

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 15th May, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm.

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

Mesdames J Birkby and H Tompkins

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

One member of the public was present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor R Ball suggested that the first item should be the Appointment of a Chairman.

The Clerk through the
The Chairman explained that the Appointment of a Chairman was the first item on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Council which would commence at 7.30pm, whilst this meeting was to appoint a person to fill the vacancy on the Council to enable the Council to have a full complement of Members prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman ruled that the meeting should proceed.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mrs Brenda Johnson and Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore had applied to fill the vacancy and both ladies gave a brief resume of themselves, indicated why they wished to join the Council and answered questions from Members.

A Ballot was held which resulted as follows:-

Mrs Brenda Johnson - 3 votes

Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore - 6 votes

216/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore be elected to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council for the four year period to May, 2004, and

2. That Mrs Brenda Johnson be thanked for her interest in the vacancy and for attending this meeting.

[Signature]
26 June 2000.

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Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 15th May, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

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

Three members of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2000/2001 (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR - 9 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 2 votes)

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Council

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mrs N M Goodier be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2000/2001 (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR - 9 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 2 votes)

MINUTES

03/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April, 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Best Kept Village Competition The letters to various establishments in the Parish were in hand and Mrs N M Goodier asked the Clerk to add the Shore Road Post Office onto the list.

2. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Mr R Ball again referred to the letter from Tarleton Parish Council and again refused to say from whom he had obtained a copy and a copy of the reply from the Clerk. It was re-iterated that the letter asked the Clerk to take action and had been replied to by the Clerk with reasons why he felt he was not able to take the action requested. It was also indicated that it was believed that the letter from Tarleton Parish Council had been written without the authority of that Parish Council.

04/2000 RESOLVED:- That the letter be not read out at a meeting of the Parish Council and that the matter be allowed to rest. (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR - 6 votes; AGAINST - 4 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

05/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following Committees be established with the membership as indicated for the Municipal Year 2000/2001:-

- a. Recreation Committee - Chairman; Mr I Ashcroft; Mr B Birkby; Mrs N Goodier and Mr J Hunter
- b. Allotments Committee - Chairman: Mr R Ball; Mr J R Foster; Mr J Hunter and Mr P Sergeant
- c. Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee - Chairman; Mr R Ball; Mr J R Foster; Mr J Hunter and Mrs H Tompkins
- d. Centenary Sports Ground Committee - Chairman; B Birkby; Mrs N Goodier; Mr J Hunter and Mrs L Standish-Gore

2. That the Chairman be authorised to continue to undertake weekly inspections of the Council owned play equipment, and

3. That the Millennium Committee be dissolved.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

06/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following appointments be made to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2000/2001:-

- a. Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School - Governor - Mrs N M Goodier
- b. Tarleton County Primary School - Governor - Mrs H Tompkins
- c. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils - Chairman; Vice-Chairman and Mr I Ashcroft
- d. Hesketh Village Institute - Mr P Sergeant
5. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Mr P Sergeant
6. Council for Protection of Rural England - Mrs L Standish-Gore
7. West Lancashire Environmental Network - Mr J R Foster
8. West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum - Mr J R Foster
9. Layfield Charity - Mrs N M Goodier
10. Tree Warden - Mrs H Tompkins

2. That the District Council be requested to supply the Parish Council with a list of Tree Preservation Orders in the Parish

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - 25TH APRIL, 2000

The Council considered the recommendations made by the Annual Parish Assembly.

07/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to prepare an Asset Register of assets owned by the Parish Council,

2. That the Clerk be requested to keep a record of the time spent to compile the Register referred to in (1) above, and

3. That the Clerk be requested to ask the Nat. West Bank for any Council documents still in their possession.

(N.B. The voting on part 1 of the resolution was FOR - 8 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 3 votes)

The Clerk reported that with regard to the Clerk's Contract of Employment, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had made comments which would now be incorporated in the document prior to being submitted to the Council for approval.

Reference was also made to the quiet remark by County Councillor R Hodge that it may need a fatality before action is taken to reduce the speed limit on Shore Road .

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Transport And Access Forum for West Lancashire

08/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr R Ball be authorised to attend the first meeting of the Forum to be held on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2000 at 7.00pm at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee

09/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Hon. Secretary of the Committee be advised that this Parish Council will give a short presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Committee on Friday, 14th July, 2000.

3. West Lancs. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme

10/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Council's apologies be forwarded to the Scheme as the AGM is to be held on the same night as the July meeting of the Parish Council.

4. Application for Transfer of Licence - 1 Station Road, HESKETH BANK

11/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the proposed Transfer of Licence in respect of the premises, No 1 Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

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

1. District Council - Letter re- Grounds Maintenance Work for Parish Councils
2. Heritage Lottery Fund - Application Pack for Capital Grants (This was passed to Mr P Sergeant)
3. Clerks & Councils Direct - May edition
4. Local Council Review - May edition

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

12/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-
Cornhill Insurance - General Insurance £ 372.76

2. Bank Mandate

13/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That bank accounts be continued with HSBC Bank plc (the 'Bank') and the Bank be authorised to:-

- a. pay all cheques and other instructions for payment signed on behalf of the Council by any two of the following four persons :- Chairman of the Council (Councillor A P Murphy); Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor Mrs N M Goodier); Councillors J Hunter and Mrs J Birkby (the 'signatory') whether any account of the Council is in debit or credit;
- b. deliver any item held on behalf of the Council by the Bank in safe keeping against written receipt of the signatory; and
- c. accept the signatory as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transactions with the Bank;

2. That any debt incurred to the bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand;

3. That the Clerk is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons who are authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council, and that the Bank may rely upon such lists; and

4. That these resolutions remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank signed by the Chairman or Clerk acting or claiming to act on behalf of the Council and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following receipts were noted:-

West Lancashire D C - 1st payment concurrent expenditure - £ 2220.28

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The only item raised was the proposal by the District Council to establish Open Forums on which Parish Councils may be offered an automatic place and this Council's response to such an invitation.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

14/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following comments be made on the applications listed:-

- a. No 08/2000/0394 - Outline - Residential development including details of means of access - Land off Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

The Parish Council would like to know the number of developers involved on this site; the number of access points to be provided to the site; what is to happen to the property No 165 Station Road which is currently occupied but not shown on the site layout plan; and will the existing covenant, which states that part of the land shown on the applicant's plan may not be used for building purposes, be taken into consideration.

- b. No 08/20000423 - Pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear - 43 Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by the Director)

No comments.

- c. No 08/2000/0433 - Attached garage at side - 4 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

No comments.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 25th May, 2000

15/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the District Councillor, be authorised to make any comments on applications included on the agenda for this meeting which are deemed to be necessary.

3. Proposed Conservation Area - The Brow, Hesketh Bank

16/2000 RESOLVED:- That Parish Councillors be authorised to attend the Site Meeting to be held at The Brow on Tuesday, 30th May, 2000 at 3.00pm and the Public Meeting to be held at The Cock & Bottle Public House, Tarleton on Thursday, 1st June, 2000 at 7.00pm.

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

1. Planning Applications Nos 08/2000/0079 & 08/99/0974 - Response to questions asked by Parish Council as follows:-

a. Phase 2 of Poppyfields is not yet connected to the main sewer and it is the developer's responsibility to progress a permanent solution. It was said that problems still existed with the sewers.

b. Surface water drainage for both sites to be designed so that water does not enter existing watercourses at greater rate than at present. On-site storage systems required. Planning condition included that drainage details are to be submitted to and approved by LPA prior to commencement of developments. Environment Agency will give separate approval as necessary.

c. Developer has confirmed that compound is to be removed and Public Open Space provided following completion of existing development site. It has been heard by residents, however, that the compound will remain for the next phase.

2. Applications determined since last meeting The following were noted:-

- a. No 08/2000/0235 - Conservatory at side - Boundary Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/2000/0241 - Detached garage at rear - 26 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. E/2000/0007 - Use of building for residential purposes - Land at 140 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Not expedient to take formal enforcement action)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limit, Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank
Awaiting response from North Meols Parish Council

2. The Brow Wall It was stated that the wall had been in its current state for nearly 2 years before the Conservation Area had been planned.

17/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be asked for information about the owner of the wall and what steps are being taken, by whom and when, to secure the safety of the wall on a permanent basis, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to copy the letter to the County Council.

3. Marsh Road, Hesketh Bank The County Council had indicated that they were only responsible for the first 102 metres of the road which would be inspected and remedial work undertaken as necessary. In addition the 'No Through Road' sign would be replaced. The County Council had suggested that North West Water be contacted about the damage to the remainder of the road by their contractor.

18/2000 RESOLVED:- That North West Water be contacted about the damage caused to the unadopted part of Marsh Road by their contractors, Harbour & General.

4. Various Works in Hesketh Bank

19/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to investigate the following:-

a. Boundary Meanygate where the footway is so narrow that the hedge, even when cut, nearly covers the footway,

b. Boundary Lane/Boundary Meanygate where the recently laid chippings have disappeared in parts,

c. Beconsall Lane which is full of potholes and requires re-surfacing as a matter of urgency,

d. Shore Road where drop kerbs are required to facilitate the movement of disabled people in wheelchairs, and

e. School Fold footpath which is becoming overgrown with nettles etc.,

f. The County Council owned pieces of grass in Chapel Road which require cutting prior to the forthcoming parade through the Parish.

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

1. Station Road Bridge A response was still awaited from the Police.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

1. Station Road Banking adjacent to the Play Area

20/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be reminded that they had undertaken to cut the grass on the banking 6 times per year.

2. Maintenance of Recreation Ground and Station Road Play Area It was reported that Brian Parkinson had given a verbal quotation to the Chairman in the sum of £ 450 per annum for the various works required by the Council.

21/2000 RESOLVED:- That, if a written quotation for the works is received prior to the next meeting of the Council, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to accept the quotation to enable the work to commence as soon as possible.

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

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Trees The Clerk reported a complaint from residents in Langdale Avenue via the District Council regarding the trees on the Play Area and had advised the Officer concerned that the land was still owned by the District Council. The Clerk also reported that a response was still awaited regarding the transfer of the land to the Parish Council and the terms requested by the Parish Council before such transfer is effected.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Parking of cars on Footway by Area A response was still awaited from the Divisional Surveyor.

3. Cutting of Hedges on Recreation Ground The Clerk had this matter in hand.

RADIATION LEVELS IN THE RIVERS DOUGLAS AND RIBBLE

The various responses from the organisations approached by the Clerk were noted.

22/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Environment Agency be contacted again

a. To be advised that material from the River Douglas has already been used on works as a dragline was left in the vicinity of footpath No 16,

b. To be asked about radiation levels in Savick Brook which is supposedly the 'hottest spot' on this part of the coast, and

c. To be asked about incidents in the 1950's and 1960's when contamination occurred landward of the River Defence Line as a result of incidents at Calder Hall.

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

23/2000 RESOLVED:- That a Review of Standing Orders be undertaken and a suitable item be placed on the agenda for the July meeting of the Council.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

24/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That future meetings of the Council continue to be fixed for the week in which the District Council's Planning Committee meets,

2. That meetings of the Council be held on the following days & dates:-

Monday, 19th June, 2000
Tuesday, 29th August, 2000
Monday, 23rd October, 2000

Monday, 17th July, 2000
Monday, 25th September, 2000
Monday, 20th November, 2000

and

3. That future meetings in the current municipal year be fixed when details of District Council meetings for the year 2001 are available.

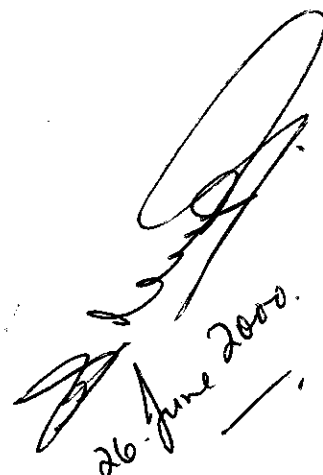
EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

25/2000 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)

26/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to ask the Bowling & Social Club about the outcome of the action taken by their Solicitor following the Club's meeting with representatives of the Parish Council in October, 1999.



26 June 2000.

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PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

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

Also present:- PC Graham Wilson

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier and Insp. P Melling

One member of the public was present.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

27/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May, 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

2nd Paragraph - " The Chairman explained....." to read " The Clerk through the Chairman explained...."

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Councillor R Ball asked why the remarks of the Vice-Chairman in respect of the Leases for the Centenary Sports Ground had not been reported in the Minutes and the Clerk reported that the item had been taken in Part 2 of the Agenda and therefore any remarks made should not be divulged to members of the public. Also, the remarks had not been adopted as Council policy. Councillor Ball was concerned that Council business was being conducted in secret when there should be openness about the Council's affairs.

Councillor J Hunter remarked that if the Parish was interested in what was going on they should attend every meeting and Councillor Ball asked that those remarks be included in the Minutes.

28/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May, 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Best Kept Village Competition Letters had been written to all the owners of premises which had been entered in the individual categories and also to all premises in the Village Centre, all of which had been delivered by the Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins suggested that the Parish Council may like to consider purchasing hanging baskets for the main centres of the village on Station Road and Shore Road and she had approached a supplier who would provide 25 baskets including plants for £ 90.00. Councillor Mrs Tompkins also suggested that the Parish Council's existing handyman could be requested to maintain the baskets with the owners of the various premises watering the plants when necessary.

It was further reported that some premises had already provided hanging baskets.

29/2000 RESOLVED:- That consideration of providing finance to support the Council's entry into the Best Kept Village Competition 2001 be considered when the Estimates for 2001/2002 are prepared later in the year.

2. Documents at National Westminster Bank The Clerk reported that there were no documents of the Council's held by the Bank at either the Southport or Tarleton Branches. He did have some boxes of papers at home which he was looking through.

3. Transport & Access Forum for West Lancashire Councillor R Ball reported on the meeting of the Forum which was to canvas ideas for Public Transport in the District. A number of presentations had been made and the members had been divided up into Groups. The arrangements for the next meeting would be notified in due course.

4. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Councillor R Ball reported he had visited the offices of the LAP&TC and received a written reply from the Honorary Secretary to the effect that he was not aware of any letter of complaint from Tarleton Parish Council to Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council. He also reported that the Honorary Secretary had indicated that Mr Len Watson was not part of the Association.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor Ball asked for the item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

5. Development & Planning Committee - 25th May, 2000 Councillor J R Foster asked why it had been necessary to pass Resolution 15/2000 and was advised it was because the Annual Meeting of the Council was required to be held the week before the Planning Committee of the District Council but in the event there were no items affecting this Parish on the agenda.

6. Station Road Bridge Councillor J R Foster asked for clarification of this item and was advised that it was in respect of vehicles parking on the bridge.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC Graham Wilson reported that juvenile nuisance was currently on the decrease and there had been no crime that he was aware of in the past two months. The letter about parking on the Station Road Bridge had been passed to Sergeant White of the Traffic Department who had told the operational Officers to take necessary action. He would pass a copy of the reply from Sergeant White to the Clerk.

The Tarleton Officer was currently undertaking an operation on Hesketh Lane, whilst a local Officer had now been trained in the use of radar which would be utilised in the area.

In response to questions, PC Wilson reported that he didn't think Hesketh Lane would be closed for the Millennium Parade this coming weekend; that enforcement action should be taken against illegal parking and obstructions; that the new Bargain Booze shop in the village, when open, would be receiving a visit from Police Officers regarding selling alcohol to under-age persons and the Licensing functions currently undertaken by the Magistrates would be transferred to the District Council in the future.

The Chairman thanked PC Wilson for attending the meeting.



CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire District Council - Civic Sunday Service The invitation to the Service was passed to the Chairman.

2. The Draft School Organisational Plan for Lancashire This had been passed to the Chairman who made a number of comments on the content and asked Councillor I Ashcroft, Vice-Chairman of the Governors of Hesketh CE School, some questions regarding the school's policy.

30/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to prepare a draft letter of response to the County Council's Draft School Organisational Plan for Lancashire for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Henry Alty - Terms & Conditions of Sale

31/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to sign the new Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale received from Henry Alty.

4. West Lancs Environmental Network - AGM

32/2000 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to attend the AGM of the West Lancashire Environmental Network.

5. District Council Area Consultative Forums Copies of the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Forums was circulated.

33/2000 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

6. A Manifesto for Rural Britain A copy of a document from Mr D Borrow MP, which was basically a wish list for Rural Areas, was passed to Councillor Mrs H Tompkins.

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

1. District Council - Committee Agendas (No items for this Parish)
2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 56
3. District Council - Members Updates
 - a. Development and Leisure Review Committee
 - b. Housing & Health Review Committee
 - c. Central Services Review Committee
 - d. Planning Committee
4. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - AGM & Annual report
5. Community Futures (CCL Magazine)
6. West Lancs Countryside 2000 Event Programme
7. Request for Flag & Coat of Arms
8. The Kennedy Partnership - Establishment of Tarleton Office
9. Invitation to Chairman to attend the Induction of the new Rector at All Saints CE Church (Accepted by the Chairman)

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

a. LAP&TC Training Day An invitation had been received to send Members of the Council to a Training Day for New Councillors and Clerks on the 1st July, 2000 at a cost of £ 28.00 per person. Councillors Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore and Mrs Hilary Tompkins could attend the whole day whilst Councillor Ian Ashcroft could only attend the morning session. A reduced fee of £ 14.00 had been negotiated in respect of Councillor Ashcroft.

34/2000 RESOLVED:- That the fees for the Training Course for new Councillors in the sum of £ 70.00 be paid to the LAP&TC.

b. Maintenance of Recreation Ground and Play Areas

35/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the quotation from Mr B Parkinson in the sum of £450.00 for maintaining the Recreation Ground and Play Areas on the basis of the schedule agreed by the Council on the 28th February, 2000 be accepted, and

2. That payment be made throughout the year on the basis of three equal payments of £150.00.

c. Other Accounts

36/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. | Zurich Municipal - Playground Insurance | £ 268.02 |
| 2. | Brian Parkinson - Maintenance Contract - 1st Payment | £ 150.00 |
| | Provision and installation of concrete posts | £ 45.00 |
| 3. | Village Institute - Hire of Room for meetings | £ 180.00 |
| | Grant towards upkeep | £ 200.00 |
| 4. | B W Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & Expenses to June 2000 | £ 727.73 |

2. Tarleton High School - Swimming Pool

37/2000 RESOLVED:- That payment of the Grant towards the upkeep of the Swimming Pool at Tarleton High School be paid on the basis of £ 1500.00 immediately and the balance of £ 1000.00 when the Council receives the balance of the Precept and Concurrent Expenditure from the District Council (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 7, AGAINST - 1, ABSTAINED - 2)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

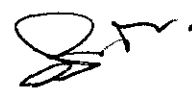
Items raised were the District Council's proposals for Area Consultative Forums and the Exclusion of the Press and Public when dealing with the Centenary Sports Ground at Parish Council meetings.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists The Clerk reported that the following two applications, which were notified just after the previous meeting of the Council, had been approved by the Director.

- a. No 08/2000/0457 - Replacement single storey extension at side/rear
- Longwood, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK



- b. No 08/2000/0491 - Detached double garage - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

38/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2000/0529 - Two storey extension at rear - 2 The Green, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
b. No 08/2000/0551 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage - Land rear of 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
c. No 08/2000/0573 - Single storey extension at side & pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear 46 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
d. No 08/2000/0601 - Replacement front porch - 1a Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That the comments indicated be made on the following application and that Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be authorised to visit the site and report back any comments to the Clerk for inclusion :-

No 08/2000/0549 - Proposed access road to "Woodholme" - Land leading to Woodholme, Anchorage Avenue, from Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

The Council is concerned that Grade 1 agricultural land will be used for this access.

2. Proposed Conservation Area - The Brow

39/2000 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, in submitting comments to the District Council, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be confirmed.

3. Alleged Breach of Planning Control - Rimington, Guide Road

40/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the operators of this facility are taking learner motorcyclists down one of the busiest roads in the village insofar as HGV's are concerned.

4. Availability of Planning Applications on DC Web site It was agreed to leave consideration of this item until later in the meeting.

5. West Lancashire Local Plan - Questionnaire The Clerk undertook to pass a copy of the Plan and the Questionnaire to the Chairman.

6. Planning Committee - 29th June, 2000 There were no items affecting this Parish.

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

1. Application No 08/2000/0394 - Land at Station Road The District Council had responded that this application was an alternative to the previously approved schemes with access off Station Road. The submitted plans did not include 165 Station Road and the District Council had no control over compliance with covenants.

2. New Tree Preservation Orders & Tree Warden The Arboricultural Officer had contacted Councillor Mrs H Tompkins and a list of TPO's in the Parish would be provided.

Councillor B Birkby indicated that, following discussions with the District Council, permission had been given to prune a number of trees on the Village Institute site.

3. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/2000/0288 - Retention of portacabin (6m x 3m) for use as office accommodation - 9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- b. No 08/2000/0302 - New agricultural storage building and extension to an existing building to replace existing lean-to - Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- c. No 08/2000/0336 - Extension to existing farm produce store to form refrigerated area - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- d. No 08/2000/0423 - Pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear - 43 Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- e. No 08/2000/0433 - Attached garage at side - 4 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- f. No 08/2000/0457 - Replacement single storey extension at side/rear - Longwood, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- g. No 08/2000/0491 - Detached double garage - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limit, Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank North Meols Parish Council had now requested a joint site meeting between the two Parishes and Lancashire County Council.

2. The Brow Wall The District Council had indicated that the wall was not considered dangerous at the present time with no further works currently necessary. Mr Slinger had been identified as the landowner and the Legal Department were endeavouring to recover costs.

3. Glenpark Drive - Waiting Restrictions A suggestion for waiting restrictions alongside the play area, on that side of the road only, would be put to the next Liaison Meeting with the Police and West Lancashire District Council.

4. Proposed Weight Restriction - New Lane Bridge, Crossens The Clerk undertook to ensure that North Meols Parish Council had received copies of this correspondence.

5. Bus Shelters


41/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to obtain an estimate for the repair of the smashed panel in the shelter on Shore Road, near to Chapel Road (Preston side), and

2. That the Clerk be authorised to request the contractor to attend to the replacement of glass in the All Saints Church shelter as soon as possible.

6. Hedges

42/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following hedges be reported to the County Council for their attention and action as necessary:-

1. Station Road, Eastern side going down The Brow
2. Station Road, Eastern side between Meadow Lane and The Brow
3. Station Road, Western side behind bus shelter adj. to Morris Homes



7. Dimpled Flags

43/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked about the criteria for laying dimpled flags near to dropped kerbs and the possibility of such flags being laid in this Parish.

8. Street Nameplates and Road Signs

44/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following be reported to the County Council for attention:-

- a. Beconsall Lane - No Through Road sign missing
- b. Marsh Road - No Through sign - To be found inside NORWEB compound, and

2. That the following be reported to the District Council for attention:-

- a. Moss Lane - Nameplate at Hundred End Lane end has been uprooted
- b. Moss Lane - Nameplate outside Bargain Booze, near Station Road, has been broken off

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Various highways matters - County Council response
- a. Boundary Meanygate - will be inspected and action taken re- hedges, unlikely footways widened in near future.
- b. Boundary Lane/Boundary Meanygate - surface dressing to be inspected & remedial work undertaken
- c. Beconsall Lane - included in programme for surface dressing this summer
- d. Disability crossings - completed recently - specific locations to be put on list for consideration in future - Parish Councillors to bring forward suggestions to future meeting of the Council
- e. School Fold footpath - passed to Public Right of Way Section
- f. Chapel Road verges - to be cut week beginning 5th June - work done
- g. Station Road Embankment - contractor made aware of agreed maintenance programme - work still not done - Clerk to speak to County Council

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

1. Centenary Sports Ground - Southern Boundary (Councillors Mrs J Birkby, B Birkby and A Murphy, as Trustees of the Village Institute, declared an interest in this item, remained in the meeting but took no part in the voting)

The Trustees of the Village Institute were proposing to erect a 6ft high concrete fence on this boundary and were asking the Parish Council for a 50% contribution, amounting to £ 800, and for permission to build the fence approximately 6 inches inside the boundary, on the Parish Council's land, in order to line it up with existing concrete panels already in place.

45/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to approach the Football Club for a contribution of up to £ 400 towards the cost of the fence proposed by the Village Hall Trustees (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 6, AGAINST - 0, ABSTAINED - 1), and

2. That the Trustees of the Village Institute be allowed to build the concrete fence approximately 6 inches inside the boundary on Parish Council land (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 6, AGAINST - 1, ABSTAINED - 0)

PROPOSAL FOR PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman reported that Tarleton Parish Council had set up a Website and the District Council were offering to e-mail Lists of Planning Applications to Councils with the necessary facilities.

He submitted two options for consideration as follows:-

1. Freeserve - this would be free, would incorporate an e-mail address and could be online within days

2. Register the Parish Council's name as a Domain Name at a cost of £10.55 (i.e. £8.98 + VAT) for 2 years. The question would be what to use as the Council's Domain Name bearing in mind the number of letters in the Council's official name.

A number of Councillors did not wish their names and addresses to be included on any Website set up for the Council.

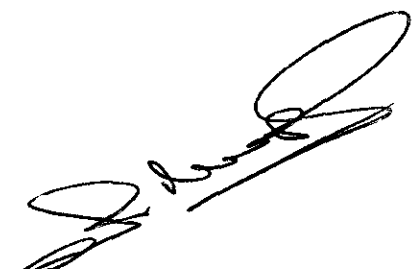
46/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be requested to bring options for a Domain Name to the next meeting of the Council.

STANDING ORDER No 17

47/2000 RESOLVED:- That, in accordance with Standing Order No 17, the meeting be terminated and the following items be referred to the next meeting of the Council and included early on the agenda:-

Items Requested by Mr J R Foster

1. Information Pack LAP&TC
2. Local Council Review
3. Environmental Issues - Local Tips etc.



HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 24th July 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R C Ball; B Birkby and J R Foster

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier and Messrs J Hunter and PJA Sergeant

One member of the public was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH JUNE, 2000

48/2000 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following addition and amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 4 Minute 37/2000 - The voting be amended to read – FOR - 7,
AGAINST – 1, ABSTAINED – 1

Page 7 After Resolution 44/2000 insert the following:-

9. Marsh Road It was stated that HGV's and Tractors were damaging Marsh Road but it was classified as a cart road/footpath.


MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group
Mr R Ball was able to attend the meeting in Tarleton on Tuesday, 25th July 2000.

2. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Mr R Ball confirmed he had received a letter from the LAP&TC and again refused to divulge from whom he had received a copy of the letter from Tarleton Parish Council to the Clerk.

3. West Lancs Environmental Network – AGM Mr J R Foster had attended and reported that the Network were seeking items for the Newsletter; there was a surplus of £ 6,700 to be allocated for projects; that individuals undertaking works require to be insured; and the LCC had a Ranger based at Mere Sands Wood who could be contacted on (01772) 264709.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask for details of the criteria for projects and obtain a list of members of the Network, or copies of the Green Directory, for all members of the Council.



4. LAP&TC Training Day Mesdames L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins and Mr I Ashcroft had attended and all found it very useful with a number of ideas for planning the future of the village and for finding activities for young people being suggested by various people.

5. Parish Council Documents The Clerk indicated that no documents had been sent to the County Archivist during his time as Clerk.

ITEMS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

Items Requested by Mr J R Foster

Mr Foster requested that the following items be deferred to the next meeting:-

1. Information Pack – LAP&TC
2. Local Council Review
3. Environmental Issues – Local Tips etc. It was agreed that the Clerk be requested to write to the Environment Agency regarding the area of the disclaimer zone around Alty's Tip. Mr Foster also expressed concern about nuclear waste being present when the old gutters on the Outmarsh had been filled in.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Items for Decision.

1. LAP&TC – AGM 4th November 2000 It was agreed to leave the appointment of delegates to the next meeting.
2. CCL Rural Evaluation and Action for Lancashire (REAL) No community led “themed appraisals” had been compiled in this Parish during the past six years.
3. Millennium Committee It was confirmed that the Committee had been disbanded and the Clerk was requested to send a letter of congratulations to the Tarleton Committee for organising the successful event in July. Videos were available for purchase.
4. The Friends of Heart of Lancashire Appeal It was agreed to put details on the Notice Boards, the Website and in any Newsletter to be published in the near future.
5. Proposed Ribble Link Brief details had been received with the view that there was some doubt whether it would be constructed.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
 - a. Executive Committee – 11th July 2000

i. Conservation Area – The Brow The District Council had agreed to take the necessary action to designate the area at The Brow.

ii. Transfer of Land to Parish Council The District Council had agreed to transfer the Glenpark Drive Play Area to the Parish Council and to provide the finance to undertake the tarmac work. The contract would be let and supervised by the District Council's Leisure Department and the Legal Department would be drawing up the legal papers.

- b. Licensing and Appeals Committee No items
- c. Central Services Review Committee No items
- d. Standards Committee No items

- 2. District Council – Members' Briefing Bulletin No 57
- 3. District Council – Members' Updates
 - a. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issue 1
 - b. Planning Committee – Issue 2
- 4. LAP&TC – Clerk's Salaries 2000/2001
- 5. WLDC Housing & Health Dept – RADMIL Report 1998/99
- 6. Community Futures (CCL Magazine – July/August 2000)
- 7. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2000
- 8. Local Council Review – July 2000
- 9. DETR Publication – UK Strategy for Radioactive Discharges 2001 – 2020 It was agreed that the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council if it had been consulted on this document.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

49/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Ian Yates – New slide - Glenpark Drive | £ 1122.12 |
| b. | Autocross Plastics – Repairs to 2 shelters | £ 405.38 |
| c. | B Parkinson – Maintenance contract – 2 nd payment | £ 150.00 |

B. Items to Note

- 1. Annual Audit – Year ending 31st March 2000 To be undertaken on 18th September, 2000, the Clerk/Chairman to attend on 2nd October 2000.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.



PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists (Enclosed)

50/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. 08/2000/0629 Front porch – 33 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK
- b. 08/2000/0631 Conversion and extension of garage to provide living accommodation and attached car port – 167 Station Road, HESKETH BANK
- c. 08/2000/0633 Two storey extension at side – 34 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK
- d. 08/2000/0647 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear – 8 Cornflower Close, HESKETH BANK
- e. 08/2000/0702 Single storey extension at rear – 24 Greenfields, HESKETH BANK

2. Planning Committee – 27th July 2000

There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. Parish Map Project The District Council was asking for certain details to proceed with the project.

51/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That Beconsall Old Church; All Saints Church; the Light Railway; the Boatyard; Village Institute; Village Centre and the Conservation Area be included as features on the Map, and

2. That the Chairman, Mr J R Foster and the Clerk be authorised to prepare the necessary documentation for submission to the District Council.

4. Poppyfields Development It was reported that the Public Open Space and Play Area should be provided in the next 4 weeks and that the people at the first house on the right had moved leaving a hole in the hedge, which is the boundary between the development and the highway.

52/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to advise the appropriate authority of the gap in the hedge, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to write to the District Council regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the drains on the estate with a copy to the Technical Director of Morris Homes.

5. Tarleton Conservation Action Group The Group was seeking the Council's support in opposing the proposed shop development adjacent to The Boskins, Church Road, Tarleton.

53/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of this Council's concern that the increase in traffic will make access to Hesketh Lane for the emergency services more difficult.

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

1. Provision of Planning Committee Agendas to Parish Councils
Parish Councils would still receive full copies of the Planning Committee and the Development & Leisure Review Committee.

2. Tree Preservation Orders List List received Mrs H Tompkins to ask the District Council for a map

3. Applications and Appeals determined since last meeting
The following decisions had been taken:-

08/2000/0529 Two storey extension at rear – 2 The Green, HESKETH BANK – APPROVED

08/2000/0573 Single storey extension at side & pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear – 46 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

08/99/0662 Erection of a stable block comprising seven loose boxes – Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK – APPEAL DISMISSED

PREPARATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

The Council considered a report prepared by the Clerk at the request of the Chairman regarding the shortening of minutes.

54/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to provide a shortened version of the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2000 to enable a comparison to be made at the next meeting.

THE DRAFT SCHOOL ORGANISATIONAL PLAN FOR LANCASHIRE

The Council considered a draft letter of response to the Consultation Document prepared by the Chairman and Clerk.

55/2000 RESOLVED:- That the draft be approved and the Clerk be authorised to forward the response to the County Council. (A copy appears in the Minute Book)

DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

The Council considered a draft letter, prepared by the Clerk, to the Chief Executive of the District Council regarding the proposed Constitution and method of working of the new Area Consultative Forums.

56/2000 RESOLVED:- That the draft be approved and the Clerk be authorised to forward the comments to the District Council (A copy appears in the Minute Book)

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

The Clerk and Chairman outlined the current position in relation to the lease for the Bowling and Social Club and the financial situation regarding the access road. Mr Ball indicated that to this date the Football Club had only paid ¼ of what they promised to pay whilst the Bowling Club had paid the full amount.

57/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to supply all members of the Council with copies of the leases in the form already signed by the Cricket and Football Clubs, and

2. That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to meet the Bowling and Social Club to assess the latest position with regard to the Club's lease and report back to a future meeting of the Council.
(The voting on this resolution was FOR – 8, AGAINST – 0, ABSTAINED – 0)

CREATION OF PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman reported on options for naming the Council's Website.

58/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to set up a Council Website with the name "heskethwithbeaconsall-parishcouncil.org.uk", at a cost of approximately £8.00 + VAT for 2 years,

2. That the District Council be advised of the Council's e-mail address when it has been activated.
(The voting on part 1 of the resolution was FOR – 5, AGAINST – 2, ABSTAINED – 1)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limit, Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank North Meols Parish Council had been advised by the County Council that a site meeting would not be helpful and that an Engineer would visit the site when resources allowed.

59/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to Terry Carter at the County Council expressing the Council's disappointment and requesting an urgent meeting and pointing out that Hesketh Bank and Tarleton are the only two villages without red tarmac rumble strips approaching the 30mph limit.

2. Maintenance of Bus Shelters The Council considered the report prepared by Autocross on the bus shelters in the parish. (Mr R Ball left the meeting during the discussion on this item)

60/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That Autocross be requested to do the works provided for in the contract for cleaning and checking the shelters,



2. That Autocross and Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide quotations for painting the shelters indicated as requiring painting, and

3. That provision is made in next year's estimates for the replacement of one of the two worst shelters.

3. Garden Open Day The Council had received a complaint from a resident of Marsh Road about indiscriminate parking on the Annual garden Open Day in June.

61/2000 RESOLVED:- That the resident be advised that the Open Day is not organised by the Parish Council and it is upto the organiser to do something about the problems.

3. Traffic Situation in and around Tarleton and Hesketh Bank The Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council had requested the District Council to assist in assessing the traffic movements in the area in order to formulise a short term remedial strategy and a long term strategy for finding a solution to the problems.

62/2000 RESOLVED:- That the initiative from Tarleton be supported and the District Council be requested to include Hesketh Bank in any project undertaken.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Tactile Paving – The County Council were considering the need to change existing policy.

2. Hedges, Road Signs and Street Nameplates – The hedges would be inspected and action taken, the road signs would be replaced at an early date and a reply was still awaited from the District Council regarding street nameplates.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A Item for Decision

Play Equipment Inspection

63/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk in asking Ian Yates to effect to the repairs notified by the Insurance Company be confirmed, and

2. That the Insurance Company is requested to include the new slide on Glenpark Drive in the policy.
Items received since circulation of agenda.

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

64/2000 RESOLVED:- That a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman; Mrs L Standish-Gore and Messrs B Birkby and J R Foster be appointed to

make recommendations to the full Council for amendments and changes to the Standing Orders of the Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

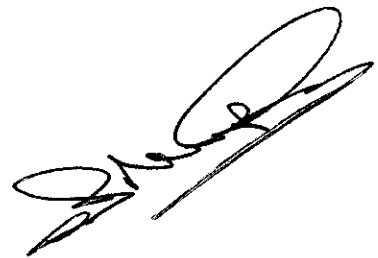
65/2000 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

WAIVING OF STANDING ORDER No 17

66/2000 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining item of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

CLERK'S CONTRACT AND STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS OF
EMPLOYMENT

67/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk's Contract and Statement of Particulars of Employment be approved and formally submitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Clerk for signature.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. P.', written diagonally across the page.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 29th August 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and
H Tompkins

Messrs B Birkby and J R Foster

Apologies were received from Messrs I Ashcroft and P J A Sergeant
And one member of the public was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th JULY 2000

68/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th
July 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group
Mr J R Foster reported on the meeting which discussed the following:-

Morning gap of 1½ hours in the bus service; Direct link from Hesketh Bank to Ormskirk; Number of parents who drive children to school; Extra buses to go through Mere Brow; Experimental all zone ticket (would need District Council contribution); Re-opening of the Burscough curves.

2. West Lancs Environmental Network List of members and Green Directories circulated to Members of the Council.

3. Environmental Issues – Local tips Etc. Only Mr J R Foster had expressed a view on the filling in of the Outmarsh gutters.

4. Transfer of land to Parish Council Mr J R Foster suggested that careful note must be taken of the area of land at Glen Park Drive to be transferred to the Parish Council.

5. The Draft School Organisational Plan for Lancashire The Council's comments would be considered by the Sub-Committee of the County Council.

6. Area Consultative Forums The response to the effect that the workings of the Forums would be reviewed after 12 months was noted.

69/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be nominated to represent the Parish Council at meetings of the Area Consultative Forum.

7. Centenary Sports Ground – Bowling Club Lease The word 'and' was the link between the two parts of the resolution.

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8. Clerk's Contract and Statement of Particulars of Employment The position regarding Income Tax and National Insurance paid by the Clerk was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Lancashire County Council – Modernising Local Government

70/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the County Council's Consultation Document

2. The Future of Waste Management in Lancashire The Chairman undertook to look on the County Council's Website for updates on the latest position.

71/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the County Council's Consultation Document, and

2. That the District Council be requested to provide more re-cycling facilities in the Parish.

3. South Lancashire Health Authority – Proposed Primary Care Trust for West Lancashire

72/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Consultation Document.

4. The British Association for the Advancement of Science

73/2000 RESOLVED:- That a copy of the letter be passed to the School.

5. The Renewal of Pensioners' Bus Passes

74/2000 RESOLVED:- That the comments made by the resident of Moss Lane be supported with the addition that 50% of the people who qualify in Hesketh Bank do not live near to a bus route, and a copy of the letter be sent to the resident concerned.

6. The Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning The information on this Council held by the Joint Committee was correct.

7. Home-Start West Lancashire

75/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Organisation be invited to address a future meeting of the Parish Council.

8. LAP&TC – Annual General Meeting

76/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be nominated to represent the Council at the AGM of the LAP&TC with Mr I Ashcroft as reserve.

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

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
2. District Council – Members' Briefing Bulletin No 58
3. County Council – Meeting of Southern Area Consultative Committee in Preston on 4th September 2000
4. County Council – Local Transport Plan 2001/02 – 2005/06
5. Community Futures Magazine – September 2000 edition
6. LCC Heritage Open Days – 16/17 September 2000

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

77/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Lewis Adams Photography – Registration of Domain Name - £ 10.55

2. Annual Audit

78/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Accounts for the Year 1999/2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to the Auditor.

3. Erection of Concrete Fence between the Centenary Sports Ground and the Village Institute Site The Football Club had agreed to pay £400 towards the cost of the work provided the Club could stage the payments.

79/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council pay £400 towards the erection of the concrete fence at The Centenary Sports Ground,

2. That the Parish Council pay to the Village Institute a sum of £800 to include the £400 to be paid by the Football Club, and,

3. That the Football Club be allowed to pay the Parish Council the £400 in four equal instalments of £100 provided the full amount is paid before the end of the financial year in March 2001.

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following had been received:-

- a. Hesketh Bank Cricket Club – Rental for CSG for 2000/2001 - £213.00 (The Club was unable to contribute to the access road at this time)

- b. Hesketh Bank AFC – Second payment for access road - £250.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were raised:-

The need for the Parish Council to identify points in the village for the traffic monitoring exercise and for the Council to look at sports facilities in the light of a possibility that the facilities at Tarleton could be oversubscribed next year.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

80/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/2000/0749 Change of use to residential – Barn at Lambourn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

2. Planning Committee – 31 August 2000

81/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/2000/0549 Proposed access road – ‘Woodholme’, Anchorage Avenue, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Refused)

b. No 08/2000/0551 Outline –Detached bungalow and garage – Land rear of 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Refused)

3. District Council Planning Seminar

82/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Standish-Gore be nominated to attend the Seminar on 1st November 2000, and the District Council be advised that the afternoon would be more convenient insofar as this Council's nominations are concerned.

4. “The Brow”, Conservation Area The revised boundaries and Notice of Direction had been received.

83/2000 RESOLVED:- That the revised boundaries be noted, and no comments be made to the District Council on the Notice of Direction.

5. "Poppyfields" Development, off Station Road, Hesketh Bank

The following were noted:-

- a. Morris Homes had requested costings for repairing the hedge and would complete the work if the cost was reasonable. The Divisional County Surveyor was investigating, with Morris Homes, the ownership of the hedge.
- b. The compound was required to remain for health and safety reasons but the area would be reshaped following the compound's removal.
- c. Full cleaning of the drains had been undertaken which would be prepared for adoption by the local authority.

84/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be asked why the Public Open Space has not been provided before now bearing in mind that in a development in Tarleton a similar area was provided prior to the commencement of construction.

6. Centenary Sports Ground, Station Road, Hesketh Bank It was noted that the Football Club had applied for permission to retain the caravan for serving refreshments on match days.

7. Parish Map Project The Chairman and Mr J R Foster were providing the information required by the District Council.

85/2000 RESOLVED:- That be permission be sought from the County Council to site the Map at the bottom of Station Road Bridge, near to the Play Area, facing the road.

B. Items to Note The following applications determined since last meeting were noted:-

1. No 08/2000/0601 – Replacement front porch – 1A Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
2. No 08/2000/0145 – Nature pond – land rear of 92 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
3. No 08/20000629 – Front porch – 33 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
4. No 08/20000631 – Conversion and extension of garage to provide living accommodation and attached car port – 167 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
5. No 08/2000/0633 – Two storey extension at side – 34 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
6. No 08/20000702 – Single storey extension at rear – 24 Greenfields, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision



1. Speed Limits – Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road,
Hesketh Bank

86/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the offer of a meeting with the County Council Officers on Wednesday, 20th September 2000 be accepted,

2. That it be suggested that the meeting convene at the corner of Chapel Road and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank at 2.00pm, and

3. That the County Officers be requested to consider the provision of red lines prior to the 30mph speed limit sign on Shore Road in order to reduce the speed of vehicles before they reach the school.

2. Painting of Bus Shelters A quotation had been received from Mr B Parkinson and the Clerk undertook to contact Autocross regarding that company's quotation.

1. Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme

87/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Chief Constable regarding the Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme

2. Grasscutting – Station Road Bridge

88/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to complain to the County Council about the lack of grasscutting on this area.

3. Closure of Footpath No 5

89/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked why the footpath is being closed and why the Parish Council was not notified in advance.

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

Definitive Map – Public Inquiry Claim for a bridleway from Moss Lane to Shore Road

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Millennium Garden

90/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to undertake an additional clean up of the Millennium Garden.

2. Street Seats

91/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to repair the seat at School Fold.

3. Recreation Ground Play Area

92/2000 RESOLVED:- That the police be advised that the Recreation Ground Play Area is being used as a 'drinking den'.

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

Play Area Equipment Repairs – Now completed.

ITEMS RAISED BY MR J R FOSTER

1. LAP&TC Information Pack Mr Foster asked what benefits were to be gained from membership of the LAP&TC and the Vice-Chairman outlined some of the benefits enjoyed by the Parish Council over the years.

2. Local Council Review It was reported that the Local Council Review was published every month with the copy available for any member of the Council who wished to read it.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

The Club was still considering the Parish Council's offer of a further meeting.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk had produced an alternative copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 200 which complied with the relevant legislation.

93/2000 RESOLVED:- That future minutes of Parish Council meetings be prepared on the basis of the minimum required to comply with legislation.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Chairman reported on the costs of preparing and distributing a newsletter through the Champion weekly free newspaper and members suggested a number of amendments to the Chairman's draft.

94/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to produce and distribute a Parish newsletter, at 6 monthly intervals, at the following estimated costs:-

- a. Printing - £ 60 per issue
- b. Distribution - £ 22.50 + VAT per issue

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman had registered a domain name for the Parish Council and had been designing a Council Website, which was demonstrated to the Council.

95/2000 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be extended to the Chairman for his work in designing the Parish Council Website.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 25th September 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and
H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter
and P Sergeant

Also present: Mrs Cerys Smye-Rumsby (Home-Start West Lancashire)

Apologies were received from the Clerk and Mr J Hunter undertook to take the notes of the meeting to enable the Clerk to write the minutes. Councillor J R Foster questioned whether Councillor Hunter could take the minutes and take part in the meeting and was advised that it was in order.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 29th AUGUST, 2000

96/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th August 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

HOME-START WEST LANCASHIRE

Mrs Cerys Smye-Rumsby gave a short talk on the work being undertaken in the district by Home-Start West Lancashire. She worked part-time and the organisation would help any family in West Lancashire with referrals coming from Health Centres and Social Workers or, in some cases by self-referral.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Smye-Rumsby for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – Meeting 26/09/2000 This would be held at North Meols Community Centre on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to Councillors.

2. Renewal of Pensioners' Bus Passes The response from the District Council, which had been circulated to Members, was noted but concern was expressed about the bus fares for pensioners in Lancashire.

97/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the District Council and the local MP's regarding pensioners' bus fares in Lancashire.

3. Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme An interim reply had been received with a detailed reply to follow.
4. LAP&TC An Information Sheet and copy of the 1998/99 Annual Report had been circulated and details of the AGM for this year were circulated.
5. Under-Age Drinking in Hesketh Bank The Council's concerns had been passed to PC Graham Wilson who would be in touch with the Council in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision.

1. LAP&TC – Training Day No-one had applied to go prior to the closing date for nominations.
 2. RoSPA – Playing Fields Assessment The cost would be at least £ 250.00 per field and the Council were not enthusiastic.
 3. Fire Service Millennium Auction This would be considered at the appropriate time with other request for donations.
 4. Community Legal Service Partnership for Central & South Lancashire – Seminar Details were noted.
 5. Beacon Millennium Ltd – Beacon Bonfire or Beacon Brazier Details were noted.
 6. Tarleton Community Primary School A letter from the Education Department was read out which explained that the Council's nomination, Councillor Mrs H Tompkins, had not been appointed. The Clerk had drafted a proposed reply, which was also read to the meeting.
- 98/2000 RESOLVED:- That the draft response be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council.
7. Periodic Electoral Review of West Lancashire – Final Recommendations The Council noted that Hesketh Bank would be entitled to 2 District Councillors under these proposals.
 8. Best Kept Village Competition The Vice-Chairman reported that the Parish had been awarded the Adlington Trophy for the most improved large village. Details of the presentation would be advised when available.
 9. UK Strategy for Radioactive Discharges – Proposed reply from WLDC The proposed response of the District Council to the consultation paper had been circulated to Members.



99/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's concerns be forwarded to the LAP&TC and the District Council be requested to provide details of samples taken in the River Douglas.

10. West Lancs Environmental Network – Members' News Reports

100/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Network be requested to lobby other Councils in coastal areas with regard to radioactive waste in the sea and in rivers.

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

1. District Council – Agendas
 - a. Executive Committee – 5 September
 - b. Central Services Review Committee – 19 September
 - c. Housing & Health Review Committee – 20 September
 - d. Development & Leisure Review Committee – 21 September
 - e. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 26 September
2. District Council - Members' Updates
 - a. Central Services Review Committee – Issue 2
 - b. Development & Leisure Review Committee – Issue 2
 - c. Housing & Health Review Committee – Issue 2
 - d. Planning Committee – Issues 3 & 4
3. LAP&TC – Summer Newsletter
4. West Lancs Environmental Network – August Update
5. West Lancs CHC – Annual Report 1999/2000
6. Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2000
7. Local Council Review – September 2000
8. West Lancashire Police and Community Forum – Monday 2 October 2000 at Tarleton High School
9. West Lancashire Housing Strategy Statement 2000-2003 - First Revision July 2000

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

101/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk and Chairman, in authorising the payment of the following account, be confirmed:-

Champion Newspapers – Delivery of Newsletter -

£ 26.44

2. That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Yates Playgrounds – Repairs to equipment -	£159.80
b.	Andrew Coxhead – Hedgecutting -	£139.83
c.	Brian Rimmer – Clerk's salary & expenses -	£775.58
d.	Prontaprint – Printing newsletter -	£ 60.00

3. That the Clerk be authorised to issue the cheques when the chequebook is returned from the Auditor.

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

1. Receipts

West Lancashire District Council – 2nd half of Precept - £3311.00
(The Council could now pay the 2nd part of the contribution to Tarleton Swimming Pool)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

102/2000 RESOLVED:-
on the application indicated:-

1. That the following comments be made

a. No 08/2000/0819 Retention of hardstanding and use as practice area in connection with motorcycle training – Rimington, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) - The District Council be advised that Guide Road is one of the busiest in the parish as regards heavy goods vehicles and that there is also a heavy goods vehicle training school down Guide Road; and that the Parish Council suggests care should be given in setting down the hours of operation of this facility.

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

a. No 08/2000/0832 Conservatory on side elevation – 65 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

b. No 08/2000/0854 Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (Renewal of permission 08/98/0739) – Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

- c. No 08/2000/0858 Conservatory at rear – 61 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/2000/0893 Conservatory at side – 2 Langdale Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/2000/0899 Detached 3-car garage at rear – 427 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Planning Committee – 28th September 2000

There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. Poppyfields Development, Station Road, HESKETH BANK
Letters from and to the District Council were noted.

103/2000 RESOLVED:- That further letters be sent to the District Council, regarding this issue, every month.

4. Landfill Site – Henry Alty's Ltd A letter from the Environment Agency had been circulated and was noted.

104/2000 RESOLVED:- That further clarification be sought about the Exclusion Zone at this site.

5. Parish Map Project – Location

105/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk and Chairman be authorised to supply the information required by the County Council regarding the proposed site for the map case.

6. Re-cycling facilities A letter from the District Council was noted.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

- 1. Applications and Appeals determined since last meeting
 - a. No 08/2000/0974 Erection of 42 no detached houses and 4 semi-detached houses, new vehicular access and estate road, provision of public open space– Land off Station Road & The Green, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - b. No 08/2000/0551 Outline – Detached bungalow & garage – Land rear of 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)
 - c. No 08/2000/0549 Proposed access road to 'Woodholme' – Land leading to 'Woodholme', Anchorage Avenue, from Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)
 - d. No 08/2000/0647 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear – 8 Cornflower Close, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Marsh Road – Damage to verges A letter from NWWA regarding the verges was noted.
2. Station Road – Stop tap covers Had been repaired.
3. Station Road Bridge Embankment A letter from the Divisional County Surveyor was noted.
4. Temporary Road Closure – C142 Marsh Road, Banks Details of the proposed closure were noted.
5. Traffic situation – Tarleton & Hesketh Bank – Members were asked to identify sites for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.
6. Speed Limits – Marsh Road, Banks & Shore Road, Hesketh Bank The Chairman reported on the site meeting held last week. The County Council's Officer had not been very sympathetic to this Council's concerns but the Police had undertaken to put traffic survey equipment in the vicinity of the junction of Shore Road/Glenpark Drive.

106/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to delay putting the traffic survey equipment in place until the proposed closure of Marsh Road, Banks has ended.

7. Painting of Bus Shelters The Council has still only received one estimate.

107/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Council await the receipt of a second estimate before letting a contract for this work.

7. Public Footpath No 5 – Temporary closure A letter from the County Council, regarding notification of closures, was noted. There was some confusion as to what part of the footpath was to be closed.

108/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to supply a map upon which is marked the length of footpath to be closed.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

109/2000 RESOLVED:- That representatives of the Bowling & Social Club be invited to meet the Centenary Sports Ground Committee on Monday, 16th October 2000 in the Village Institute at 7.30pm.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 23rd October 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter and P Sergeant

One member of the press was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25th SEPTEMBER, 2000

110/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – Minutes of Meeting 26/09/2000 The minutes had been circulated and Messrs Ball and Foster reported that issues raised included the fact that late buses from Southport to Preston were not being used in the middle parishes; the high cost of fares; and a possible 7 days a week service from Mere Brow to Ormskirk. It was also reported that previous requests for a circular service through the Northern Parishes and a service from the Northern Parishes to Ormskirk had been refused.

2. Renewal of Pensioners' Bus Passes Replies were still awaited from the District Council and the two M.P's. It was suggested that the County Council might be meeting half the cost of the passes in the future.

3. Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme A further response was still awaited.

4. Radioactive Discharges in West Lancashire (Mr I Ashcroft arrived during consideration of this item) The Environment Agency had indicated that radiation levels in the River Douglas sediments were well below the maximum public exposure limits. The District Council had sent a copy of the latest Radmil Report and had offered to attend a meeting to explain the current situation.

South Ribble BC had recently organised a meeting of interested parties and it was suggested that the Parish Council should do the same.

111/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact MAFF, Lowestoft; BNFL; and the District Council about the possibility of sending a representative to a Public Meeting in the Parish to discuss radiation levels in the area.

5. Parish Map Project It was suggested that the map should be proof read in the Parish before being placed on display.

6. Exclusion zone at Alty's Tip A response from the District Council was awaited.

7. Best Kept Village The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been presented with the Adlington Trophy on Saturday and suggested that it be placed on display around the village.

112/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to arrange a timetable for the display of the trophy at premises and at groups throughout the Village.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. WLDC – How Should WLDC be Run A questionnaire had been received giving 3 options for the future structure of the District Council.

113/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council is concerned about the cost of the proposed change and would favour the retention of the Committee system.

2. The Samaritans & Lancs Youth Service – Awareness Day
There was no interest in attending this function.

3. LAP&TC – AGM – Resolutions It was reported that the Chairman and Mr I Ashcroft were unable to attend and the representatives would be the Vice-Chairman and Mrs L Standish-Gore.

114/2000 RESOLVED:- That the 2 delegates be authorised to listen to the various debates and vote accordingly.

4. Road Issues Focus Group West Lancashire This Group would appear to deal with all road issues within the West Lancashire District area.

115/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to register the Parish Council's interest in attending meetings of this Group.

5. Ormskirk Town Centre CCTV The Vice-Chairman had been going to represent the Council but the time was changed and she was not able to go.

6. Creation of New NHS Trust – Wroughtington and Wigan & Leigh

116/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

7. Area Consultation Forums The Chairman had received details of a Training Session, which appeared to include Clerks of Parish Councils. The Clerk would speak to the District Council about this session.

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

1. District Council – Agendas
 - a. Standards Committee – 3 October
 - b. Executive Committee – 10 October
 - c. Cable TV Committee – 11 October
 - d. Full Council – 11 October
2. District Council - Members' Updates
 - a. Planning Committee – Issue 5
3. District Council – Members Briefing Bulletin No 59
4. LAP&TC – West Lancs. Area Committee – 13 October
Items discussed included Crimestoppers, Rural Youth Work development & Speed reductions and Road Safety.
5. LCC – School Organisational Plan for Lancashire 2000-2005
6. Community Futures – November 2000
7. Lancashire's Rural Touring Network 2000-2001 Programme
8. The Fifth Fuel Newsletter – Autumn 2000
9. West Lancashire Countryside – Autumn/Winter programme 2000
10. The Voice Magazine from District Council
11. Area Consultative Forums Leaflet

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

117/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	David Ward Cleaning Services – Bus shelters	£ 150.00
b.	Tarleton High School – Balance of Grant	£ 1000.00
c.	Village Institute – Contribution to Fence (50% to be paid by Football Club)	£ 800.00
d.	Mr A Murphy – Picture Frame for BKV Certificate	£ 4.99
e.	Mr B Parkinson – Repairs to seat	£ 30.00
	Maintenance of Grounds (Contract)	£ 150.00
	Millennium Garden – Add. Work	£ 120.00

2. Childline North West – Request for Donation

118/2000 RESOLVED:- That the request be deferred until later in the Financial Year.

3. Parish Council Capital Schemes – 2001-2002 The District Council was requesting bids by 17 November 2000.

119/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That estimates be obtained for consideration at the next meeting for the following schemes:-

- a. Centenary Sports Ground – Completion of Access Road
- b. Changing Hut at Recreation Ground – Refurbishment of Outside.

2. That an estimate be obtained for emergency repairs to the Changing Hut for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

120/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the comments indicated be made on the following application:-

No 08/2000/0954 Removal of conditions 4 on planning permission reference 08/92/0225 (use restriction) to allow use as produce centre for storage and distribution – Anadale Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

The Parish Council object on the following grounds:- Road safety due to the presence of two bends near to the site on a narrow road with a speed limit of 60mph; Poor sight lines for vehicles entering and leaving the site; Will create an increase in the number of HGV's passing through an already congested village centre; Vehicles currently load and unload on the road causing a hazard to traffic on Shore Road.

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

No 08/2000/1029 Installation of roller shutter at front and rear of premises - 1 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

No 08/2000/1038 Greenhouse - Barn End, 94B Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)



2. Planning Committee – 26th October 2000

121/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/2000/0944 Substitution of plots 17-18 and 27-28; and including the repositioning of plots 19-26 and 29 – Land off The Green, HESKETH BANK

No E/2000/0025 Enforcement Notice – Untidy site - 9 The Brow, HESKETHBANK - Site to be cleared in 3 months.

No 08/2000/0943 Removal of condition 18 on planning permission ref.: 08/2000/0079 – (requiring driveway to plot one to be accessed from existing turning head) in lieu of L.C.C. highways works – land at The Green, HESKETH BANK

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

No 08/2000/0749 Conversion of barn to dwelling - “Lambourn”, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – GRANTED)

No 08/2000/0819 Retention of hardstanding and use as practice area in connection with motorcycle training - Land at rear of “Rimington”, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – GRANTED with conditions as to times of use; number of motorcycles etc.)

3. Poppyfields Development, Station Road, HESKETH BANK The District Council were prepared to start enforcement action but the portacabins had been removed and the site fenced.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting

No 08/2000/0079 Residential development comprising 3 terraced dwellings; 26 detached dwellings and garages; estate roads; public open space; and highway improvements at junction of Chapel Road/Station Road, and the junction of Chapel Road/The Green, including new mini-roundabout – Land off The Green, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2000/0832 Conservatory on side elevation – 65 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision



1. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank – Speed Survey The Police had reported that, as a result of a survey near to the school, although traffic had increased over the past 5 years, the 85-percentile speed of traffic had reduced. The Council was still concerned about the speed of traffic through the village.

122/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the issue of the speed of traffic through the village is taken up with the media,

2. That the County Council and the Police be asked what steps they are going to take in the Parish as a result of the “Together we can make a difference” campaign, as that does not appear to apply in Parished areas.

3. Traffic situation – Tarleton & Hesketh Bank

123/2000 RESOLVED:- That, at the appropriate time, traffic surveys be undertaken on Station Road, Shore Road and Moss Lane.

4. Delta Park Drive The fence between Delta Park Drive and Poppyfields was dangerous and also the wire mesh fence enclosing the ditch also required repair.

124/2000 RESOLVED:- That these fences be reported to Morris Homes for attention.

B. Items to Note The following was noted:-

Public Footpath No 5 – Temporary closure A map of the footpath to be closed had been received. It was agreed to check in 5 months time whether the footpath had been re-opened.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road The Vice-Chairman reported that there were 21 broken flags between Shore Road and Delta Park estate and the football pitch and surrounds required cutting. It was further reported that the Football Club had cut the pitch and the Council’s contractor had cut the surrounds. There was an abandoned car in the car park and the concrete posts on the School Fold side had been broken and removed.

125/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Education Department is advised that the mowing of the football pitch was their responsibility,

2. That the Police be advised about the abandoned car,

3. That Mr B Parkinson is asked for an estimate for two new concrete posts with deeper footings.

TARLETON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

126/2000 RESOLVED:- That the suggested response regarding membership of the Governing Body be forwarded to the Education Department.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

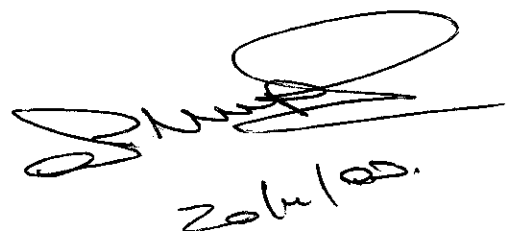
1. Meeting with Bowling & Social Club The Council considered a report of the recent meeting with the Bowling and Social Club, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book.

127/2000 RESOLVED:- That the action suggested in the report now presented is adopted and further contact from the Bowling and Social Club be awaited.

STANDING ORDER No 17

It being 10.00pm, the Chairman declared the meeting closed and the following item would, therefore, be referred to the next meeting of the Council:-

Centenary Sports Ground - Access Road – Road Humps



Handwritten signature and date: 20/6/00.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 20 November 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and
H Tompkins

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

Two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd OCTOBER 2000

128/2000 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the apologies of Mrs J Birkby being recorded, the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd October 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Messrs J Hunter and P Sergeant arrived at this point.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Legality of Meeting Councillor J R Foster challenged the legality of the meeting as a Member of the Football Club had not declared an interest during a discussion on the Centenary Sports Ground Access Road and the Changing Hut on the Recreation Ground. He suggested the Council might be guilty of a criminal offence.

The Chairman was satisfied that no irregularities had taken place.

Mr I Ashcroft arrived during discussion on the above item.

Mrs H Tompkins arrived at this point.

2. Renewal of Pensioners' Bus Passes A letter from the District Council regarding the renewal of pensioners bus passes, which would be looked at under the Best Value Legislation, was noted.

The question of the same taxi company charging different fares for the same journey was raised and would be taken up by the District Councillor.

3. Disclaimer – Alty's Tip, Station Road The Development Control Manager of the District Council had written to explain the steps taken by the Planning Department in respect of developments near to waste tips, including Alty's Tip in Hesketh Bank.



Concern was expressed about the possibility of radian gas and poisonous chemicals being present and that chemicals could find their way into the River Douglas.

129/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked about past, present and future monitoring of Alty's Tip, Hesketh Bank.

4. Best Kept Village Trophy – Display in Parish The Trophy had been displayed at the School and would then go to All Saints Church. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman undertook to draw up a list of future places where the trophy would be displayed for circulation to members of the Council.

5. WLDC- How Should WLDC be run? The District Council would take the Council's comments into consideration and all Councillors were urged to send in their own comments.

6. Local Agenda 21 – Road Issues Focus Group, West Lancashire A copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Group had been received and the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 6 December at Ormskirk with the following meeting on 24 January 2001.

7. Wrightington Hospital Proposals The Council's views had been acknowledged but members could forward their own views on the proposals.

8. CE School – Grasscutting A reply was still awaited.

9. Shore Road Car Park – Abandoned Car This had been removed.

10. Tarleton Primary School – Governors The Chairman of the Governors would be asked if the Governors wished to consider the Council's letter at the next meeting in March 2001.

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

Discussion took place on policing issues in the Parish including the damage to a bus shelter in Chapel Road; the new system whereby all telephone calls go to Hutton Police HQ; the staffing of Off-licence premises in the Parish; the number of empty bottles collected in the Parish and the current level of Policing in the Northern Parishes in general and this Parish in particular.

130/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to request Autocross to effect repairs to the damaged bus shelter in Chapel Road, and

2. That representations be made to the Chief Constable regarding the reduced coverage being afforded by the Constabulary to the Northern Parishes and, in particular, Hesketh Bank.



BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Centenary Sports Ground, Access Road – Road Humps The Council considered a request from a resident for the road humps to be adapted to allow a motorised scooter to pass along the access road.

131/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ascertain the width of the scooter to enable the request to be accommodated as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision.

1. WLDC – Explaining the Planning Process – Evening Seminar
At least six councillors were interested in attending an Evening Seminar subject to the date being convenient.

2. Environment Agency – Waste Management Licence – Clifton Marsh Phase 4

132/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments are made on this application.

3. Rural Services Survey 2000

133/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to complete and submit this survey.

4. Local Agenda 21 Leaflet

134/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request a copy of the leaflet for each member of the Council.

5. Tarleton High School – Community Users' Swimming Pool Meeting This would be held on Tuesday, 21 November at 4.30pm. No Councillor was willing to represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

135/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request details of all the items for discussion.

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

1. Remembrance Sunday - Mr I Ashcroft to take up with the Church the problems that occurred at the service this year and the Clerk to write a letter of welcome to the new Rector on behalf of the Council.

2. District Council

a. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum 09/11/00
A request to record in the minutes an issue relating to the ~~conduct~~ of the Chairman at the meeting of the Forum was defeated. *Questions asked by*

b. Executive Committee 14/11/00

c. Members Briefing Bulletin No 60

- d. Members' Update – Planning Committee No 6
- e. Statement of Accounts – Year Ending 31/02/00
- 3. CPRE – West Lancashire Sub-Committee
- 4. Home Start – Posters - Posters had been displayed on the Notice Boards
- 5. Clerks & Councils Direct – Nov 2000
- 6. Local Council Review – Nov 2000
- 7. District Council – Agenda for Licensing & Appeals Committee
- 8. West Lancashire Environment Network – Green Connections Directory The copy was placed in the Library and the Clerk was requested to ask the Network why the Parish Council was not included.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

136/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. WLDC – Election costs £ 60.78
- b. CPRE - Membership fee £ 17.50
- c. Royal British Legion - Poppy wreath £ 15.00
- d. Brian Parkinson - Re-siting of seat at Recreation Ground £ 65.00

2. That the action of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor I Ashcroft, in consultation with the Clerk, in authorising the re-siting of the seat as a matter of urgency, be confirmed.

2. Credit Account – Henry Alty Ltd.

137/2000 RESOLVED:- That the credit account with Henry Alty Ltd., be allowed to lapse.

3. Parish Council Capital Schemes – 2001-2002

138/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following schemes be submitted to the District Council for consideration for inclusion in the Parish Councils Capital Programme 2001/2002:-

- a. Centenary Sports Ground, Station Road – Completion of surfacing access road, provision of drainage and part surfacing of car park - Approx. cost - £5000
- b. Recreation Ground, Shore Road - Replacement of changing hut - Approx. cost - £5000

4. Changing Hut, Recreation Ground, Shore Road Two quotations had been received for works to secure the building. It was considered that the quotations were not comparable.



139/2000 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Brian Parkinson for emergency repairs to the changing hut is accepted in the sum of £ 330.00.

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

Receipts

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| a. | WLDC - Concurrent expenditure – 2 nd payment | £ 2220.28 |
| b. | Hesketh Bank FC - Access road – 3 rd payment | £ 250.00 |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The only item raised was the changing hut at the Recreation Ground.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

140/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2000/1044 Single storey extension at rear – 23 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/2000/1083 Single storey extension at side – 9 Greenfields, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/2000/1029 Retention of roller shutter at front and rear of premises – 1 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That additional information be requested in respect of the following application:-

- d. No 08/2000/1071 Extension to existing farm produce store including covered loading area – 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Planning Committee – 23rd November 2000

141/2000 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/2000/0954 - Removal of condition 4 on planning permission Ref. 08/92/0225 (use restriction) to allow use as produce centre for storage and distribution – Anadale Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK
(RECOMMENDATION – Refused)

3. Poppyfields Development, Station Road, Hesketh Bank Morris Homes were investigating the fences.

142/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to speak to the Environmental Health Department about the unsafe fences, and

2. That the Planning Department is requested to provide an up-to-date plan of the latest development by Morris Homes.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications and Appeals determined since last meeting
 - a. No 08/2000/0749 - Conversion of barn to dwelling – Barn at Lambourn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - b. No 08/2000/0819 - Retention of hard standing and use as practise area in connection with motorcycle training – Rimington, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/2000/0854 - Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (Renewal of pp 08/98/0739) – Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - d. No 08/2000/0893 - Conservatory at side – 2 Langdale Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - e. No 08/2000/0943 - Removal of condition 18 on planning permission Ref. 08/2000/0079 (requiring driveway to plot 1 to be accessed from existing turning head) in lieu of highway works - (Removal of existing turning head) – Land at The Green, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - f. No 08/2000/0944 - Substitution of plots 17-18 and 27-28; and including the repositioning of plots 19-26 and 29 – Land off The Green, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
2. Enforcement Action - 9 The Brow, Hesketh Bank This had been approved by the Committee and was being actioned.
3. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – Residential developments

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limits - Shore Road, Hesketh Bank Replies had been received from the Police and the Surveyor's Department regarding the policies in respect of road safety. The Parish Council would be consulted on a small scheme in the near future. Concern was expressed about the pavement on the south side of Shore Road.

143/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to take action to clear the pavement on the south side of Shore Road which, in places is down to 1 ft wide.

2. Items raised by Councillor J R Foster

- a. Surface Water & Possible Sewage Water Problems



144/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following be reported to the appropriate authority:-

1. Surface water running down the Brow onto Marsh Road (additional drain required in the road)
2. Surface water tracking round from The Brow onto Shore Road and missing the grid
3. Sewage pipes have been gassing for the last 10 years and urgent attention is required due to additional flow in the system with the construction of new properties on Poppyfields and the adjacent sites.
4. A large number of drains in the village have not been taking water over the past few weeks of heavy rain and require attention.

b. Ponding & Flooding, Shore Road

145/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following matters be reported to the appropriate authority:-

1. The top end of Dunkirk Dib, by Dib Road, the culvert from Tarleton is flooding over the top and requires attention.
2. The cutaways on the north side of Shore Road are blocked and require attention (suggest that the verges be removed to allow surface water to run directly into the adjacent ditch)

c. The Brow Wall

146/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the Parish Council's concern that the wall is now in a worse state than when previous remedial action was taken.

d. Health & Safety It was suggested that newcomers to the village should be made aware of the various poisons which may be used on land in the Parish.

147/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked for its policy on the use of poisons.

3. Marsh Road, Banks It was reported that the road would be closed from 27 November 2000 for a period of 2 weeks.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Parish Map Project – Location Details of the proposed board had been submitted to the County Council.

148/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked for information about Heritage Maps which have been provided in some areas of the District

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

149/2000 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Brian Parkinson for the supply and fixing of 2 bollards at the School Fold entrance be accepted in the sum of £ 120.00

2. Centenary Sports Ground


150/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Bowling Club be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the Club filling in the worst of the holes in the access road and car park, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to write to Chelmere Homes to complain about vehicles delivering to the site off Station Road parking on private land, i.e. the access road to the Sports Ground.

RADIOACTIVE DISCHARGES IN RIVER DOUGLAS ETC.

The Clerk reported that all agencies approached had agreed to take part in a public meeting. It was also reported that the Ribble Link Project was being revived at a launch later this month.

151/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to approach Lancaster University to ask if it would be possible for students of the University to undertake a survey of radiation levels in the Rivers Douglas and Ribble on behalf of the Parish Council with the results presented in layman's language rather than the technical language used in existing reports.



2/1/2001.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 2 January 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and
H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R C Ball; B Birkby and J R Foster

Five members of the press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 20 NOVEMBER 2000

152/2000 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 November 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3 Correspondence – B. Items to Note - No 2a.

District Council – Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum 09/11/2000

“A request to record in the minutes an issue relating to the conduct of the Chairman at the meeting of the Forum was defeated.” to read

“A request to record in the minutes an issue relating to questions asked by the Chairman at the meeting of the Forum was defeated.”

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Pensioner's Travel Passes Mr D Borrow MP had written to the Chief Executive of the District Council in support of the Parish Council and was awaiting a reply.

2. Alty's Tip, Station Road The District Council had indicated that the tip only received non-hazardous inert material but the Environment Agency regulate all activities on the tip and should records of materials deposited there. Also, that heavy boulder clay prevented gas migrating off the tip and other materials migrating into watercourses.



Members suggested that there was an outlet from the clay hole into the river and the clay quarry had been moved since the 1960's/70's. In addition, the main sewer had been diverted through the site.

153/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Planning Department be requested to provide a plan of the site and immediate surroundings showing the 250 metres boundary within which planning applications are referred to the waste Disposal Authority,

2. That the District Council be advised of the outlet into the river and the movement of the clay quarry over the years, and

3. That the Environment Agency be requested to supply details of what has been tipped at this site going as far back as possible.

3. All Saint's CE School – Grasscutting The County Education Department that it was too wet for the Contractor's plant to enter the site to cut the grass.

4. Local Agenda 21 – Leaflets Leaflets had been obtained and circulated to members of the Council.

5. Policing in Hesketh Bank & Southern Communications Room Inspector P B Melling from Ormskirk would attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss these items.

6. Green Connections Directory The Clerk had written to the West Lancashire Environmental Network about the non-inclusion of the Parish Council in the Directory and was awaiting a reply.

7. CPRE Membership The membership had been acknowledged.

8. Parish Council Capital Schemes – 2001/2002 Applications had been made and a decision awaited.

9. Recreation Ground Works Orders placed for the two bollards, which had been erected, and repairs to the changing hut, which was awaiting better weather.

10. Ribble Link Launch Councillor R Ball had attended this event and a number of items had subsequently been printed in the Lancashire Evening Post.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision



1. Our Countryside: the future, A fair deal for rural England The Clerk undertook to obtain copies of the explanatory leaflet for all members of the Council.

2. LAT&TC Training 2001 Details of 4 training courses were noted and it was agreed to include monies in the estimates to allow members to attend these courses.

3. LAP&TC – Area Committee Meeting – 12 January 2001 The agenda for the meeting was noted.

4. Lancashire County Epiphany Service – 7 January 2001 The Chairman had been unable to attend and had declined the invitation.

B. Items to Note The following were noted or action agreed as indicated:-

1. District Council Committees & Council Meetings
 2. District Council Members' Updates
 - a. Central Services Review Committee No 3
 - b. Development & Leisure Review Committee No 3
 - c. Housing & Health Review Committee No 3
 - d. Planning Committee No 7
 3. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin No 61
 4. Lancashire Police Authority – West Lancashire Police & Community Forum on 15 January 2001 at Appley Bridge All Saints CE School at 7.30pm
 5. Lancashire Ambulance Service – “999 Where Are You?”
- Notices.
6. Community Futures Magazines – Dec 2000 & Jan 2001
 7. The Lancashire Playing Fields Association Annual Report 1999
 8. CPRE – Safer Country Lanes Campaign
 9. West Lancashire Environmental Network – Update
 10. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – 6 December 2000 at Hesketh Bank Councillor J R

Foster had attended and reported on discussions about siting bus timetables in Tarleton showing rail connections at Burscough and a £160,000 feasibility study regarding the re-opening of the Burscough Curves railway line. It was pointed out that the bus from Hesketh Bank did not connect with the Preston to Burscough & Ormskirk bus in Tarleton.

154/2000 RESOLVED:- That representations be made to the County Council for the buses from Hesketh Bank to be re-timed to connect with the service at Tarleton and a copy of the representations be sent to the District Council.

11. Best Kept Village Competition It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council and to circulate a copy of the Judge's Report for 2000 prior to the meeting.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for payment

155/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mr B Rimmer – Clerk's salary & expenses to 31/12/2000 £ 729.37
- b. Mr B Parkinson – Provision of 2 bollards on Rec. Ground £ 120.00
- c. Mrs N Goodier – Purchase of Xmas tree for Cropper Gardens
£ 25.00

2. Auditor's Report – 1999/2000

The Council considered and noted the Report of the Auditor on the Parish Councils' Accounts for 1999/2000. A number of items referred to the actual mechanics of preparing the accounts for audit and the Clerk would take these on board.

156/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Auditor be advised that the Council propose to deal with the following comments on the report as indicated:-

S 137 Expenditure The Clerk to check if the Council has a power to make grants to local organisations.

Clerk's Income Tax and National Insurance The Clerk had provided the Chairman with a letter setting out the current position and a copy would be sent to the District Auditor.

VAT All VAT will be reclaimed and the Clerk to obtain a copy of VAT Notices Nos. 749 and 749A and take advice on charging VAT on the hire of the Sports Ground.

3. Revised Estimates 2000/2001 & Estimates 2001/2002

The Council considered the Revised Estimates for 2000/2001 and the Estimates for 2001/2002 and in so doing gave consideration to the level of the Clerk's Salary for 2001/2002 and detailed consideration to the payment of grant to Tarleton High School Swimming Pool in 2001/2002. The Chairman pointed out that any discussion on the Clerk's salary would have to take place after the exclusion of the press and public.

The Council was concerned that the District Council's contribution would reduce to £6,000 next year, £3,000 in 2002/2003 and to zero in 2003/2004 and that employee's costs accounted for approximately 50% of the budget. It was suggested that although the LEA/District Council contribution was reducing, the Government were making more funds available direct to schools.

156/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Revised Estimates for the year 2000/2001, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be approved,

2. That the salary of the Clerk be increased by one increment, as previously agreed by the Council, to point SCP 21 on the Local Government Pay Scales giving a salary from 1 April 2001 of £ 2596 pa. (This part of the resolution was passed by 7 votes to 0 votes with 2 abstentions) and that the Clerk be requested to supply details of the Regulations governing the payment of a Gratuity on retirement,

3. That, in respect of Tarleton High School Swimming Pool:-

- a. The Council renews its grant of £ 2500 for the year 2001/2002 subject to the contribution being reviewed when the estimates for the year 2002/2003 are considered,
- b. The Clerk be authorised to request details from the School of all primary schools using the facilities and to pass on this Council's concerns regarding the cost of employees,
- c. The Clerk be authorised to ask Tarleton Parish Council if that Council would be prepared to make a joint approach for financial support towards the retention of the facility to the Parish Councils from whose areas schoolchildren are taken to Tarleton High School to learn to swim,
- d. The Clerk be authorised to advise the two local MP's of the current situation and seek their support to the retention of the facility.

4. That the amount to be included next year for expenditure on bus shelters be increased to £ 2500 to enable a further shelter to be replaced,

5. That, due to the amount currently available for expenditure on the allotments being equivalent to approximately 8 years rentals, nothing be included in next years estimates for maintenance of ditches and drains,

6. That, in the light of the comments made by Judges of the Best Kept Village Competition, the amount to be included next year for notice boards be increased to £200,

7. That, due to the current amount available in the Repairs and Renewals Fund, no provision be made for this fund next year,

8. That an amount of £200 be included in next years' estimates for assistance towards the entry into the Best Kept Village Competition,

9. That an amount of £1500 be included in next years' estimates for Parish Improvements,

10. That the amount of £1000 included in the current years' estimates for Community Safety be carried forward to the year 2001/2002 and no additional provision be made in next years estimates,

11. That the Estimates for the year 2001/2002, as amended by paragraphs 2 - 10 above, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be approved,

12. That consideration be given at the next meeting, to what charges should apply, if any, for the use of playing and changing facilities on the Recreation Ground, Shore Road,

13. That a precept of £12,394 be levied on West Lancashire District Council for the year 2001/2002.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor J Hodson of Tarleton Parish Council spoke about Tarleton High School Swimming Pool; Alty's Tip, which was classed as a biological heritage site and was a habitat for the Great Crested Newt; the Ribble Estuary Panel; the Government's Rural White Paper, which could be downloaded from the DETR Website; the Community Safety Strategy Working Group and the LA21 Northern Parishes Public Transport Forum. In respect of the latter, information was required on the number of pensioners in the Parish who could use a taxi if tokens were utilised for public transport rather than half price bus passes as at present.

Councillor Miss J Draper spoke about Tarleton High School and the reasons why North Meols Parish Council were not supporting the project.

157/2000 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Orders be waived to enable all members of the public present to speak.

Other issues raised were the Safer Country Lanes initiative of CPRE; road gullies in Taylor's Meanygate, Boundary Lane and Hundred End Lane; planning application No 08/2000/1170 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce – Land at 467 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank; policing in the village; lack of gritting on Moss Lane and other village roads; vandals in Chapel Road; and value for money in services provided by Local and other Authorities.

158/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Council objects to planning application No 08/2000/1170 on the grounds of excessive area of development in the Green Belt and request further details of the application.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

It being 10.00pm, in accordance with Standing Order No 17, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

As a result of the above decision, the following items are deferred to the next meeting of the Council:-

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

a. 08/2000/1133 – Application to determine as to whether Prior Approval is required for details – Extension to existing agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, seed and fertilizer – Land adj. 323 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

b. 08/2000/1138 – Retention of front boundary wall and erection of railings above – 168 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

c. 08/2000/1187 – Siting of telegraph pole to service existing 11,000-volt overhead line – land rear of 102 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

d. 08/2000/1194 – Detached double garage – 3 The Brow, Hesketh Bank

e. 08/2000/1170 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce – Land at 467 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

2. Planning Committee – 4 January 2001

No 08/2000/1071 – Extension to existing farm produce store including covered loading area – 165 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

3. “Explaining the Planning Process” Seminars – 17 & 31 January 2001

B. Items to Note

1. Applications approved since previous meeting

a. 08/2000/1044 – Single storey extension at rear – 23 Beconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank

b. 08/2000/1083 – Single storey extension at side – 9 Greenfields, Hesketh Bank

c. 08/2000/1029 – Retention of roller shutter at front and rear of premises – 1 Station Road, Hesketh Bank

2. “Poppyfields” Site, Station Road – Fences

3. “Poppyfields” Site, Station Road – Plans

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Station Road Sewer

2. Dunkirk Dib Culvert

3. Retaining wall – Station Road/Shore Road

4. Shore Road Footway

5. Water discharging - The Brow & Meadow Lane

6. Highway gullies

7. Shore Road – Drainage channels



8. Bus shelters
9. Winter maintenance of roads
10. Cycle racks
11. Modification of Definitive Map – Bridleway from Moss Lane to Shore Road

B. Items to Note

1. Parish Map site

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Play Equipment Inspection
2. Centenary Sports Ground – Parking of HGV's
3. Centenary Sports Ground – Road humps

RADIOACTIVE DISCHARGES ETC.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Use of Poisons in Agriculture
2. Sea defence embankment around Hesketh Bank and estuary flood plain and Operation Neptune



HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 29 January 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and
H Tompkins

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

Apologies were received from Mr J Hunter and the Clerk

Four members of the public and two members of the press were
present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd JANUARY 2001

159/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 2
January 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK AND SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS ROOM (Inspector P B Melling and PC G Wilson attended for this item)

Mr I Ashcroft arrived during consideration of this item.

Inspector Melling explained his background and responsibilities and gave the Council
a telephone number for use only to discuss issues of concern.

He explained the problems with the Communications Room and was confident the
situation was improving. Difficulties should be reported direct to Inspector Melling.
The Force were launching new radios which would go on trial in the Southern
Division and give better communication facilities to all officers and it was hoped to
utilise less Police Officers manning phones to enable them to be used on the beat.

Recently a conference on best practice for rural policing had been held in
Lincolnshire. A new 5-week rota system had been introduced which allowed for an
overlap of Officers at certain times of the day.

A member of the public had undertaken a survey throughout the village that showed
the majority of residents were not happy with police presence in the area. Inspector
Melling undertook to look at the situation and report back to a future meeting of the
Council. He also indicated that the future appointment of a Community safety
Warden would not alter policing in the area.

Special Constables were being recruited who would be able to work in their own
community, whilst a second bid had been made for CCTV cameras for use on housing
estates and in rural communities.

Inspector Melling undertook to arrange for a member of the Road Patrol Unit to attend the next meeting of the Council to talk about road safety, speeding and mud on roads.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Melling and PC Wilson for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Alty's Tip, Station Road A letter of explanation had been received from the Environment Agency and a plan had been received from the District Council. Members reported that there was a drain from the pond into the river.
- b. CPRE Membership The membership card and various information had been passed to Mrs L Standish-Gore.
- c. Parish Council Capital Schemes – 2001/2002 These would be considered by a Working Party on Thursday, 1 February 2001 at Ormskirk at 10.30am and Mr R Ball undertook to represent the Council.
- d. Our Countryside: the future Leaflets had been received and circulated.
- e. LAP&TC – Area Committee 12 January 2001 Items discussed included Community Safety Officers, CCTV bid and Alcohol-free zones.
- f. Bus connections in Tarleton A reply was still awaited from the County Council.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Planning Matters
 - A. Items for Decision
 1. Weekly Lists
 - a. 08/2000/1133 – Application to determine as to whether Prior Approval is required for details – Extension to existing agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, seed and fertilizer – Land adj. 323 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
 - b. 08/2000/1138 – Retention of front boundary wall and erection of railings above – 168 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (This had been granted)
 - c. 08/2000/1187 – Siting of telegraph pole to service existing 11,000-volt overhead line – land rear of 102 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) – More information was required.
 - d. 08/2000/1194 – Detached double garage – 3 The Brow, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) – This was in a Conservation Area and more information was required.
 - e. 08/2000/1170 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) – Copies of the plans were available but more details were required.
 2. Planning Committee – 4 January 2001
 - a. No 08/2000/1071 – Extension to existing farm produce store including covered loading area – 165 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (Recommendation – Refused) – The application was withdrawn at the meeting.

3. "Explaining the Planning Process" Seminars – 17 & 31 January 2001 No-one was able to attend on 17 January but Mesdames Standish-Gore and Tompkins and Mr Foster were to attend on 31 January.

B. Items to Note

1. Applications approved since previous meeting
 - a. 08/2000/1044 – Single storey extension at rear – 23 Becconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank
 - b. 08/2000/1083 – Single storey extension at side – 9 Greenfields, Hesketh Bank
 - c. 08/2000/1029 – Retention of roller shutter at front and rear of premises – 1 Station Road, Hesketh Bank
2. "Poppyfields" Site, Station Road – Fences One had been repaired and the other was to be inspected by the District Council.
3. "Poppyfields" Site, Station Road – Plans Copies had been received to be retained by the Clerk,

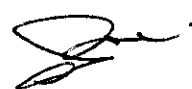
2. Highways Matters

A. Items for Decision

1. Station Road Sewer This was inspected at 6-monthly intervals and was designed to cater for flows from Poppyfields and adjacent areas.
2. Dunkirk Dib Culvert Letter received from District Council and telephone call from Environment Agency. It was suggested that the County Council be contacted regarding the road drainage and the Clerk was authorised to write to the County Council.
3. Retaining wall – Station Road/Shore Road The District Council was to inspect the wall. The Clerk was requested to ask for the date of inspection, ask about the outcome of any meeting regarding the wall and re-iterate that it is situated in a Conservation Area.
4. Shore Road Footway Action would be taken but it was low priority.
5. Water discharging - The Brow & Meadow Lane Letters had been received signed by 3 residents and also from the County Council and District Council. The Clerk was authorised to send the County Council's explanation to the residents.
6. Highway gullies Specific locations were required by the County Council.
7. Shore Road – Drainage channels These would be cleared out but the removal of the verge was impracticable.
8. Bus shelters Repairs were in hand.
9. Winter maintenance of roads Mr David Borrow MP had asked if there was anything that he could do to assist the Parish Council.

160/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr Borrow be advised that the Parish Council requests his support to add Chapel Road, a major bus route, and Moss Lane, used extensively by HGV's, to the gritting list, also pointing out the two recent accidents, one on Shore Road and one on Moss Lane,

2. That Stagecoach Ltd be approached for support for Chapel Road to be added to the gritting list, and



3. That copies be sent to County Councillor R Hodge with a request for his support.

10. Cycle racks The Clerk was authorised to register the Council's interest.

11. Modification of Definitive Map – Bridleway from Moss Lane to Shore Road Details of the Inspector's proposals were noted.

B. Items to Note

1. Parish Map site Consent for the map case had now been obtained.

3. Recreation Ground and Play Areas

A. Items for Decision

1. Play Equipment Inspection Reports had been received from Zurich Engineering and orders placed with Ian Yates for the necessary repair work.

161/2000 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in placing emergency orders with Ian Yates for repairs to the play equipment, be confirmed.

2. Centenary Sports Ground – Parking of HGV's The Clerk was requested to seek a response from Chelmere Homes.

3. Centenary Sports Ground – Road humps The width of the scooter had been notified. The Clerk was requested to deal with this matter in conjunction with future works to the access road and car park.

4. Radioactive Discharges Etc. Lancaster University would have to charge for any survey works in relation to radioactivity in the Rivers Douglas and Ribble.

162/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth to ascertain if they would be willing to undertake a survey on behalf of the Council.

5. Health & Safety Matters

A. Items for Decision

1. Use of poisons in agriculture The Chairman was requested to put a request for information on the Council's Website.

2. Sea defence embankment around Hesketh Bank and estuary flood plain and Operation Neptune (Item requested by Mr J R Foster)

It was suggested that the westerly bank would not cope with an extreme equinox tide.

163/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Environment Agency be asked whether the flood defences on the River Douglas would be looked at as part of the £26m funding allocated for Operation Neptune.



CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

(Cllr J. Foster declared an interest)

1. WLDC – Best Value Review of Street Cleansing Details had been received together with a request for Parishes to indicate whether they were interested in tendering for future street cleansing contracts.

164/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council does not wish to tender for street cleansing contracts but wishes to be included in any discussions on the operation of the service. (The voting was FOR – 9, AGAINST – 0, ABSTAINED – 1)

2. LAT&TC Evening Training Courses

165/2000 RESOLVED:- That bookings be made for the following members of the Council:-

27 February – Chairman, Mrs Standish-Gore and Mrs Tompkins

6 March – Vice-Chairman, Mrs Standish-Gore, Mrs Tompkins, Mr Ashcroft and Mr Foster.

3. LA 21 – Road issues Focus Group – Ormskirk, 24 January 2001 No-one was able to attend.

4. Parish Oaks Tree Planting Project 2001 This was deferred to the next meeting to allow members to think about it.

5. West Lancashire's Local Agenda 21 Summary Noted

6. Lancashire County Council Local Agenda 21 Strategy Noted

7. LAP&TC Questionnaire - Chairman to complete

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

1. Hesketh Bank Cricket Club – Replacement pavilion This had been dealt with by the Clerk

2. District Council Executive Committee No items for this Parish

3. District Council Members Update – Planning Committee No 8

4. Local Council Review (January 2001)

5. Clerks & Councils Direct (January 2001)

6. Transfer of Website/E-mail address to Clerk In hand

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for payment

166/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Lancashire Playing Fields Association – Subscription - £ 11.00

b. Brian Parkinson – Repairs to changing hut - £330.00

2. Tarleton High School – Swimming Pool The school had been requested to supply a list of primary schools using the facilities and a draft letter to be sent to Parish Councils had been sent to Tarleton PC for comment.

3. Grants A request from the Lancashire Youth Clubs Association was deferred to a future meeting.

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following was noted:-

- a. NORWEB – Wayleave - £ 88.53

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dog fouling in Boundary Meanygate, School Fold and Glenpark Drive was raised and the Clerk was authorised to contact the Dog Warden, Cuthbert Jackson.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

a. 08/2000/1243 – Refurbishment & internal alterations to existing farmhouse and conversion of attached outbuildings to form part of residential dwelling; porch extension at rear; new chimney stack; conversion of barn to dwelling with single storey extension on east elevation; erection of detached 4 car garage – Primrose Farm, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

167/2000 RESOLVED:- That an objection be lodged to this application on the grounds that it is in the Green Belt; the Council understood that no demolition could be undertaken at this site; and road safety and access onto Marsh Road.

b. 08/2000/1133 – Consideration of Details for Prior Approval – Extension to existing agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, seed and fertilizer – Land adjacent 323 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)


168/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk was requested to obtain more information on this application.

c. 08/2001/0040 – Erection of 3 detached houses – Land adjacent to 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) (See also application 08/2001/0041 below)

169/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the Parish Council's concerns over the access onto Station Road, over development of the site and site drainage, as in the past it has been indicated that the drainage on Shore Road and the Dib cannot cope with current levels of drainage from the area.

d. 08/2001/0028 – Retention of boundary fence (increased in height from 1.8m to 2.3m) – 2A Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

170/2000 RESOLVED:- That, whilst being sympathetic to the reasons for the application to increase the height of the boundary fence, the Parish Council support the neighbours who are objecting to the application on the grounds that it is unsightly and inappropriate alongside a highway.



e. 08/2001/0041 – Erection of 44 detached houses and 4 semi-detached houses, new vehicular access and estate road. Provision of public open space (amendment of planning permission ref 08/99/0974) – Land adjacent 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) (See application 08/2001/0040 above)

171/2000 RESOLVED:- That the comments on application 08/2001/0040 be linked to this application.

f. 08/2001/0053 – Attached garage at front and conservatory at rear – 10 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

172/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

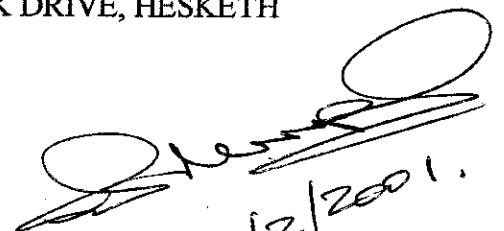
2. Planning Committee – 1 February 2001 There were no items affecting this parish.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

It being 10.00pm, in accordance with Standing Order No 17, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

As a result of the above decision, the following items were deferred to the next meeting of the Council:-

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION
CHARGING POLICY FOR PARISH COUNCIL FACILITIES
PROPOSED LEASE FOR LAND AT GLENPARK DRIVE, HESKETH
BANK (Used as Play Area)



26/2/2001.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 26 February 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R C Ball; B Birkby and J R Foster

Two members of the press and public were present.

Apologies were received from Mrs J Birkby, Mr J Hunter and Mr P Sergeant.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2001

173/2000 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 Item A1 – WLDC Best Value Review of Street Cleansing

Add – Councillor J R Foster declared an interest.

ROLE OF THE ROAD POLICING UNIT

(Sgt David Tonge and PC Graham Wilson attended for this item)

Sergeant Tonge explained that he was one of the Sergeants covering the whole of South Lancashire and was responsible for all aspects of road safety. He gave a visual presentation on his work, which was aimed at reducing road collision casualties by education, enforcement, engineering and evaluation.

The major causes of casualties in the area were speeding, drink driving and seat belts and Sgt Tonge explained the work being undertaken in order to reduce those casualties. He explained the various speed cameras used and indicated that there were currently 15 fixed speed camera sites in the Division, which should be doubled over the next two years. At the present time the number of cameras was governed by the amount which could be processed. Speed cameras were designed to reduce the speed of vehicle at certain accident black spots. In regard to drink driving, there was now a confidential phone line, which could be used by people to report instances of drivers who were drinking and driving and for the reporting of persistent offenders. Roadside random tests were usually only 1% successful whereas targeted checks provided a success rate of 22% -26%. Hard-hitting videos were being used to encourage people to wear seat belts and to reduce the number, which currently stood between 9%-15%. Engineering works were the responsibility of the Highways Agency, for trunk roads and motorways, and local authorities, for other roads, and the Police were always consulted, as they have to enforce any restrictions brought in. The Government was also keen to increase the number of 20mph zones, which were usually established in housing estates.

Resources in the Division are focussed on 5 sites in each district and the current 5 sites in West Lancashire receiving most attention included the A565 between Tarleton traffic lights and Banks roundabout.

Sgt Tonge answered numerous questions from members indicated that mud on roads was the responsibility of the persons depositing the mud and, whilst policing is difficult, there have been cases of offenders being prosecuted after a serious accident had occurred; took note of the comments about Chapel Road and Moss Lane not being on the gritting list; reported that, in addition to the liveried vehicles, 5 plain vehicles and 1 plain motor cycle were being used in the Division; there was no specific legislation at present relating to mobile phones but other existing legislation could be used and, in each of the past 2 years, the number of casualties in the Southern Division of the Constabulary had been reduced.

The Police Officers were advised of broken bottles being found in Cherry Vale.

PC Wilson referred to the recent theft of garden gnomes from Shore Road and that he would be holding surgeries in the Village Institute subject to the dates being finalised and advertised.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Tonge and PC Wilson for attending the meeting.

ORDER OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

174/2000 RESOLVED:- That the items relating to Finance and Planning Matters be taken first as there were certain issues involved which needed to be decided at this meeting.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for payment

175/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	LAP&TC – Training courses	£ 75.00
b.	David Ward – Cleaning bus shelters	£ 120.00
c.	Audit Commission – Audit fee	£ 272.84
d.	Prontaprint – Letterheads	£ 55.23

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following item was noted:-

Hesketh Bowling and Social Club £ 427.00



PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

176/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments on the following application:-

No 08/2001/0070 – Storage shed for historic narrow gauge railway equipment – West Lancashire Light Railway, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Planning Committee – 1 February 2001

- a. No 08/2001/0028 - Retention of boundary fence (Increased in height from 1.8m to 2.4m) – 2A Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Refused)
- b. Enforcement E/01/0005 - Increase in height of fence from 1.8m to 2.4m – 2A Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation Enforcement action be taken – reduce height of fence to 1.8m within 12 months)

177/2000 RESOLVED:- That no further comments are made on these applications.

- c. No 08/2000/1243 - Refurbishment/conversion/extension of former farmhouse and attached shippoon to form dwelling; conversion of barn to form dwelling; erection of detached 4 car garage – Primrose Farm, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Granted)

178/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That a further objection be lodged with the District Council on the grounds that the proposed development is inappropriate in the Green Belt and does not comply with District Council policy as set out in a previous letter to a resident of the Parish by a Senior Planning Officer of the Department, and

2. That consideration be given in the future to the preparation of a Village Design Statement for the Parish.

3. Naming of Streets

The District Council had suggested names for the new estate off Station Road.

179/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments are made on the suggested names.

4. Application 08/2000/1187 – land rear of 102 Moss Lane – siting of telegraph pole. A response from the District Council was still awaited.



B. Items to Note

1. Applications determined since previous meeting The following were noted:-

- a. 08/2000/1138 – Retention of front boundary wall and erection of railings above – 168 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. 08/2000/1167 – Siting of portacabin (7.31m x 3.65m) at rear for use as offices (renewal of planning permission 08/98/0969) – 79 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

2. “Poppyfields” Development – Outstanding works

The Council noted the contents of a letter from Morris Homes to the Poppyfields Residents' Committee.

180/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Councillor be authorised to arrange for representatives of the District Council's Planning Department, North West Water and the Environment Agency to attend the next meeting of the Council to speak about the disposal of sewerage from the Poppyfields site.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Policing matters A letter from the Divisional Commander regarding the Southern Division Communications Room, circulated to members, and letters from Inspector Melling to the NFU, regarding mud on roads, and the Licensing Inspector at West Lancashire District Council, regarding speeding taxis, were noted.

2. Alty's Tip, Station Road A further letter from the Environmental Health Department was noted.

181/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the pipe which drains the clay pit into the river and is located near to the Boatyard and the sewer pipe which runs from Alty's Car Park behind the shops and returns to the main road by the end houses.

3. Parish Council Capital Bids 2001/2002 The Council's applications had been placed at joint No 7 on the priority list with an expectation that project Nos. 1-5 would be funded next year.

4. Bus connections in Tarleton A reminder had been sent but a reply was still awaited.

5. Fencing at “Poppyfields” It appeared that the fence was vested in the District Council and the Council should approach the Development & Leisure Department.

6. Retaining Wall, Station Road, Shore Road The wall was last inspected last July but would be inspected within the next few weeks. Ownership may have to be determined through the Courts and due consideration will be given, if

repairs are required, that the wall is in a Conservation Area. The Clerk was asked to advise the District Council that three stones had been dislodged this week.

7. Dunkirk Dib Culvert The Area County Surveyor was to contact the Environment Agency regarding this problem.

8. Winter Maintenance Stagecoach is happy for the Parish Council to quote the Company in any concerns about the gritting of Chapel Road.

9. Local Agenda 21 – Cycle Rack Facilities The Council's interest had been registered.

10. Repairs to Play Equipment The Clerk would speak to Ian Yates about these repairs.

11. Entrance to Centenary Sports Ground – Parking of HGV's There was still no response from the builders. It was reported that cars were now being parked in the entrance to the Centenary Sports Ground.

12. Radiation Pollution in Hesketh Bank There was no response from Friends of the Earth or Greenpeace. It was reported that, as a result of comments made by the Chairman of the Council to the Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council, that Council was to consider a joint public meeting at its meeting tonight. The question of involving other Councils across the River Ribble was also mentioned and it was suggested that CORE might have some information about radioactivity in the area of Springfield's.

182/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to invite Tarleton Parish Council to a joint meeting to discuss the way forward in respect of concerns over possible radioactivity in the area, and

2. That Councillor R Ball is requested to seek written information from CORE regarding this subject.

13. Sea Defence Works & Operation Neptune Heightening and strengthening of the west bank of the River Douglas was programmed for September 2001 which would entail the closure of the embankment footpath.

14. Training Courses in Burscough These were due to start tomorrow.

15. Local Agenda 21 – Road Issues Focus Group – 21 February 2001 No-one had been able to attend.

16. Tarleton High School – Swimming Pool Further details on the expenditure had been received and circulated to members and the Clerk would chase Tarleton Parish Council for its comments on the suggested letter to Parish Councils.

Other Matters

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Item for Decision

Parish Oaks Tree Planting Project 2001

183/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's interest in the project be registered and that the following 3 sites be suggested for the planting of oak trees:-

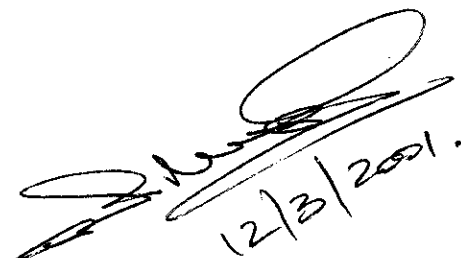
- a. Station Road Play Area
- b. Northern Boundary of Centenary Sports Ground Cricket Field
- c. Millennium Garden, Shore Road

CLOSURE OF MEETING

It being 10.00pm, in accordance with Standing Order No 17, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

As a result of the above decision, the following items were deferred to the next meeting of the Council:-

- a. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
- b. CORRESPONDENCE (insofar as not dealt with above)
- c. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS
- d. HIGHWAYS MATTERS
- e. TRANSFER OF JUSTICES' LICENCE
- f. ALLOTMENTS



12/3/2001.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 12 March 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R C Ball; J R Foster; J Hunter and P Sergeant

One member of the press was present.

Apologies were received from Mrs J Birkby and Mr B Birkby

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2001

184/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Planning Matters - Application No 08/2000/1243 - Primrose Farm

The Planning Officer had indicated to the Clerk that the application complies with the policy on the rehabilitation and re-use of buildings.

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

2. Naming of Streets The District Council has received comments from the District Councillor and had asked the Clerk for any suggestions for names. The Clerk had re-iterated the Parish Council's position and suggested that the District Councillor be contacted.

3. Parish Oaks Tree Planting Project A further suggestion for a site was the Elderly Person's Home adjacent to the Village Institute but it was agreed to leave it until the District Council contacted the Parish Council.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Entry Form for 2001 had been received and Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that she had asked for a quotation for the supply of hanging baskets. The question of brackets and Insurance for the baskets was discussed.

- 185/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to co-ordinate the Parish Council's entry for 2001,
2. That details of the School's Competition be passed to the local school via Councillor Mrs N Goodier,
3. That additional posters be ordered for distribution throughout the parish, and
4. That the Clerk be authorised to contact the Area County Surveyor regarding the placing of brackets on lampposts, including the insurance requirements.

CHARGING POLICY FOR PARISH COUNCIL FACILITIES

The Council discussed a charging policy for Parish Council facilities for future years and it was suggested that a member or members of the Council should declare an interest in this item.

On the basis that the changing hut at Shore Road may have been replaced in 12 months time, it was MOVED and SECONDED that the item be deferred until next year.

186/2000 RESOLVED:- That the item be deferred until next year.
(The voting on this resolution was FOR – 7 votes; AGAINST – 1 vote and ABSTAINED – 1 vote)

Following the vote Councillor R Ball requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the first meeting after the next Annual Meeting of the Council and the Clerk suggested that Councillor Ball makes his request in the approved manner.

PROPOSED LEASE FOR LAND AT GLENPARK DRIVE

The District Council had submitted a draft lease to the Council which both the Clerk and Chairman had read through.

187/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the draft lease for the play area at Glenpark Drive.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire Design Awards 2001 There appeared to be no suitable projects in the Parish.
2. NALC – Rural White Paper Implementation The document had been circulated to all members of the Council.

3. Rural White Paper Seminars Seminars were being arranged by West Lancashire CVS on 21 March 2001 and LAP&TC on a date to be arranged. No Councillor was able to attend the CVS Seminar on 21 March 2001.

188/2000 RESOLVED:- That LAP&TC be advised that upto 6 members of the Council are interested in attending a Seminar provided it was held in the evening.

4. LAP&TC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2001 In view of the urgency, the Clerk and Chairman had agreed to the submission of the Chairman's name for the draw.

189/2000 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk and Chairman be confirmed.

5. LCC – Draft Planning Enforcement Policy

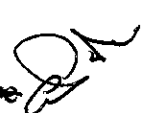
190/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the draft policy.

6. LCC – Minerals & Waste Local Plan – Consultation

191/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the plan.

7. Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning – Review of Lancashire Structure Plan

192/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the plan.

8. Environment Agency – Clifton March Landfill Site It was stated that a new application covering the whole of the site including the extension had been required to be made. Reference was made to a statement ~~purported to have been~~ made by Mr Michael Meacher MP, and reported on teletext, regarding the dumping of depleted uranium at Clifton Marsh. 

It was MOVED and SECONDED that an approach be made to Mr David Borrow MP regarding the statement of Mr Michael Meacher MP.

Upon being put the voting was as follows:- FOR – 4 votes; AGAINST – 5 votes, whereupon it was

193/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the revised application.

9. Council for Voluntary Service – Membership

194/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Council applies for free membership of the Council for Voluntary Service.

10. DETR – Model Code of Conduct for Members A copy of the draft Code had been circulated to members.

195/2000 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the draft Code be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

11. Climate Change In view of the rising sea levels Councillor J R Foster was concerned about possible future development on the flood plain and also wondered if Operation Neptune, which included a plan for the evacuation of Hesketh Bank Marsh, was still in operation.

196/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked for its policy in relation to the flood plain and also if Operation Neptune is still active.

B. Items to Note

1. WLDC – Area Consultative Forum – 8 March 2001 The Chairman had attended and would present a report to the next meeting of the Council. Forms for submitting questions to future meetings of the Forum would be circulated by the Clerk.

The following items were noted without comment:-

2. WLDC – 2001 Register of Electors
3. WLDC – Citizens' Guide 2001 (Copies in the Library)
4. LCC - Lancashire Childcare Information Service (Posters had been put on Notice Boards)
5. LCC – South Area Consultative Committee – 20 March 2001 at Skelmersdale Library Arts Centre
6. NALC – Legal Update – Employment Law
7. West Lancashire Environmental Network – January Update
8. WLDC Committee Agendas
9. WLDC – Members' Briefing Bulletin No 62
10. WLDC Members Updates
 - a. Housing & Health Issue 4
 - b. Development & Leisure – Issue 4
 - c. Central Services – Issue 4
11. Community Futures February 2001

The Clerk reported the following:-

12. WLDC – Full Council Meeting – 28 February 2000
Electoral Review of West Lancashire



All councillors would retire on 6 May 2002. Elections for the full Council would be held on 2 May 2002 when 2 District Councillors would be elected for Hesketh – with – Becconsall. The one with the highest number of votes would serve for 4 years and the one with the second highest number of votes for 2 years. Thereafter each councillor would serve for 4 years. Parish Council elections would not be affected and would be held in 2004.

The following were noted without comment:-

13. WLDC – Member's Update – Planning Committee No 9
14. Association of Conservation of Energy – Press Release

The Chairman reported the following, which were noted:-

15. Tarleton High School - Swimming Pool The Chairman had attended a meeting and would report to the next meeting of the Council. The Clerk would circulate copies of the budget statements issued at the meeting to all members.
16. Standing Orders Committee The Chairman to arrange a date in consultation with members of the Committee.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

Centenary Sports Ground Car Park The Chairman undertook to ascertain the registration number of the car apparently abandoned on the car park to enable the Clerk to pass the details to the Police.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

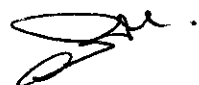
1. Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Glenpark Drive

197/2000 RESOLVED:- That no objections be raised to the proposed waiting restrictions adjacent to Glenpark Drive Play Area.

2. Station Road Bridge It was reported that employees of Alty's were spending a considerable time cleaning mud off the bridge due to their not being a wheelwash available at the tip and Councillor Ball passed to the Clerk a response to a complaint he had made about a vehicle depositing mud on the highway.

198/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to forward details of the situation to the County Council as the authority which issues the licence for the tip.

Councillors J Hunter and P Sergeant left the meeting during consideration of the above item.



TRANSFER OF JUSTICES' LICENCE

199/2000 RESOLVED:- That no objection be raised to the proposed Transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of the Spar Shop, 85 Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

ALLOTMENTS

An application had been made to work a plot on the allotments on Shore Road.

200/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to write to each of the tenants on the Council's list to ask if they are still interested in working plots on the allotments, and

2. That a date for the inspection of the allotments, by the Allotments Committee, be fixed at the next meeting of the Council.

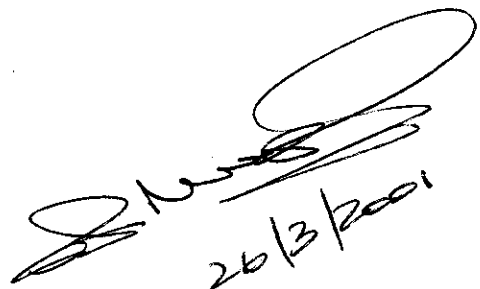
APPROACHES TO COUNCILLORS

Councillor R Ball passed to the Clerk a suggested pro-forma, which could be used by Councillors who are approached about matters concerning the Parish Council.

201/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to provide each member with a copy of the suggested pro-forma, and

2. That the issue be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.



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HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 26 March 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby, L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R C Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter and P Sergeant

Five members of the press and public were present.

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12 March 2001 (Enclosed)

202/2000 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3, Item 8, Lines 3 & 4 – Delete the words “purported to have been”

DRAINS AND SEWERAGE IN HESKETH BANK

(Mr K Brownbill, Development & Leisure Department, West Lancashire District Council, attended for this item)

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins arrived during this item.

Mr K Brownbill explained the various drainage and sewerage systems in the Parish including the system being utilised on Poppyfields. He assured the Council that the District Council were aware of the problems but could not do anything about Poppyfields because, at the present time it was a private system and would remain so until such time as the District Council adopted it on behalf of North West Water. At that time, a CCTV inspection would be carried out and Morris Homes would have to rectify any faults before adoption by the District Council.

He indicated that the existing foul sewer was built in the mid-1960's and modified in the mid to late 1980's. At that time the modifications allowed for the current development in the village and there is no danger of the system overloading. Should any further large-scale development be approved, it would be possible to ask the builder for a contribution towards any improvements that may be required to the system.

Mr Brownbill answered many questions from members of the Council and agreed to speak to a member of the public after the meeting.



THE BROW WALL, STATION ROAD/SHORE ROAD, HESKETH BANK

Mr Brownbill briefly referred to the current situation regarding the Brow Wall. Consultants appointed by the District Council had inspected the wall in February and were satisfied it was in a stable condition. It would be inspected again in 6 months time. As a result of concerns expressed by a number of councillors, Mr Brownbill undertook to arrange a further inspection of the wall.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brownbill for his attendance.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Best Kept Village Competition The Chairman had completed the Entry Form and handed it to the Clerk. Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that hanging baskets would cost £10 each and the Chairman indicated there were only 4 lampposts in the village centre. The Clerk had received details of the conditions imposed by the County Council on the use of lampposts and undertook to check the insurance position with the Council's insurers.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs H Tompkins would investigate the cost of appropriate brackets for the baskets, which would need the consent of the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Items for Decision.

1. WLDC – "How should WLDC be run?" The District Council had issued a Supplement to "The Voice" that included a questionnaire about the future running of the Council.

203/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to submit the following answers to the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council:-

1. Should the Leader be appointed every year? - Yes
2. Who should pick the Cabinet? - The Council
3. If Council picks Cabinet should Leader decide who does what? - No
4. Who should prepare Housing Investment Programme? - The Council
5. Who should be responsible for Local Agenda 21? - The Council
6. Who should have responsibility for Best Value Reviews? - The Council
7. Any comments? - Parish Councils should have some responsibilities in Best Value Reviews

2. LCC – Bus Services-Hesketh Bank & Tarleton The County Council acknowledged the difficulties in linking bus services when two operators were involved but had no authority to implement changes to commercial bus services.

Details of a new twice-weekly service from Hesketh Bank to Ormskirk were noted.



3. Lancs. County Pension Fund – Stakeholder Pension Scheme
The scheme was not applicable to the Parish Council.

4. North Meols Parish Council – Civic Service-27 May 2001
Members were asked to indicate if they wished to attend at the next meeting of the Council.

5. Halsall Parish Council – Vandalism meeting
204/2000 RESOLVED:- That Halsall Parish Council be advised that this Parish Council is interested in attending a meeting on vandalism.

6. Letter from resident – Play equipment & street sweeping
A. Play Equipment A defect was reported on the baby swings at the Station Road Play Area.

B. Street Sweeping Becconsall Lane was full of loose chippings and dust was freely blowing about on Station Road bridge

205/2000 RESOLVED:-

1. That the resident be thanked for her concerns and advised of the actions being taken,
2. That the Chairman be authorised to inspect the baby swings at the Station Road Play Area and report on their condition to the Clerk,
3. That the Clerk be authorised to place an appropriate order with Ian Yates for the repair of the swings if necessary,
4. That the County Council be advised of the problems with loose chippings down Becconsall Lane and be requested to do a sweep of the road, and
5. That the District Council be advised of the concerns expressed in relation to street sweeping in the Parish,

7. LAP&TC West Lancs. Area Committee – 6 April 2001
Details of items for discussion were noted.

8. Local Agenda 21
A. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group Meeting 12 March 2001 The Parish Council had met on that date and no members were able to attend.

B. Road Issues Focus Group – Meeting 28 March 2001
Details of items on the agenda were noted.

9. Book – “How to stop & influence planning permission”

It was agreed not to purchase a copy of this book.

10. Rural Post Offices A letter from the DTI was noted.

11. WLDC – Best Value Review of Grounds Maintenance Service

206/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this service.

12. Fencing at “Poppyfields” The District Council had indicated that the owners of properties on either side of the fence were responsible for maintenance and riparian owners were responsible for maintenance of the ditch. Morris Homes had been asked to clarify the boundary of the land.

207/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that there are no properties at the point of the fence in question, just a hammerhead in the road.

13. Radiation Pollution in Hesketh Bank A response had been received from Friends of the Earth who were unable to assist in a survey but had forwarded the address of a firm of consultants and a contact for the local group.

No response had yet been received from Tarleton Parish Council who would probably be discussing this Council’s letter tonight.

Councillor R Ball had made contact with Dr J P Day of Manchester University who was prepared to advise the Council free of charge and who may be able to arrange for an independent survey to be undertaken at a cost.

208/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to make an official approach to Dr J P Day of Manchester University, and

2. That the Clerk be authorised to contact Tarleton Parish Council by telephone if no reply is received by the weekend.

14. Centenary Sports Ground – Bowling & Social Club Lease The Bowling & Social Club had now written with seven minor amendments to the Lease plus suggestions for additional paragraphs, which, if accepted, would facilitate the signing of the lease by the Club.

209/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Bowling & Social Club be advised that the Parish Council would refer the suggested amendments and additions to the Council’s Solicitors on the basis that all costs are met by the Bowling & Social Club,

2. That, should the amendments and additions be accepted, arrangements be made for the Cricket and Football Clubs to consider the proposals and, if agreement is reached, for the leases for those two clubs to be amended subject to all costs being met by the Bowling & Social Club, and



3. That arrangements be made for the term for all three leases to have to finish at the same time.

15. Tarleton County Primary School Governing Body Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported on copy correspondence she had been given regarding the nomination of a Governor to this school. She had read the correspondence and was of the opinion that the letters written by the Clerk of this Council were very good. However, she asked if, in future, when she was mentioned in correspondence, could the Clerk let her have a copy. In respect of the correspondence referred to, a reply would be forthcoming from the Clerk to the School Governors.

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

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
 - a. Executive Committee – 20 March 2001
2. District Council – Members Update - Planning Committee No 10
3. LAP&TC Information
 - a. Press release re- Closure of Lancashire's Footpaths
 - b. Code of Conduct for Elected Members
4. The Countryside Agency – A Guide to Access Rights
5. CPRE – Planning Update
6. West Lancs. Environment Network – February Update
7. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2001
8. Local Council Review – March 2001
9. WLDC – Best Value Performance Plan Summary
10. Lancashire County Council – The Vision Newssheet.
11. Notice of County Council Elections
12. The Countryside Agency – Results of Survey 2000

Discussion took place on the following item:-

LAP&TC - Model Contract of Employment for Clerk It was suggested that the Contract may have been backdated which was illegal. It was further suggested that the contract should be discussed without the public and the Clerk present.

210/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That an appropriate item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to look through the Clerk's existing contact to ascertain if it differs from the model now circulated by the National Association.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

211/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mr B W Rimmer – Clerk's salary & expenses - £ 752.78
 - b. LAP&TC – Annual Subscription - £ 339.66
 - c. Community Futures – Best Kept Village Entry Fee - £ 8.00
- (Items b & c to be dated for 2 April 2001)

2. Grants

a. Burial Grounds

212/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following grants be made to Burial Grounds in the Parish for the year 2000/2001:-

- a. All Saints CE Church PCC - £ 100.00
- b. Becconsall Old Church Trustees - £ 100.00

b. Other Grants The Council considered requests for grants received during the financial year 2000/2001 of which there were only 2.

213/2000 RESOLVED:- That grants be made for the year 2000/2001 as follows:-

- a. ChildLine NW - £ 50.00
- b. Lancashire Youth Association - £ 50.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The fencing between Delta Park estate and the Poppyfields estate was mentioned and it was suggested that the ditch should be part of the Poppyfields estate.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

- #### 1. Weekly Lists (Councillor P Sergeant declared an interest in Application No 08/2001/0256)

214/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2001/0154 - Certificate of Lawfulness – use of dwelling without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition imposed on planning permission 8/6/13057 - Whitecroft, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/2001/0171 - Single storey extension at rear – 69 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/2001/0173 - Single storey extension at rear – 67 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/2001/0238 - Single storey extension at rear – 23 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/2001/0261 - Single storey extension at side (including alterations to roof) – 184 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That the plans of the following application be requested:-

No 08/2001/0256 - O/L - Provision of an all-weather sports surface including changing facilities; members club house, community recreation hall and associated car parking in conjunction with existing football club and alterations to existing access (including details of means of access) – 140 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) (The voting was For – 7, Against – 0, Abstained – 3)

3. That more information be requested in regard to the following application:-

No 08/2001/0251 - Change of use of existing flat to a care agency office – 10c Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) (The voting was For – 8, Against – 0, Abstained – 2)

2. Planning Committee – 29th March 2001

Planning Application No 08/2001/0041 - Erection of 44 detached houses and 4 semi-detached houses, new vehicular access and estate road. Provision of public open space (Amendment of planning permission Ref. 08/99/0974) – Land adj. 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK

Planning Application No 08/2001/0040 - Erection of 3 detached houses – Land adj. 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK

Both applications were recommended for approval with conditions. The Council noted that the conditions included an additional contribution from the developer of £11,250 to be used to improve existing areas of Public Open Space within Hesketh Bank.

215/2000 RESOLVED:-
these applications,

1. That no further comments be made on
2. That the District Councillor be requested to ascertain if the additional contribution would be available to the Parish Council, and



3. That the Clerk be authorised to approach Tetley's to ascertain if the Company would be prepared to sell a piece of land at the Beconsall Hotel to enable the Station Road Play Area to be extended.

B. Items to Note

1. Applications and Appeals determined since last meeting The following were noted:-

- a. No 08/2000/1133 - Consideration of Details for Prior Approval
Extension to existing agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, seed and fertilizer – Land adjacent to 323 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED
- b. No 08/2001/0053 - Attached garage at front and conservatory at rear – 10 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK - PERMISSION GRANTED
- c. No 08/2000/1243 - Refurbishment/conversion/extension of former farmhouse and attached shippon too form dwelling; conversion of barn to form dwelling; erection of detached 4 car garage – Primrose Farm, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK - PERMISSION GRANTED
- d. No 08/2001/0028 - Retention of boundary fence (increased in height from 1.8m to 2.4m) – 2A Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK - PERMISSION REFUSED
- e. E/2001/0005 - Increase in height of fence from 1.8m to 2.4m – 2A Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK – AUTHORISED ISSUE OF ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Bus Shelter – Chapel Road

216/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to chase Autocross over the repair of this shelter.

2. Street Seat – Shore Road, Nr The Brow

217/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to repair this seat.

3. Gullies It was reported that only 2 gullies in Rankin Avenue had been cleaned, and not all gullies in Sidney Avenue had been attended to when the gulley vehicle had recently visited the parish. Other blocked gullies were reported.

218/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to clean out all gullies in the parish, and



2. That the following blocked gullies be reported:-

- a. Station Road, outside gas pumping station at foot of bridge
- b. Station Road, by Orchard Close

4. The Brow Wall – Station Road/Shore Road

219/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to approach the Land Registry to ascertain who owns or holds an interest in The Brow Wall.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items to Note The following were noted:-

- a. Dog fouling on Station Road Play Area
- b. A suggestion to plant bulbs in the village to flower next spring.

TARLETON SWIMMING POOL

The Chairman reported on a Users Committee meeting held at the school and went through the budget statements that had been circulated to all members of the Council.

The Parish Council had been thanked for its continued financial support of the swimming pool.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

The Council considered the Government's Draft Code of Conduct for Members.

- 220/2000 RESOLVED:-
- 1. That no comments be made on the Draft Code of Conduct for members, and
 - 2. That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a book, to be used as a Register of Members Interests.

WLDC – AREA CONSULTATIVE FORUM – 8 MARCH 2001

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Forum held on 8 March 2001 which had covered issues including the New Executive Arrangements for the District Council, Bus Passes and Disabled Passes and the Dog Control Service.

Councillor R Ball reported that he had asked Councillor Shepherd on two occasions about the Ribble Link and would ask him again whenever the opportunity arose.

PRO-FORMA FOR USE BY COUNCILLORS

The Council considered introducing a Pro-Forma for dealing with issues raised with Councillors, subject to the action taken being reported to the next available meeting of the Council.

221/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Pro-Forma be amended to read, " will initially be processed by the Clerk and/or the Chairman..." and introduced for a trial period of 6 months.

ALTY'S TIP


Councillor J R Foster asked whether Alty's Tip could be classified as a nuclear tip and it was suggested that questions of that nature should be left until the joint meeting with Tarleton Parish Council to discuss radioactivity in the area. It was agreed that Dr J P Day be invited to the joint meeting.

The County Council had referred the question of deposits on Station Road bridge to the Area County Surveyor whilst the District Council Officer dealing with matters at the tip would respond to the Parish Council on his return from leave. The Environment Agency had also been asked to investigate the lack of a wheelwash at the site.

ALLOTMENTS

- 222/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Allotments Committee meet at the Allotments, Shore Road on Wednesday, 4 April 2001 at 6.30pm, and
2. The Recreation Committee meet at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road on Wednesday 4 April 2001 at 6.45pm

The meeting closed at 10.00pm



23/4/2001