Cricket Club had appointed a new Secretary and Mr P Sergeant undertook to pass the address to the Clerk.

Nanna Goodie
6/12/99

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 6th December, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs R Ball, B Birkby, J R Foster, L Greenwood, J Hunter,
A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

In attendance - Mr L Watson (County Advisor LAP&TC)

Five members of the press and public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables.

MINUTES

102/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th October, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Hesketh - with - Becconsall All Saints CE School The school had indicated that the prize won in the competition run in conjunction with the Best Kept Village Competition was by Mrs Wareing's Class who had planned and made posters which advertised organisations connected with the Church. The entry won a trophy and cheque and photos had appeared in the local papers.

2. West Lancashire District Council - Best Value Consultation The Council's comments had been acknowledged and the District Council shared the Parish Council's concerns over the maintenance of highways which had been raised with representatives of the County Council at a Seminar on the Local Transport Plan.

3. Remembrance Sunday The Chairman reported the turn out of Parish Councillors had been poor with only three attending the Service.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JR FOSTER

1. A Non-elected Council Mr Watson confirmed that even if there is no election, due to a lack of candidates, the Parish Council is still an elected Council. He also reported that LAP&TC were asking the County and District Councils to assist in the funding of Parish Council elections as this practice happened in the Midlands and South. At the present time, Parish Councils had to precept for the cost of elections.

2. Modernising Local Government - An ethical framework LAP&TC were pursuing a proposition that Parish Councils should come under the Ombudsman although, with 12000 Councils in the country, all past Governments had rejected the idea on the grounds of increased work and costs. Mr Watson did say that NALC could arrange for a complaint against a Parish Council to be examined by an independent tribunal type body.

The Government laid down the framework in statute as to what Parish Councils are legally required to do and actions outside those statutes left the Councillors liable to surcharge by the District Auditor.

3. LAP&TC Courses Mr Watson outlined his qualifications in respect of training and indicated that training was an ongoing subject which required tutors keeping up to date with current trends. In response to a question about the benefit received by the Council from membership of the Association, the various means by which information was circulated and the services available were outlined and the Chairman reported that the annual subscription of £ 273 only represented less than 3% of the annual precept of £ 9,500.

A discussion took place on the powers of Parish Councils and the lack of notice taken by District Planning Committees of comments made by Parish Councils.

The Chairman thanked Mr Watson for his contribution.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. District Council - Periodic Electoral Review The District Council's proposals and the alternatives put forward by the Conservative Group on the Council both advocated no changes in the parish boundary but the election of an additional councillor.

103/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the proposals submitted to the Local Government Commission, and

2. That the District Council be asked why the Parish Councils had not been consulted prior to the submission of the Council's proposals.

2. West Lancashire Heritage Association

104/99 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend a meeting on the 8th February 2000 be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Correspondence from David Borrow MP

a. Audit Fees

105/99 RESOLVED:- That the MP be advised that in 1998/99 the Audit Fee of £ 166 equated to 1.75% of the precept.

b. Government Policies Relating to Parishes

106/99 RESOLVED:- That the MP be thanked for the information supplied.

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

1. District Council - Committee Agendas
2. District Council - Members Briefing Bulletin No 51 (Enclosed)
3. District Council - Members Updates
4. LCC- Winter Maintenance - Plans for Gritting Roads
5. West Lancs. Environmental Network - Newsletter
6. CCL - Newsletter
7. Clerks & Councils Direct - Nov. Issue
8. Local Council Review - Nov. Issue

9. LCC Local Transport Plan Newsletter (Enclosed)
10. Lancashire - Guide to Millennium Services (Enclosed)
11. The Voice for West Lancashire (Enclosed)

107/99 RESOLVED:- That, in respect of Item 4, the County Council be requested to consider including Chapel Road, which is a bus route with a slope at the Shore Road end, and Moss Lane, which is heavily used by HGV's, in the list of roads to be gritted by the County Council.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

108/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Royal British Legion - Donation for Poppy Wreath / £ 15.00
- b. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - Contribution to delegate(s) to National Conference, June 2000 / £ 15.00
- c. Edenbreck Nurseries - Purchase and erection of Christmas Tree for Cropper Gardens / £ 25.00

2. That payment of the following account be deferred pending the erection of the sign in the correct position and the proper re-instatement of the footway by the County Council and the receipt, from the County Council, of an explanation of the 33% increase over the estimated cost of the work:-

- a. Lancashire County Council - Provision and erection of new boundary sign £ 470.87

2. Tarleton High School Swimming Pool - Funding The Chairman reported on an approach from Tarleton High School for financial assistance towards the upkeep of the Swimming Pool at the School from 1st April, 2000. The County Council had indicated that it was prepared to fund £20,000 per annum, which is equivalent to the use made by the School. A sum of £50,000 was required to secure the future use of the swimming pool for community use in the future. It was reported that the High School believed that Tarleton Parish Council would be supplying an amount of £5,000 per annum from 2000/2001.

During consideration of this item, the meeting was adjourned to allow Councillor J Hodson, Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council, to address the meeting.

Councillor Hodson reported on the position of Tarleton Parish Council and the discussions held between the Council and the School. The Parish Council had made an offer to the School subject to a condition that a partnership scheme be put in place to provide indoor sports facilities at the school.

It was suggested that any finance received by Primary Schools in the area which use the High School for swimming should be given to the High School whilst the problems of financing transport to the pool should be resolved by the Governors of the schools concerned.

When the Council meeting resumed, it was:-

109/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That representatives of the High School be invited to attend a Meeting of Members of the Parish Council on Thursday, 6th January, 2000 at the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm,

2. That representatives of Tarleton and North Meols Parish Councils be invited to attend the meeting and

3. That the request from Tarleton High School be considered by the Parish Council when the precept for 2000/2001 is set.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following items were raised:- Land for car parking in the Village Centre and NALC's Internal Complaints Procedure.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

110/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0987 - Two storey extension at side (including dormer in front elevation). Canopy along front of dwelling - 133 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/1002 - Alterations & single storey extension to rear of dwelling - 139 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/99/1020 - Replacement detached house and garage (amendment to planning permission No 08/99/0419) - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Submitted to Committee 25th November 1999 - Recommendation - Granted, subject to conditions)
- d. No 08/99/1023 - Use of existing land and buildings for livery, including extension to existing barn to accommodate stables and provision of sand paddock - Wrights Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- e. No 08/99/1026 - Two storey extension at rear; rebuilding of front elevation; dormer windows to front & rear elevations; detached garage at rear - 144 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/99/1027 - Two storey extension at rear; rebuilding of front elevation; dormer windows to front & rear; detached garage at rear - 146 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That in respect of the following application, the Clerk be requested to arrange for the plans to be available for the next meeting of the Council:-

No 08/99/1067 - Use of land for golf training, including short hole golf course - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

2. Planning Application No 08/99/0974 - 51 detached houses, new vehicular access & estate road - Land off Station Road & The Green, HESKETH BANK

It was reported that the scheme was being revised and was unlikely to be submitted to the January meeting of the Development & Planning Committee.

3. Appointment of Tree Warden

111/99 RESOLVED:- That the vacancy be advertised on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Development & Planning Committee - 25th November, 1999 It was reported that no comments had been made on the following applications included on the agenda:-

- a. No 08/99/1020 - Replacement detached house and garage (amendment to Planning Permission 08/99/0419) - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - Decision delegated to Director of Development & Amenities in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee subject to the expiry of the publicity period and to no further points of objection being received.)
- b. No 08/99/0918 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and means of access) - Plants for Pleasure, 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - Granted)

2. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/99/0719 - Consideration of details for Prior Approval - Erection of agricultural building for use as farm manager's office, staff room and toilets - Hesketh Marsh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- b. No 08/99/0837 - Part two storey/part single story extension at rear with conservatory at side - Marsh Farm, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- c. No 08/99/0907 - Single story extension at side - 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- d. No 08/99/0987 - Two storey extension at side (including dormer in front elevation) - 133 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- e. No 08/99/0918 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and means of access) - Plants for Pleasure, 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED

3. West Lancashire Local Plan - Notice of Disposition to Adopt To be adopted by Council on 2nd December, 1999.

MEETINGS & SEMINARS

1. LAP&TC - AGM - 6th November, 1999 The Chairman reported that all resolutions put to the meeting had been approved and undertook to arrange for a report to be available at the next meeting of the Council.

2. LCC - Public Rights of Way & Access Seminar - 13th November, 1999 Mr J R Foster reported that the Seminar had been very informative and the County Council were in the process of identifying all public footpaths in the County. He also reported that West Lancashire District Council gave planning approval for developments which straddled footpaths although developers could not build over the footpath unless it had been diverted.

3. WLDC - CCTV & Community Warden Schemes - 1st December, 1999 The District Council were pressing ahead with CCTV in the urban areas of the district and had in mind a scheme to provide temporary CCTV in the rural areas by means of a mobile unit. The Council were also setting up a scheme of Community Wardens which would operate throughout the district as an additional safeguard for the public. A sum of £ 50,000 was to be included in the Council's budget for next year and Parish Councils were being asked to include finance in their own budgets to fund specific wardens to operate in the Parish Council's area.

112/99 RESOLVED:- That further consideration be given to this issue when the Council's budget for next year is set.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank, including Marsh Farm The Police had provided details of the number of accidents on the A59, from Tarleton to Burscough, and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank as against the length of the road.

113/99 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to provide information of the amount of vehicles using each road per day as being a better benchmark for comparing the accident record on the two roads.

2. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton - Resurfacing The County Council had no plans to undertake re-surfacing work beyond Moss Lane and hoped to complete the next phase of the work by the beginning of September, 2000.

3. Claimed Public Footpath from Shore Road to Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank - Public Inquiry The Inquiry would be held in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank from 22nd to 24th August, 2000.

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

1. Bus Stop & Shelter - Station Road/Mill Lane, Tarleton Tarleton Parish Council had now agreed to site the bus shelter outside Astland Wines.

2. Bus Shelter Maintenance An order had been placed with Autocross Ltd. The Clerk reported that some bolts had loosened on the shelter opposite Poppyfields and an order had been placed with Autocross to effect the necessary repairs.

114/99 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in placing an order with Autocross to effect the necessary repairs to the shelter, be confirmed.

3. Mobility Measures in Hesketh Bank the work would be completed before 31st March, 2000.

4. LCC - Waste Awareness Campaign - Mole Christmas Posters
These would be displayed on Notice Boards.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Ownership The Director of Development & Amenities had suggested reviving the proposed meeting to discuss the ownership of the land.

115/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to arrange a suitable date for the meeting.

2. Recreation Ground, Shore Road - Drainage work An estimate had been received from GR & W Heaps in the sum of £ 1653.00.

116/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to clarify if the estimate includes for the two new lengths of drainage required on the Recreation Ground.

It being 10.00pm the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Nanna Goodie
21/1/2000

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 4th January, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs R Ball, B Birkby, J R Foster, L Greenwood, J Hunter,
A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

No members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

Councillor J R Foster asked if the meeting had been properly constituted and the Chairman indicated that issue had been dealt with at the meeting.

117/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire Heritage Association

118/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor L Greenwood be authorised to attend the meeting at Hurlston Hall Golf Club, Scarisbrick on Tuesday, 8th February, 2000 at 7.30pm and the Clerk be asked to pass details to Councillor Greenwood.

2. Appointment of Tree Warden Since the previous meeting of the Council, Councillor Greenwood had volunteered to take on this position.

119/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor L Greenwood be appointed as a Tree Warden for the Parish and the District Council be advised accordingly.

B. Items to Note

1. Correspondence with David Borrow MP In response to a question from Councillor J R Foster, the Chairman confirmed that the MP had asked for information as to the level of Audit Fees paid by the Parish.

2. Tarleton High School Swimming Pool Arrangements had been finalised for the proposed meeting to be held on Thursday, 6th January, 2000 at 7.30pm.

3. LAP&TC AGM The Vice-Chairman reported on the AGM. Items discussed included the Election of Officers; speed limits on country roads; planning permission for mobile phone relay stations; and bringing Parish & Town Councils under the remit of the ombudsman. The Clerk undertook to circulate a copy of the resolutions to all members of the Council.

ITEMS NOT REACHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Millennium Garden

120/99 RESOLVED:- That the estimate received from Mr B Parkinson, for the construction of a Millennium Garden, in the sum of £ 950.00, be accepted.

2. Station Road Play Area - Removal of Graffiti

121/99 RESOLVED:- That the estimate received from Mr B Parkinson, for the removal of graffiti in the sum of £ 30.00, be accepted.

3. Recreation Ground & Centenary Sports Ground Car Parks - Disclaimer Notices

122/99 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman, in the absence of the Clerk, in placing an order with Mr Jonathon Ball for the provision of 3 disclaimer notices consisting of aluminium boards with vinyl lettering at a cost of £ 23.00 per board, to be erected on poles to be supplied by Mr Ball, be confirmed.

4. Capital Schemes 1999/2000 The Clerk reported that the following two schemes had been approved:-

- a. Glenpark Drive - Provision of safety surfacing under new slide (slide at a cost of £ 955.00 + VAT to be purchased by Parish Council)
- £ 1740.00 + VAT
- b. Village Institute - :Laying of tarmac at front and side of building
- £ 3050.00 + VAT

123/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place the necessary orders for the works listed above.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

124/99 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following 3 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.

ITEMS NOT REACHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING (CONT)

A. Items for Decision (Cont)

5. Centenary Sports Ground - Leases (Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

A note of the meeting with representatives of the Bowling & Social Club held on the 27th October, 1999 had been circulated to all members of the Council.

125/99 RESOLVED:- That the Bowling & Social Club be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to their Solicitor speaking to the Council's Solicitor provided no costs fall on the Parish Council.

6. Upkeep of Access Road and Car Park (Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

A note of the meeting with representatives of the Cricket & Football Clubs held on the 2nd November, 1999 had been circulated to all members of the Council.

126/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Council finance Phase 1 of the making up of the Access Road, at a cost of £ 5,000.00, in the current financial year from monies available to the Council, and the Clerk be authorised to place an order for the work with the successful contractor for similar work at the Recreation Ground Car Park, and

2. That the possible gap in the hedge, on the northern boundary of the site, be investigated and repaired, if necessary.

7. Additional Land for Playing Facilities (Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Council considered the need for additional land for sports facilities.

127/99 RESOLVED:- That a local land owner be approached to see if he is prepared to sell land to the Parish Council for developing additional sports facilities in the village.

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

1. Play Equipment Inspections - Shore Road & Station Road - No defects reported

2. Various Painting Works (including equipment & litter bins) - The Chairman had asked the Contractor to delay the work until the Spring

3. Recreation Ground - Erection of Youth Service Notice Board - The Youth Service had ascertained that Planning Permission was not required for the new Notice Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. District Council - Area Consultative Forums

128/99 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support proposal No 3 of those put forward by the District Council to form the basis of new Area Consultative Forums.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

129/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Association be advised that no out of the ordinary questions or comments were made during the Annual Audit, and

2. That the following be noted:-

a. Training Days in 2000

b. Annual Spring Conference - 10/12 March 2000

c. West Lancashire Area Committee Agenda - 14 January 2000

3. West Lancashire Furniture Distribution Project - Launch

130/99 RESOLVED:- That details of the launch, on Friday, 21st January, 2000, be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards

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

1. District Council - Council Agenda
2. District Council - Members Briefing Bulletin No 52
3. District Council - Best Value Policy Statement
4. LCC- South Area Consultative Committee
5. LAP&TC - Winter Newsletter
6. West Lancashire Community Health Council - Annual Report

Councillor R Ball left the meeting at this point.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Account for Payment

131/99 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's Salary & Expenses / £ 596.93

2. Annual Audit of Accounts 1998/99 - Auditor's Opinion & Memorandum of Matters Arising

The Council considered the Auditor's Opinion, which had been displayed on Parish Notice Boards with copies of the Statement of Accounts, and a Memorandum of matters arising from the audit.

132/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Council's Bankers be instructed, in writing, that all debits to the bank account must be authorised by two members of the Council to include not only cheques but direct debits, credit transfers and transfers between accounts,

2. That the Council's Insurers be requested to increase the Fidelity Guarantee insurance cover, and

3. That the remaining matters arising from the Annual Audit be noted.

B. Item to Note

1. Council Tax Base 2000/2001 - 1333.50

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

133/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following 2 applications:-

- a. No 08/99/1139 - Conservatory at rear - 28 Silverdale, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

- b. No 08/99/1151 - Single storey extension at rear - 2 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That consideration of the following 2 applications be deferred until the next meeting to enable the Clerk to borrow the plans from the Planning Department:-

- a. No 08/99/0974 - Erection of 46 No. detached houses, new vehicular access and estate road; provision of public open space - Land off Station Road and The Green, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- b. No 08/99/1152 - Use of land for golf training, including short hole golf course, formation of car park and siting of portacabin - Land rear of Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 6th January, 2000

134/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these 2 applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0998 - Outline - Erection of one detached dwelling (including details of siting) - Land adjacent to 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED subject to conditions)
- b. No 08/99/0935 - Use of land for grazing and training horses; erection of stable block, training area, together with 1.2m high fence and 6 x 4m high lighting standards - Land adjacent Meadow Bank, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED subject to conditions)

3. Parish Path Map Project - Phase 2

135/99 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council wish to continue with this project this year.

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

1. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/99/1002 - Alterations and single storey extension to rear of dwelling - 139 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/99/1020 - Replacement detached house and garage (amendment to planning permission No 08/99/0419) - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/99/1027 - Two storey extension at rear; rebuilding of front elevation; dormer windows to front & rear elevations; detached garage at rear - 146 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

2. West Lancashire Local Plan - Adopted 2nd December, 1999

PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL SCHEMES 2000/2001

The Clerk reported that the District Council had deleted from the list of projects put forward by Parishes those projects which had recently been approved for the current year.

The only scheme for this parish left in the list was a phase of the access road at the Centenary Sports Ground at an estimated cost of £ 5,000.

The District Council Sub-Committee had placed the scheme as Joint No 7 with Aughton Parish Council but it was unlikely to go ahead as the total cost of the first six schemes was £ 23,829.

The Chairman reported on a discussion at the Sub-Committee from which it appeared that only village halls owned by Parish Councils would be eligible for grant aid in the future.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Bus Shelter, c/o Shore Road/Hundred End Lane The Clerk reported that this shelter had been demolished over the Christmas period but details of the vehicle responsible had been obtained from the Police. The Clerk had written to the owner to the effect that the Council would be seeking reimbursement for damage to the shelter and adjoining street seat.

The bus shelter supplier had reported that the shelter was beyond economical repair and they would supply an estimate for a new shelter and taking away the old shelter. The Clerk would also be asking Mr B Parkinson for an estimate for repairs to the street seat.

135/99 RESOLVED:- That the action taken by the Clerk be confirmed.

2. Bus Services/Bus Timetables

136/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That representations be made to the bus company about the early running of the 0937 bus from the Methodist Chapel to Preston, and

2. That representations be made to the County Council about the lack of timetables at the stops outside the Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road and on Station Road, outside All Saints Church.

3. Road Safety

137/99 RESOLVED:- That further representations be made to the County Council regarding the fact that Chapel Road and Moss Lane are not on the list of streets to be gritted in inclement weather

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Drainage The Chairman had confirmed that the estimate from GR & W Heaps included all the necessary work required.

138/99 RESOLVED:- That the estimate from GR & W Heaps in the sum of £ 1653.00 be accepted.

2. Recreation Ground - Seats

139/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to anchor the two seats on the Recreation Ground to stop them being moved.

Anna Good
7/2/2000

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 7th February, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs J Birkby

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

Four members of the press and public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P Stables and Mrs J Witter *and Mr J Hunter*
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MINUTES

140/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January, 2000, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. West Lancashire Heritage Association - Invitation to Meeting Mr L Greenwood would attend the meeting on the 8th February, 2000.
2. Appointment of Tree Warden Mr L Greenwood's name had been passed to the District Council who would be contacting him about the position.
3. Millennium Garden An order had been placed with Mr B Parkinson who was awaiting drier weather.
4. Disclaimer Signs The order had been confirmed with Mr J Ball and Mr P Sergeant undertook to speak to Mr Ball this week.
5. Annual Audit 1998/99 LAP&TC had been advised of the Clerk's views on this years audit.
6. Parish Council Audit The Closing Procedures Return had been sent to the District Auditor.
7. Bus Services and Bus Stops Stagecoach had confirmed that the bus concerned had run early and the driver had been seen and dealt with appropriately. The timetables were the responsibility of the County Council.
8. Winter Maintenance of Roads The County Council had indicated that preventative coverage of roads in West Lancashire was limited to 17 1/2% of the roads.

During periods of continuous icing or severe weather, roads are treated in priority order. It would appear that on two occasions recently the Police had asked the County Council to grit roads in the village and on each occasion the request had been refused. It was also felt that the roads were not adequate for 38/40 ton vehicles as, on many occasions, cars had to move over to let them pass and this was particularly hazardous in icy conditions.

141/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That further representations be made to the County Council regarding preventative grit coverage of Chapel Road and Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank,
2. That the County Council be asked to indicate the recommended weight limits for the main roads through the Parish, and
3. That copies of the correspondence be passed to the County Councillor for the area and the local MP with a request for their support and assistance.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (PC Graham Wilson attended for this item)

PC Wilson reported on a change in responsibilities which had resulted in Inspector P Melling taking charge of this area. Inspector Melling was based in Ormskirk. A system of overlapping shifts had been introduced which provided more cover in the evenings and there was a promise of additional resources being made available from Ormskirk if required.

With regard to the District Council's Community Safety Initiative, the Community Wardens would receive training but would only have the same powers as ordinary citizens. Also, the Home Secretary's permission was required for the introduction of security cameras. It was suggested that there was a danger that if Wardens were operating in the village that the Police would be withdrawn to various 'hot spots' throughout the district.

PC Wilson advised the Council that the Police were in touch with the NFU who were addressing the problem of mud on roads with their local members, whilst there was still a problem with juveniles and any incidents should be reported to the Police to enable a profile to be established which could form the basis of future police action to alleviate such problems.

The Chairman thanked PC Wilson for his attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. District Council - Area Consultative Forums No-one was able to attend the meeting on Thursday, 10th February, 2000 at 4.30pm.

2. District Council - Planning Control Best Value Study No-one was able to attend the meeting on Tuesday, 8th February, 2000 at 2.00pm.

3. LAP&TC - Delegation to Local Councils

142/99 RESOLVED:- That the return 'Delegation to Local Councils', a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be forwarded to LAP&TC.

4. Research Great War Memorials and Missing Men

143/99 RESOLVED:- That the comments contained in the latest letter and enclosures be noted.

5. WLDC - Civic Dinner - Friday, 17th March, 2000

144/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to liaise with the Chairman of the Council nearer the date, regarding attendance at this function.

6. Buckingham Palace Garden Party - 25th July, 2000

145/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be nominated for the ballot for attendance at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. District Council - Periodic Electoral Review
2. District Council - Committee Agendas
3. District Council - Members Briefing Bulletin No 52
4. District Council - Members Updates
 - a. Transportation & Amenities Committee
 - b. Housing & Health Committee
5. District Council - Proposed Transfer of Housing Stock
6. Mr D Borrow MP - Rural Audit Meeting
7. West Lancashire Environmental Network - Update
8. Community Futures Magazine
9. Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2000
10. Local Council Review - January 2000

PARISH COUNCIL REVISED ESTIMATED 1999/2000 AND ESTIMATES 2000/2001

146/99 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 paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

1. Remuneration of Clerk
(Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

147/99 RESOLVED:- That the Salary of the Clerk w.e.f. 1st April, 2000 be £2440 p.a.

Members of the press and public re-entered the meeting.

2. Tarleton High School Swimming Pool The Council discussed a report of the meeting held with representatives of the High School.

148/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That a vote of thanks be given to Mrs J Witter, for chairing the meeting with the representatives of the High School, and Mr A Murphy for preparing the notes of the meeting, and

2. That an amount of £ 2500 be included in the Parish Council Estimates for 2000/2001 for a contribution to Tarleton High School Swimming Pool subject to the contribution being reviewed when the estimates for 2001/2002 are considered. (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 6, AGAINST - 1, ABSTAINED - 1)

3. District Council's Community Safety Initiatives The Clerk read a letter from the District Council Chief Executive, Bill Taylor, and the Chairman reported on the meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of LAP&TC which had been addressed by Mr Taylor.

149/99 RESOLVED:- That an amount of £ 1000 be included in the Parish Council Estimates for 2000/2001 for support for the District Council's Community Safety Initiatives subject to the contribution being reviewed when the estimates for 2001/2002 are considered. (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 5, AGAINST - 3)

4. Revised Estimates for 1999/2000

150/99 RESOLVED:- That the Revised Estimates for 1999/2000, a copy of which appear in the Minute Book, be approved.

5. Estimates for 2000/2001

151/99 RESOLVED:- That the Estimates for 2000/2001, a copy of which appear in the Minute Book, be approved.

6. / Precept for 2000/2001

152/99 RESOLVED:- That, in the light of the approved estimates for the year 2000/2001, a Precept of £ 10,611 be levied on the District Council to meet the expenditure of the Parish Council in that year.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

153/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the payment of the following accounts since the previous meeting of the Council to facilitate work at the Village Institute, eligible for District Council Grant, being carried out, be confirmed:-

- a. C W Berry - Provision of tarmac / £ 2363.87
 - b. Johnson Plant Hire - Hire of plant / £ 180.00
- (The Parish Council had received a refund of £ 11.16 in respect of these charges)

2. That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Brian Parkinson - Removal of graffiti (Station Road Play Area) / £ 30.00
- b. Brian Parkinson - Securing seats on Recreation Ground / £100.00
- c. Johnson Plant Hire - Hire of Plant (Village Institute) / £ 200.00
- d. David Ward Cleaning Services - Cleaning bus shelters / £ 90.00

3. That the Clerk be authorised to pay the Contractor undertaking the works at the Village Institute on completion of the works.

2. Extension of Fidelity Guarantee Cover The Insurance Company had confirmed that standard cover was only for £ 2,000 and had supplied details of increased cover.

154/99 RESOLVED:- That the Fidelity Guarantee Cover for the Parish Council be increased to £ 40,000.

3. Request for Donation

155/99 RESOLVED:- That the request for a donation from the West Lincs Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme be deferred for consideration with other requests before the end of the financial year.

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following had been received:-

NORWEB - Wayleave payment £ 85.63

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The subject of the exclusion of the press and public from meetings was raised.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

156/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/1172 - Detached double garage at rear - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/1101 - Outline - Residential development - 10 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- c. No 08/2000/0028 - First floor extension at rear: dormer extension at front - 6 Delta Park Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That the Clerk be requested to obtain the plans for the following application prior to the next meeting of the Council:-

No 08/2000/0079 - Residential development comprising 3 terraced dwellings; 26 detached dwellings and garages; estate roads; public open space; and highways improvements at the junction of Chapel Road and The Green including new mini-roundabout - Land off The Green (To go to Committee)

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

1. Development & Planning Committee - 3rd February 2000

No 08/99/1023 - Use of land and buildings for livery including extension to existing barn to accommodate stables and provision of sand paddock - Wrights Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED for private or livery purposes only - not to be used for riding school or other commercial purpose without prior written consent of the LPA.

2. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/99/0935 - Use of land for grazing and training horses; erection of stable block, training area together with 1.2m high fence and 6 - 4m high lighting standards - Land adjacent Meadow Bank, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- b. No 08/99/0935 - Outline - Erection of one detached dwelling (including details of siting) - Land adjacent 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- c. No 08/99/1026 - Two storey extension at rear; rebuilding of front elevation; dormer windows to front & rear elevations; detached garage at rear - 144 Station Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- d. No 08/99/1151 - Single storey extension at rear - 2 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED

3. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance - Domestic Extensions, and Outbuildings and Replacement Dwellings, in Green Belt

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Shore Road - Speed Restrictions Details of the traffic flows on Shore Road and the A59 between Burscough & Rufford had been supplied by the Police. Mention was made that Ralphs Wifes Lane, Banks; Holmeswood Lane, Holmeswood; and Blackgate Lane, Tarleton all have 40 mph limits. It was also reported that during the recent cold spell, at least 6 reported accidents had occurred between Banks and Hesketh Bank with at least two others which probably hadn't been reported. In addition, because there were no kerbs on the north side of Shore Road, heavy vehicles often drive right by the hedge, especially when passing vehicles travelling in the opposite direction, which caused deep tyre marks in the verge and did not allow the water to escape into the adjacent ditch.

157/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That further representations be made to the Police about the introduction of a speed limit on Shore Road, and

2. That the County Council be requested to alleviate the flooding problems on Shore Road by providing means by which the water can drain into the adjacent ditch.

2. Dog Fouling The Chairman had received complaints about the amount of dog fouling in the village.

158/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Dog Wardens be requested to be more vigilant in the village in order to reduce the amount of dog fouling,

2. That the District Council be advised that there are no 'Dog Fouling' notices on School Fold or on Chapel Road opposite the Delta Park estate, and

3. That the District Council be requested to provide four additional dog bins at the following locations - Hesketh Village Institute, Station Road; School Fold; Station Road Bridge and Chapel Road.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Hesketh Bank Association Football Club (Following a request from Mr R Ball, Mr P Sergeant declared an interest in this item but did not leave the room whilst discussion took place although Mr Ball asked for that to happen)

The Football Club had written to ask the Parish Council to provide a letter of support for their lottery bid.

159/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to send a letter of support to the Football Club for use in their lottery bid. (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 4; AGAINST - 1; ABSTAINED - 3)

2. Recreation Grounds and Play Areas Maintenance Programme

160/99 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee meet on Monday, 28th February, 2000 at the Village Institute at 7.00pm to formulate a rolling maintenance programme for the Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

161/99 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

1. Leases
(Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

The Bowling Club had asked their Solicitors to contact the Parish Council's Solicitor and would report back on the outcome.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS FACILITIES FOR PARISH
(Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

1. Approach to Landowner The landowner had spoken to the Chairman and was to respond to the Clerk.

2. Approach by Development Company (Mr R Ball left the meeting during consideration of this item)

The Chairman and Clerk reported on a meeting with a representative of a Development Company who had suggested providing space for recreation facilities on land adjacent to that currently owned by the Parish Council in return for being allowed to build houses on land which should be designated as public open space in a new development in the Parish.

162/99 **RESOLVED:-** 1. That agreement in principle be given to the suggestion of the Development Company subject to the land to be provided being of sufficient size for one football pitch and being properly drained and levelled by the Developer who should also provide the usual payment for 7 years maintenance of the area, and

2. That the District Council Planning Department be advised of the concerns of the Parish Council that an area of public open space being provided on a development in Tarleton is already in use whilst one in Hesketh Bank, where the development started before the one in Tarleton, is still a mound of earth.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND - ACCESS ROAD

Mr L Greenwood left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Bowling Club had approached the Council with an offer to make a contribution of £1,000 towards making up the access road, together with a matching contribution from the Football Club, on the basis that this may enable the road to be surfaced as far as the Bowling Club entrance.

The Football Club had been approached informally by the Chairman of the Council but had not decided on their response.

163/99 **RESOLVED:-** 1. That the Council has no objection, in principle, to the suggestion of the Bowling Club to extend the tarmac to the entrance of the Bowling Club subject to written confirmation from the Clubs concerned that the money is available prior to the work commencing, and

2. That the Bowling Club be requested to approach the Football Club with their suggestion and advise the Clerk whether or not the additional funds will be available.

Nanna Goodes
28/2/00.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 28th February, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P Stables, Mr R Ball and Mr L Greenwood.

MINUTES

164/99 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the addition of Mr J Hunter to the list of apologies, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February, 2000, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Hesketh Bank Association Football Club Mr J R Foster asked about the legality of this decision on the basis that a previous Parish Council had opposed this development. The Chairman indicated that very few members of the Parish Council which took that decision were still members of the Council and suggested that the Parish Council should be seen to support any development which would bring much needed additional facilities into the village.

2. Additional Sports Facilities for Parish - Approach by Development Company Mr J R Foster asked under what authority the Chairman and Clerk had met the Development Company. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had received a telephone call from the Company asking for an informal meeting on site. The Chairman and Clerk had attended and reported back to the Council what had transpired at the meeting. On the basis of that report, the Council had taken the decision minuted under Minute No 162/99 (1)

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Access Road On behalf of Mr R Ball, Mr J R Foster asked under what authority the Chairman had approached the Football Club about the Access Road to the Centenary Sports Ground. The Chairman replied that the Chairman of the Bowling Club had approached her about the matter and she had reported the approach to the Clerk. The Clerk had authorised the Chairman to contact the Football Club with the suggestion on the basis that the Football Club should liaise with the Bowling Club on the issue. The matter had been reported to the Council which had taken the decision minuted at Minute No 163/99.

4. West Lancashire Heritage Association Mr L Greenwood had attended the meeting and had reported to the Clerk that the Association were looking to Parish Council to provide a display case in a prominent position in the parish containing a pre-1900 map of the area together with current photographs of various buildings and places of interest. Mr Greenwood had suggested that the project would be costly and not worth pursuing.

A question was asked about the Parish Footpath Map Project and it was reported that this Parish was included in the phase to be undertaken in the year 2000/2001

165/99 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council do not take up the suggestion of the West Lancashire Heritage Association.

5. Bus Timetables Lancashire County Council were to provide new timetable cases at the locations reported. It was reported that a new case had been provided at the shelter outside All Saints Church but had been fixed to the stanchion of the shelter which would stop the shelter contractor from replacing the glass panel.

6. Winter Maintenance of Roads County Councillor R Hodge had indicated he would discuss the matter with the Environment Director and reply to the Council in full following that discussion.

7. District Council's Community Safety Activities The District Council would keep the Council informed of progress.

8. Traffic Conditions - Shore Road The Police had reaffirmed their view that there was no grounds for a reduction of the speed limit on Shore Road, that they would monitor the situation outside the leek packaging plant and they were liaising with the local branch of the NFU regarding mud on roads.. Mr J R Foster reported that the County Council were to discuss with Mr R Ball the cutting of drainaways through the bank on the north side of the road.

9. 'Poppyfields Development' - Play Area The District Council had reminded the Developer of the planning conditions attached to the site and was awaiting written confirmation of a proposed start date. The Chairman suggested that Councillors keep an eye on the development.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. District Council - Housing Strategy Statement Review The Chairman undertook to look at this document and the questionnaire.

2. Local Government Commission for England - Draft Recommendations for Local Government Electoral Arrangements in the Area In addition to the proposals for the District Council, the Commission were looking at the number of Parish Councillors to be elected to each Parish Council. The Clerk suggested this would be the only opportunity to suggest the formation of two separate wards for Parish Council elections.

166/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council support the proposal for two District Councillors to represent Hesketh-with-Becconsall.

2. That the Parish Council believes there would be no advantage in having two separate wards for Parish Council election purposes.

3 Lancashire Police Authority - Community Needs and Expectations - Public Consultation

167/99 RESOLVED:- That it be suggested to the Police Authority that approaches should be made to local organisations and local public surgeries be held.

4. Community Council of Lancashire - Best Kept Village Competition 2000

168/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to co-ordinate the entry into the Best Kept Village Competition 2000 at a cost of £ 8.00.

5. Parbold Parish Council - Civic Service

169/99 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend the Parbold Civic Service be declined.

6. Advocacy West Lancs - Promotion of Advocacy in Rural West Lancashire

170/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to find out more about the service to be offered.

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

1. District Council - Council & Committee Agendas (The proposed Council Tax for a Band D property was also noted)
2. County Council - Lancashire Minerals & Waste Local Plan - Inspector's Report
3. Community Futures Magazine - February 2000
4. Community Insurance Centre Newsletter

FINANCE

A. Item for Decision

Accounts for Payment

171/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That payment of the following account, paid since the previous meeting of the Council, be confirmed:-

Mr B Counce - Labour for laying tarmac at Village Institute entrance and car park £ 750.00

2. That the additional cost of £ 26.88 over the original estimate of £ 3050 of November 1998 be met by the Parish Council.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Various issues were raised regarding the 'Poppyfields' development including the play area, access to the second phase of Morris Homes development, and infrastructure in the area to support the development i.e. roads and schools.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

172/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2000/0105 - Replacement of roof of dwelling with a pitched roof - 10 The Brow, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/2000/0135 - Dormer extensions in front & rear elevations - 27 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/99/1101 - Outline - Three detached dwellings including details of means of access - 10 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (A plan has been submitted indicating an illustrative layout for three detached dwellings. Details of means of access have also been submitted. (To go to Committee)
- d. No 08/2000/0104 - Pitched roof to existing extension at side and provision of bay window to front elevation - Bedowin, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (Amended application to include the provision of a bay window to the front elevation of the existing side extension. (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 2nd March, 2000

173/99 application:- RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following

No 08/99/1023 - Use of land and buildings for livery including extension to existing barn to accommodate stables and provision of sand paddock - Wrights Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED with conditions)

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

1. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/99/1139 - Retention of conservatory at rear - 28 Silverdale, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/99/1177 - Detached double garage at rear - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED) (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item)

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND - ACCESS ROAD
(Mr P J A Sergeant declared an interest in this item)

The Bowling and Social Club had confirmed that the necessary £ 1,000 was available to part fund the extension of the tarmac to the Bowling Club entrance. The Football Club were also willing to pay £ 1,000 towards the cost, in lieu of contributing towards the previously proposed sinking fund, but had asked if they could make payments over a period of time to assist the Club's cash flow.

174/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the offer of the two Clubs to each contribute £ 1,000 towards the extension of the tarmac road to the Bowling Club entrance be accepted,

2. That the Football Club be allowed to pay the £ 1,000 in four equal instalments of £ 250 to be paid as follows:- one on completion of a simple agreement to be drawn up by the Clerk and three payments during the financial year 2000/2001, (The voting on this was FOR - 6, AGAINST - 1, ABSTAINED - 1)

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3. That the two Clubs be thanked for their co-operation in reaching agreement on this issue.

GLENPARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

Mrs J Witter reported that the District Council had advised her that there were some funds available, in the current financial year, for re-allocation for works in connection with play areas in the District and had asked for suggestions for some of this allocation. The District Council had identified a number of schemes not originally funded through the Parish Council's Capital Programme for the current year.

175/99 RESOLVED:- That Mrs J Witter be authorised to submit, for consideration by the District Council, the scheme for laying tarmac at the rear of the Glenpark Drive Play Area.

APPLICATION FOR OFF-LICENCE - 85/87 STATION ROAD, HESKETH BANK

176/99 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council do not object to the granting of an Off-Licence for 85/87 Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

Dog Fouling The Dog Warden visits the area at least once a week. The Warden has investigated the sites mentioned and does not consider it appropriate to provide bins by the Village Institute or on Chapel Road, suggested sites are park at side of School Fold (Recreation Ground), close the park by Beconsall Hotel (Station Road Play Area), and by Hesketh Bank Football Field (Centenary Sports Ground). It was also suggested that the District Council provide the bins and the Parish Council pay for emptying the bins.

177/99 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised:-

1. That it would perhaps help if the Dog Warden took time to walk around the village,
2. That the Parish Councillors consider they have more grass roots knowledge than the Officers of the District Council,
3. That the Parish Council did not choose the suggested sites at random but chose them because of particular problems at those locations especially the Village Institute where a daily Nursery is held and the area is plagued by dog dirt,
4. That, in the light of the 4.5% increase in the Community Charge and on the basis that the emptying of dog bins in the urban areas is paid for by the District Council, the Parish Council consider that the District Council continue to meet the costs for the emptying of dog bins in this Parish.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

Maintenance Programme 2000/2001

The Council considered a report of the Recreation Committee which had met immediately prior to this meeting.

178/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That Andrew Coxhead be requested to cut the Recreation Ground hedges at the same time that he cuts the Church hedge,

2. That Brian Parkinson be requested to supply an estimate for the following works to be carried out during the year:-

a. Recreation Ground -

1. Weeding around Notice Boards
2. Weeding along footpaths and around car park at Shore Road
3. Cutting hedge behind bus stop on Shore Road
4. Grasscutting area including banking but excluding football pitch
5. Weeding around footpath from Delta Park Drive
6. Weeding and keeping tidy New Millennium Garden
7. Generally keep area tidy and litter free

b. Centenary Sports Ground -

1. Cutting hedge on Station Road frontage and cleaning out rubbish etc. from underneath the hedge

c. Station Road Play Area -

1. Cut grass around area
2. Weed around footpath and keep tidy but excluding banking
3. Prune trees on grassed area
4. Generally keep area tidy and litter free

3. That no work be done on Glenpark Drive pending conclusion of discussions on ownership.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

179/99 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

1. Leases
(Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

There was noting further to report at this time.

RIBBLE LINK TRUST

180/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact the Ribble Link Trust to find out the future plans of the Trust.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 27th March, 2000 in the Village Institute, 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

One member of the press was present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr L Greenwood

CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Resignation The Clerk reported the resignation of Mrs P M Stables with immediate effect and that the vacancy would not be filled until the Parish Council elections in May.

2. Parish Council Elections The Clerk reported details concerning the timetable for the Parish Council Elections.

MINUTES

181/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February, 2000, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Bus Timetables The timetable at the All Saints Church bus stop had now been re-fixed onto the lamppost.

2. Advocacy West Lancs This item was included on the agenda for the next meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC.

3. Additional Sports Facilities for the Parish Mr R Ball asked under what authority the Clerk and Chairman had met the Developer. The Chairman replied that the Clerk was approached, and in accordance with standard procedure for dealing with matters between meetings, had authorised, in consultation with the Chairman, that they should attend the meeting. No decisions had been taken at the meeting and a resume of the discussions had been reported back to the full Council on the 7th February, 2000. Mr R Ball asked for a copy of the letter sent to the adjacent landowner which the Clerk undertook to supply.

4. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Mr R Ball asked for a copy of a letter sent from Tarleton Parish Council concerning two Parish Councillors. The Clerk reported that the letter specifically asked him to take action, not the Parish Council, and, as such, had been dealt with as a personal matter for the Clerk. Members of the Council, were not, therefore, entitled to receive a copy of the letter.



Mr J R Foster asked if other letters were not being reported to the Council and the Clerk suggested that Mr Foster should choose his words carefully.

5. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mrs J Witter reported that the Transportation and Amenities Committee had agreed to work at a District Council owned Play Area in Banks, at a cost of £ 3,000, and at sites in Skelmersdale being undertaken in this financial year.

6. Electoral Arrangements in the Area In response to a question, it was reported that the proposal for 2 District Councillors had come from the District Council and the Parish Council had taken the opportunity to consider the need for two electoral wards in the Parish.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Rights of Way & The Environment

a. Waste Disposal Sites In reply to Mr J R Foster, it was reported that a list of Waste Disposal sites was held by the District & County Councils. The Chairman felt it was not for the Parish Council to warn residents of possible dangers from such sites.

b. Radiation Levels in the Rivers Douglas & Ribble It was suggested that when BNFL applied to renew the licence for the dumping of low-level radioactive waste at Clifton Marsh, it was found that permission had never been granted.

182/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to approach the MAFF Laboratory at Whitehaven, the County Council and the District Council regarding the monitoring of radioactive levels in the Rivers Douglas and Ribble and steps being taken to reduce those levels.

c. Footpath No 47 Mr J R Foster reported that this footpath had been closed last year and never re-opened.

183/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ascertain when Footpath No 47 is likely to be re-opened.

2. District Council - West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum - 18th April, 2000 There were no items which the Council wished to raise at the next meeting of the Forum.

3. Lancashire County Council - Heritage Open Days 2000 The dates were noted.

4. LAP&TC, West Lancs Area Committee - 14th April, 2000 The Chairman reported that NALC were suggesting that roads with no white line markings should have a 30mph, or lower, speed restriction. The Chairman also reported a new Best Kept Village Competition category for the Best Kept Cricket Pitch.

5. Conference - Changing Places - 8th April, 2000 No member wished to attend this Conference.

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

1. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2000 The Chairman's name had been drawn out by LAP&TC and would receive an invitation from the Lord Chancellor.
2. District Council
 - a. Committee Agendas
 - b. Members Briefing Bulletin No 54
 - c. Members Updates - Housing & Health Committee
- Transportation & Amenities Committee
 - d. Home Front News - Winter 2000 edition
3. County Council
South Area Consultative Committee - 4th April, 2000
4. West Lancashire Environmental Network - Newsletter etc.
5. Local Council Review - March 2000 edition
6. Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2000 edition
7. Community Futures magazine (CCL)
8. West Lancashire Police & Community Forum - 10th April, 2000 at Scarisbrick Village Hall
9. Lancashire Ambulance Service - Board Meeting 31st March, 2000

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

184/99 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. | Cornhill Insurance - Increased Premium | £/ 12.19 |
| 2. | G R & W Heaps - Drainage work, Recreation Ground | £/ 1959.90 |
| 3. | Audit Commission - Audit Fee | £/ 232.18 |
| 4. | Brian Parkinson - Various works (as per estimates) | £/ 1963.00 |
| 5. | B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses | £/ 631.69 |

2. Centenary Sports Ground Access Road The Clerk reported that the work had been completed and the various accounts paid totalling £ 7408.21 including VAT. The first instalment from Hesketh Bank AFC had been received and the payment from Hesketh Bowling & Social Club requested.

185/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, in paying the following accounts, to enable the VAT to be reclaimed, be confirmed:-

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| 1. | C W Berry Ltd - Tarmac etc. | ✓ £ 3882.67 |
| 2. | Johnson's Plant Hire - Plant etc. | ✓ £ 460.00 |
| 3. | C W Berry Ltd - Kerbs etc. | ✓ £ 894.41 |
| 4. | Amey Fleet Services Ltd - Plant etc. | ✓ £ 558.13 |
| 5. | B Counce - Labour charges | ✓ £ 1613.00 |

2. That the following receipt be noted:-

Hesketh Bank AFC

£ 250.00

3. Insurance Claim - Bus Shelter & Seat, Hundred End The Clerk reported that the following had been received in full settlement of the Parish Council's claim:-

Axa Insurance

£ 1554.00 (Exc. VAT)

186/99 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, in placing the following orders be confirmed:-

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| 1. | Autocross Ltd - Replacement shelter | £ 1440.00 (Exc. VAT) |
| 2. | B Parkinson - Repairs to seat | £ 114.00 |

4. Outstanding Invoice Reminder The Clerk reported that the invoice from the County Council was still outstanding as a response to the Council's comments on the charge had not yet been received.

187/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to chase up a reply from the Environmental Director of the County Council.

5. Donations

a. Burial Grounds

188/99 RESOLVED:- That the following donations be made for the year 1999/2000:-

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| 1. | All Saints Church Burial Ground | / £ 100.00 |
| 2. | Old Beconsall Church Burial Ground | / £ 100.00 |

b. Other Donations

189/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following donations be made for the year 1999/2000:-

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| 1. | Childline North West | £ 50.00 |
| 2. | North West Air Ambulance | £ 50.00 |

2. That the following organisations be advised that the Parish Council is unable to assist with a donation this year:-

1. West Lancashire Victim Support
2. West Lancs Crossroads Attendant Scheme
3. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association

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

1. Receipts

Hesketh Bowling & Social Club - Annual Rental 1999/2000 £ 422.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

190/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2000/0145 - Nature Pond - Land rear of 92 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/2000/0204 - Detached double garage; alterations to elevations of dwelling - 148 Chapel Fold, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/2000/0235 - Conservatory at side - Boundary Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/2000/0241 - Detached garage at rear - 26 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 30th March, 2000

191/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to bring the following comments to the attention of the Director of Development & Amenities:-

- a. Enforcement No E/00/07 - Land at 140 Station Road, HESKETH BANK - Use of building for residential purposes (Recommendation - Enforcement Notice be Issued) - No comments to add to report.
- b. Application No 08/00/0079 - Land off The Green, HESKETH BANK - Residential development comprising 3 terraced dwellings; 26 detached dwellings and garages; estate roads; public open space; and highway improvements at the junction of Chapel Road/Station Road, and the junction of Chapel Road/The Green, including new mini-roundabout (Morris Homes) (Recommendation - Decision delegated to Director of Development & Amenities subject to S 106 agreement in respect of public open space) - Strongly object - at variance with planning brief, 'random strips' problem for developer and landowners, increased traffic hazards following construction of mini-roundabout, public open space to be provided prior to occupation of dwellings, lack of additional local infrastructure i.e. shops, schools, roads etc., no provision for 'low cost' housing, and mud to be removed from roads during construction without continual complaints being made to developer.
- c. Application No 08/99/0974 - Land off Station Road, HESKETH BANK - Erection of 48 No. detached houses and 4 semi-detached houses, vehicular access and estate road. Provision of public open space. (Chelmere Homes) (Recommendation - Decision delegated to Director of Development & Amenities subject to S 106 agreement in respect of public open space) - Strongly object - infrastructure of area unable to cope with development of this nature when taken into account with previous application, 'affordable' houses should be 5 and not 4, plan submitted to Parish Council does not show public open space, no mention made of

preliminary informal agreement between Parish Council and developer, increased traffic hazards, public open space to be provided prior to occupation of dwellings, lack of additional local infrastructure i.e. shops, schools, roads etc., no provision for 'low cost' housing and mud to be removed from roads during construction without continual complaints being made to developer.

- d. Application No 08/99/1152 - Land at rear of Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - Use of land for golf training, including short hole golf course, formation of car park and siting of portacabin (Recommendation - Refused) - No comments to add to report.
- e. Application No 08/99/1101 - 10 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - Outline. Three detached dwellings including details of means of access (Recommendation - Refused) - No comments to add to report.

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

- 1. Applications determined since last meeting
 - a. No 08/2000/0028 - First floor extension at rear; dormer extension at front - 6 Delta Park Avenue, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
 - b. No 08/99/1023 - Use of existing land and buildings for livery, including extension to existing barn to accommodate stables and provision of sand paddock - Wrights Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
 - c. No 08/2000/0105 - Replacement of roof of dwelling with a pitched roof - 10 The Brow, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- 2. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance - Erection of Stable Buildings in the Green Belt

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank & Marsh Road, North Meols Messrs J R Foster & R Ball suggested that the Council join with North Meols Parish Council to try to get a reduction in the speed limit between Bonny Barn, Banks and Ribble Bank Farm, Hesketh Bank.

192/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to North Meols Parish Council with a suggestion that the two parishes join together to try to get a reduction in speed limit as indicated above and that copies of recent correspondence on this subject by the two parishes be exchanged.

2. Winter Maintenance of Roads The County Council had asked for more information on the complaints of the Parish Council.

193/99 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that roads were not treated on the day of the 5/6 accidents widely reported in the local press and the requests by the Police for gritting had been logged at Skelmersdale Police Station.

3. Shore Road The County Council had now cut through the verge on the northern side of Shore Road to allow water to disperse into the adjoining ditch. It was reported that a recent accident on Shore Road involving a motorcyclist had been caused by mud on the road.

194/99 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to enforce the legislation in regard to the depositing of mud on roads and it be pointed out that the recent accident justifies the Council's previous requests for a reduction in the speed limit on Shore Road.

4. Marsh Road, Hesketh Bank The Chairman and Mrs Witter had visited Marsh Road at the request of a resident and had listed a number of complaints of a highway nature.

195/99 RESOLVED:- That the following be reported to the County Council:-

- a. Several potholes
- b. Sides of road wearing away
- c. Gullies never cleared out
- d. 'Dead end' signs missing
- e. Footpath sign broken
- f. Grass verges supposed to be re-instated by North West Water after wagons had finished delivering to pumping station

5. Dog Fouling It was reported that 3 people had been named and prosecuted in Tarleton as a result of their dogs fouling the footway. The District Council's Enforcement Officer would meet representatives of the Parish Council on site to discuss the various points raised by the Council.

196/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for Messrs B Birkby and A Murphy to meet the Enforcement Officer to discuss the problem and to advise him that a dog bin is required in Marsh Road and the litter bin at the Village Institute is being used as a dog bin.

6. The Brow Wall

197/99 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked about the up-to-date position and future of The Brow Wall.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground It was agreed that members of the Recreation Committee would look at the flagged path prior to the next meeting of the Council.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area

198/99 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked if some form of markings could be placed on the road by the play area to stop vehicles parking half on and half off the pavement at that point thereby making it dangerous for children leaving the area to see vehicles approaching.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

199/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Annual Assembly for the Parish be held on Tuesday, 25th April, 2000 at 8.00pm,

2. That the Parish Council meets on the 25th April, 2000 at 7.00pm, subject to the meeting being adjourned at 8.00pm for the Annual Assembly and re-convened, if necessary, at the conclusion of the Annual Assembly, and

3. That the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday, 15th May, 2000 at 7.30pm.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

200/99 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 paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

Leases (Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk reported on a conversation with the Council's Solicitor regarding the approach from the Solicitor acting for the Hesketh Bowling and Social Club.

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