

CLERK

## HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 18 June 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:- Councillor R C Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Birkby; Mrs N M Goodier; Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft; B Birkby; J R Foster; A P Murphy and P J A Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillor J Hunter and two members of the press and public were present.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2001

During discussion of this item, Councillor PJA Sergeant arrived.

28/2001 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2001 be approved and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 6 - Minute 17/2001(2) – delete “weekly”.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. The Brow Wall A response was still awaited from the Land Registry.

2. Best Kept Village Competition The Clerk reported that permission to use lighting column 55 had been refused because it was due for replacement but column 57 could be used in stead. The brackets had been removed from column 55 and a price for erection on column 57 would be obtained. The hanging baskets had now been placed on the brackets. Also protection for the columns must be inserted prior to next year. Councillor H Tompkins had agreed to undertake watering this year but quotations would be obtained for watering next year.

29/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk in authorising the removal of the bracket from column 55 be confirmed,

2. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be authorised to agree a price for the bracket to be placed on column 57,

3. That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be authorised to wire the baskets to the brackets and obtain quotations for watering the baskets for subsequent years, and

4. That the Clerk be authorised to check the insurance position with the Council's insurers.

3. Fencing at Poppyfields The Health & Safety Executive had suggested that the Health & Safety Act would not apply to a natural feature but not a man made feature. In any event there would be a need to identify on whom the duty would fall.

30/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to pay the necessary search fee to the Land Registry for a search for the owners of the ditch.

4. Radioactivity in Hesketh Bank & Tarleton The Chairman reported that Sefton MBC were now getting interested in the situation, whilst a meeting of the Ribble Users Group would be held at Preston next Monday when BNFL and British Waterways were likely to be present.

5. Glenpark Drive – Lease The lease had still to be signed.

6. Managed Retreat Scheme The Environment Agency was not planning such a scheme but the RSPB were currently promoting a scheme. The Environment Agency would be a consultee and would keep this Council informed of progress.

7. Bus Services A response was still awaited.

8. Sewerage and Drainage The public meeting was still to be arranged. It was reported that a firm had again been called out to deal with blocked drains on the site and that it would appear that they had been laid at the wrong angle.

31/2001 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked when the site was inspected during construction, what was inspected and what is the latest position regarding the sewers and drains on the site.

9. Winter Maintenance of Roads The County Council had indicated that this Council's comments would be borne in mind when the priorities were re-assessed prior to next winter but there had been no change in policy.

32/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to re-iterate to the County Council that Chapel Road is a public bus route whilst Moss Lane is served by a school bus.

10. Anti-Social Behaviour in Hesketh Bank Correspondence had been sent to the Chief Constable, Ormskirk Police Station and the District Council and replies were awaited.

11. Tarleton High School Swimming Pool The Chairman had attended the recent meeting of the Users Committee and reported that the possible provision of an all-weather pitch had been discussed.

#### ITEMS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

##### 1. Planning Matters

a. Weekly Lists The following applications were noted:-

No 08/2001/0282 - Erection of replacement dwelling and attached garage – 242 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Included on Committee agenda for 21 June 2001)

No 08/2001/0313 - Outline - Detached bungalow including details of siting and means of access - Land adj. The Barn, Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (Refused)

No 08/2001/0308 - Conservatory at side - 3 The Brow, HESKETH BANK (Still outstanding)

No 08/2001/0317 - Single storey extension at side; porch at front; conservatory & porch at rear - 110 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Still outstanding)

No 08/2001/0345 - Change of use and refurbishment of disused agricultural building to 10 livery stables with individual tack rooms. Office and store. Formation of all-weather riding area - Cottams Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Included on Committee agenda for 21 June 2001)

No 08/2001/0340 - Certificate of Lawfulness - Use of agricultural building for domestic purposes; siting of mobile home; use of land for residential purposes – Fairview, 427 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Approved)

No 08/2001/0369 - First floor extension at side – 9 Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK (Included on Committee agenda for 21 June 2001)

No 08/2001/0370 - First floor & ground floor extensions at rear – 1 The Green, HESKETH BANK (Approved)

No 08/2001/0442 - Two storey and single storey extensions at rear; pitched roofs to bay windows and canopy over front door – 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (Still outstanding)

b. Planning Committee – 24 May 2001 The following applications had been dealt with:-

No 08/2001/0313 - Outline - Detached bungalow including details of siting and means of access - Land adj. The Barn, Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (Refused)

No 08/2001/0251 - Change of use of existing flat to a care agency office – 10c Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Deferred for site visit)

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived during consideration of the above item.

c. Applications approved since previous meeting The following applications had been dealt with:-

08/2001/0171 - Single storey extension at rear – 69 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

08/2001/0173 - Single storey extension at rear – 67 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

08/2001/0238 - Single storey extension at rear – 23 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

08/2001/0261 - Single storey extension at side (including alterations to roof) - 184 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

08/2001/0070 - Storage shed for historic narrow gauge railway equipment -  
West Lancashire Light Railway, Station Road, HESKETH BANK  
(GRANTED)

2. Double Rating in the Parishes (Raised by Councillor J R Foster)

Councillor Foster was concerned that recreation areas in the Parish were maintained by the Parish Council whilst in Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Burscough and some parishes similar areas were maintained by the District Council. He felt the Parish Council should not be taking on extra responsibilities.

3. Bus Shelters

- 33/2001 RESOLVED:-
1. That a quotation be requested for the replacement of the bus shelter at Shore Road/Chapel Road (Southport side) with a closed in shelter plus a seat,
  2. That the County Council be requested to provide a timetable for the new shelter,
  3. That a quotation be obtained for removing the paint from the shelter at Chapel Road/Pardoe Close,
  4. That the District Council be asked about the removal of the paint from the street nameplates at Pardoe Close.

4. Capital Works The Council considered funding one of the capital schemes submitted to the District Council, but not approved, from finance available to the Council.

- 34/2001 RESOLVED:-
1. That the Clerk be authorised to obtain 3 quotations for the completion of the access road and car park at the Centenary Sports Ground, including drainage into the ditch between the Village Institute site and the adjacent Nursing Home, the taking down and re-erection of the chain link fence behind the Village Hall and the cutting out of the centre of the existing sleeping policemen to allow access by a disabled vehicle,

4. That the Clerk be authorised to seek the permission of the owners of the ditch to drain the car park into the ditch, and

3. That a further approach be made to Tetley Walker Ltd regarding land at the Becconsall Hotel.

5. Centenary Sports Ground – Bowling Club Lease

- 35/2001 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the end of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Items for Decision.

1. WLDC – Draft Corporate Plan Management Document 2001-2004

36/2001 RESOLVED:- That the document be noted.

2. MacIntosh Communications Ltd. - Waste Management in Lancashire – What Local People Think

37/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be authorised to complete and return the questionnaire.

3. LCC – The Draft School Organisation Plan for Lancashire 2001-2006

38/2001 RESOLVED:- That the document be noted.

4. The Lancashire Playing Fields Association – AGM - 22 June 2001 at Preston The documents were passed to Councillor P S A Sergeant who was unable to attend.

5. West Lancs Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme – AGM – 16 July 2001 at Ormskirk No-one was able to attend.

6. Road Issues Focus Group – Meeting 6 June 2001 at Ormskirk No-one had attended.

7. Council for Voluntary Service – Countryside Agency – Funding Opportunities for Community Programmes Brief details of the programmes available to Parish Councils had been received with further details to follow.

8. North West Federation of Parish Councils Association – Regional Conference – Making the Difference – The Way Forward – Saturday 22 September 2001 No-one wished to attend.

9. Beaconsall Lane Access Issue The Council had been approached about the path from Beaconsall Lane to the Boatyard, which was believed to be a public right of way, but not included on the definitive map. Signs had been erected to the effect it was not a public right of way but had been removed because of a number of people who had maintained they had used the route for as number of years. An application could be made to the County Council to recognise the route as a public footpath.

39/2001 RESOLVED:- That the resident be advised that the Parish Council will co-ordinate an application to recognise the route as a public footpath.

10. Local Agenda 21 – Cycling Group There were no volunteers to join the Group.

11. Consultation Document – New Mental Health Trust in Lancashire The document was passed to Councillor I Ashcroft.

12. Public Meetings Leaflets about meetings in respect of Health Care for Women and Children and Health Care for People with Mental Problems had been circulated to all members and would be available in the Library.

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

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
  - a. Executive Committee – 29 May 2001
  - b. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 30 May 2001
  - c. Central Services Review Committee – 12 June 2001
  - d. Housing & Health Review Committee – 13 June 2001
  - e. Development & Leisure Review Committee – 14 June 2001
  - f. Executive Committee – 26 June 2001
2. District Council – Members' Updates
  - a. Housing & Health Review Committee – Issue 1 (2001/2002)
  - b. Development & Leisure Review Committee – Issue 1 (2001/2002)
  - c. Central Services Review Committee – Issue 1 (2001/2002)
  - d. Planning Committee – Issue 2 (2001/2002)
3. Green Partnership Awards - 4 year review (To stay in the Library)
4. Community Futures Magazine (May 2001)

## FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

40/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Zurich Municipal Ltd – Play Equipment Insurance -	£355.44
B W Rimmer – Clerk's salary & expenses -	£792.41
R W Sutton Ltd – Hanging baskets -	£112.80
Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust – Annual Fee £	15.00

2. Website Services (Councillor A P Murphy declared an interest in this item and left the meeting whilst it was discussed)

41/2001 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Lewis Adams Photography for providing Website services to the Parish Council, for a minimum of 6 months to be paid quarterly on receipt of invoices, in the sum of £15 per month, be accepted.

Councillor A P Murphy returned to the meeting.

B. Items to Note The following item was noted:- Annual Audit to be held in August 2001 with the accounts deposited with the Chairman during the latter part of July.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

42/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/2001/0345 - Demolition of disused agricultural building and the erection of a replacement building to accommodate 10 livery stables with individual tack rooms. Office and store. Formation of all weather riding arena. – Cottams Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Revised application - On agenda for Planning Committee on 21 June 2001)

No 08/2001/0479 - First floor extension to form flat; alterations to ground floor – 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

No 08/2001/0483 - Erection of packing shed and alterations to existing vehicular access (Renewal of planning permission 08/94/0894) – 255 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

No 08/2001/0488 - Two storey extension at side – 20 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

No 08/2001/0317 - Single storey extension at side; porch at front; conservatory & porch at rear and use of land as residential garden – 110 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Revised application - To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

No 08/2001/0547 - Conversion of barn to dwelling (renewal of planning permission No 08/96/0283) – Nook Farm, 177 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

No 08/2001/0551 - Conservatory at rear – 2 Poppyfields, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

2. That the comments indicated be made on the following applications:-

No 08/2001/0505 - Erection of one detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

No 08/2000/1170 - Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce. Extension of hardstanding area. - Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK(Revised application)

The size of the building, the loss of amenity, excessive noise, increased traffic in and out of the site, completely moving the dwelling to a different part of the site and the dwelling not being replaced on a like for like basis.

2. Planning Committee – 21 June 2001

43/2001 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/2001/0251 – Change of use of existing flat to a care agency office – 10c Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommended refused)

No 08/2001/0282 - Erection of replacement dwelling and attached garage – 242 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommended refused)

No 08/2001/0369 - First floor extension at side – 9 Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK (Recommended granted)

No 08/2001/0345 - Demolition of disused agricultural building and the erection of a replacement building to accommodate 10 livery stables with individual tack rooms. Office and store. Formation of all weather riding arena. – Cottams Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Revised application – Recommended granted)

3. Application 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. A copy of the plans had been received and was noted.

B. Items to Note

1. Applications and Appeals determined since last meeting The following were noted:-

08/2001/0340 - Certificate of lawfulness – use of agricultural building for domestic purposes; siting of mobile home; use of land for residential purposes – Fairview, 427 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

08/2001/0313 - Outline – Detached bungalow including details of siting and means of access – Land adj. The Barn, Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

08/2001/0370 - First floor and ground floor extensions at rear – 1 The Green, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Various Roadworks



44/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the following items be reported to the County Council:-

- a.      Jct. of Station Road/Chapel Road – New kerbs rocking
- b.      Station Road, o/s Winegro – Crater in carriageway
- c.      Shore Road, o/s Hundred End Farm (Southport bound) – Carriageway deteriorated over previous trench
- d.      Moss Lane, Near No 427 – Rough surface, previously dug up by Public Utility
- e.      Hesketh Lane, Nr to Petrol Station – Excessive water gathering on carriageway (although not in parish, this affects parishioners using Hesketh Lane)
- f.      Footpath from Chapel Road to School Fold – Overgrown

2.      Moss Roads      It was reported that the first part of Guide Road was deteriorating with the bridge over the Centre Dyke needing to be repaired.

45/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be requested to ask the County Council when the funds for the Moss Roads will be released and if any will be spent in this area.

3.      Parish Paths Project      The Clerk undertook to ask when this would be undertaken.

4.      Street Seats      The damaged seat on Shore Road, near The Brow had been removed at a cost of £ 20 and would cost in the region of £150 to rebuild. It was suggested that the seat in the shelter by Poppyfields should be relocated to replace the damaged seat.

46/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the seat in the bus shelter by Poppyfields be relocated to Shore Road near to The Brow and that Mr B Parkinson be requested to undertake the work. (The voting on this resolution was FOR – 8, AGAINST – 1, ABSTAINED – 1)

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A.      Items for Decision

#### 1.      Annual Maintenance Contract

47/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the quotation of Mr B Parkinson in the sum of £600 for maintaining the play areas, including Glenpark Drive and School Fold, be accepted.

#### 2.      Glenpark Drive

48/2001      RESOLVED:-      That Mr B Parkinson be requested to repair and replace the broken blue railing at this play area.

### 3. Inspection of Play Equipment

49/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor B Birkby be authorised to undertake two inspections per month, and  
2. That the Clerk be requested to ask the Insurance Company for its recommendation in respect of such inspections.

4. Swings Bolts on one of the swings at Station Road had broken and the swing had been taken out of use.

50/2001 RESOLVED:- That Yates Playgrounds be requested to inspect and replace where necessary the bolts and chains on all the swings.

### 5. Station Road Banking

51/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to arrange for the loose grass cuttings to be taken away when the banking is cut and for the area under the trees to be strimmed.

### ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that Tarleton High School did not wish to take up the offer of an allotment but there were three applications for plots.

52/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That one plot each be allocated to the following applicants:- Mr M Gray; Mr C Nightingale and Mrs D Riley, and  
2. That the existing tenants be asked if they wish to take up the tenancy of additional plots and be asked if they are aware of the owner of the new building which has recently been erected on the allotments.

### ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLOR J R FOSTER

1. Footpaths Councillor Foster indicated that this had already been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2. Environmental Issues Councillor Foster reported that the AGM of the West Lancashire Environmental Network (WLEN) would be held on 5 July 2001 at 7.00pm and the Council was allowed two representatives.

53/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor s J R Foster and Mrs H Tompkins be appointed to represent the Parish Council at the AGM of WLEN.

### REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Council considered the recommendations of the Sub-Committee set up to undertake a review of the Standing Orders of the Council.

54/2001        RESOLVED:-        That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be accepted and the revised Standing Orders, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be adopted. (This resolution was approved unanimously)

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

55/2001        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 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. (The voting on this resolution was FOR – 8, AGAINST – 2)

The Chairman left the Chair at this point in the meeting and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair for the next item.

#### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

The Clerk reported details of a letter received from the Hesketh Bowling and Social Club.

56/2001        RESOLVED:-        That the Bowling and Social Club be advised that the Council will not accept a lease on terms proposed by the Bowling and Social Club. (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR – Councillors Mrs Birkby, Mrs Goodier, Mrs Standish-Gore, Ashcroft, Birkby and Murphy – 6, AGAINST - Councillor Ball – 1, ABSTAINED – Councillors Foster, Sergeant and Mrs Tompkins – 3)

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PRESENT:- Councillor R C Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mesdames J Birkby; L Standish-Gore and  
H Tompkins

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

One member of the press was present.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs N Goodier and  
Councillors I Ashcroft and P Sergeant

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2001

57/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2001 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1.      Best Kept Village Competition - Flower Baskets & Vandalism It was reported that the baskets had been vandalised seven days after being erected. As a result, the litter bin on the lamppost outside HSBC Bank had been removed and the baskets on the post by the bus shelter had been removed. The baskets outside Top Shop had been raised up and wired and bolted onto the post. Teemac Engineering had inspected the posts and the existing brackets would not fit on the new lamppost by the bridge. Two baskets were currently with Councillor Mrs H Tompkins who was watering the baskets currently on display. It was also reported that the Village Institute was investigating the cost of a video camera.

The trophy won last year was currently with the Rector.

58/2001      RESOLVED:-      1.      That the report be noted,  
2.      That no further action be taken with  
regard to the hanging baskets in the current year,  
3.      That the cost of vandalism should be  
mentioned in a future newsletter and  
4.      That the preparation and circulation of a  
newsletter be discussed at a future meeting of the Council.

2.      The Brow Wall – Ownership A response was still awaited from The Land Registry.

3. Ditch & land adjacent to Delta Park Estate – Ownership This land was not registered and the payment had been returned.

Councillor J R Foster agreed to supply the Clerk with a copy of a plan, which showed that Morris Homes had to clean out the ditch and put a bridge across to the Delta Park Estate.

4. Glenpark Drive – Lease

59/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor Brian Birkby replaces Councillor Mrs L Standish Gore as one of the two Councillors authorised to sign the lease with the District Council, and

2. That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the lease to be signed this week.

5. Bus Services in Hesketh Bank The County Council was not aware of any service reduction on the 102 Preston to Southport route and a timetable case will be provided for the bus stop at Shore Road/Chapel Road.

With regard to service 316, adverts would be placed in local papers and the Clerk was requested to ask the County Council to supply timetables and a display holder for the Hesketh Bank Library.

6. Poppyfields Estate – Sewerage & Drainage The District Council had indicated that the drainage on the estate had been supervised by the NHBC and the District Council had no knowledge of the condition of the drains or the supervision provided. A meeting would be held on 29 July to establish the specific works required to bring the sewers up to adoptable standard.

The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council for a report on the outcome of the meeting and to copy the correspondence to the local MP.

7. Winter Maintenance in Hesketh Bank Mr Graham Harding, Environment Director of Lancashire County Council had re-iterated the Council's policy as set out in previous letters from his department. The matter was still with the local MP.

8. Noise Nuisance in Hesketh Bank The Police were still monitoring the situation and call handling in the Southern Communications Room was improving but still below the standard expected. The District Council had asked the complainant to keep a record of future noise nuisances but had not received further complaints. The matter would be re-opened should further disturbances occur.

9. Land adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Parish Council's latest letter had been passed to the Brewery.

10. Access from Becconsall Lane to footpaths 46 & 47 Mr Nairne had provided a list of users of the path and application forms had been received from the County Council. The Clerk was to look if the Council had a copy of the 1950 survey.

11. Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust The Council had been accepted for membership and the AGM would be held in November.

12. Allotments The Clerk had written to all tenants and was awaiting replies. The Clerk also suggested that the plots needed to be marked out again.

60/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor B Birkby be authorised to arrange for Mr B Parkinson to provide 20 treated stakes to be used to mark out the plots on the allotments.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A Items for Decision.

1. Best Value Review of Refuse Collection – Meeting 28 June 2001 The Chairman reported that there were only 2 years left for the landfill site and a decision onto where to start an experiment of a 3-bin system, costing £40 per household, was still awaited.

2. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Committee – Meeting 5 July 2001 Councillor A Murphy reported on the meeting, which had received presentations on Fluoridation in Water and the Community Warden Service. It had been indicated that all Parish Councils would be treated alike whether or not they were contributing to the Warden Service. Other issues mentioned were bus passes, which could be renewed by post next year, and discussions on rail transport in the area, into which the District Council would have input.

61/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Client Manager for the Community Warden Service, Mr S Jones, together with one of the Wardens, be invited to address a future meeting of the Parish Council.

3. Lancashire Constabulary – Problem Solving Course – 6 August 2001 The Clerk reported further correspondence from and a telephone conversation with Inspector P Melling.

62/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins and Councillor J R Foster be nominated to attend the Course.

4. LA 21 – Road Issues Focus Group – Meeting 11 July 2001  
5. LA 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – Meeting 17 July 2001 No councillors had attended these meetings.

6. LAP&TC Training Day – 1 September 2001 There were no volunteers to attend.

7. LAP&TC – West Lancs Area Committee – Meeting 13 July 2001 No one had been able to attend.

8. CVS – Countryside Agency's Vital Villages Workshop for Parish Councils – 6 September 2001 No one was able to attend.

9. CVS – Community Champions Fund - 2001 Grants Details were passed to the Village Institute.

10. Layfield Charity It was thought that some of the funds had been given to the school to enable children who could not afford the cost, to go on a school trip.

63/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Trustee, Councillor Mrs N Goodier, be requested to report on the breakdown of money spent to the next meeting of the Council.

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

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
2. District Council – Members Updates
  - a. Central Services Review Committee – No 2
  - b. Development & Leisure Review Committee – No 2
  - c. Housing & Health Review Committee – No 2
  - d. Planning Committee – No 3
3. Chairman of District Council – Letter of thanks
4. LCC – Municipal Waste Management Strategy
5. NALC – National Pay Agreement 2001
6. Countrywise – CPRE Newsletter
7. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2001
8. Local Council Review – July 2001
9. Community Futures Magazine – Issue 6
10. Rights of Way – Details of re-opened footpaths (Map passed to Village Institute)

## FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

64/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- |    |   |          |
|----|---|----------|
| a. | David Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters            | £ 120.00 |
| b. | Hesketh Village Institute - Hire of Institute | £ 165.00 |
| c. | Mr B Parkinson – Various works                | £ 315.00 |

(Councillor Mrs J Birkby and Councillors B Birkby & A Murphy declared an interest in account b)

2. Request for Grant – Village Institute (Councillor Mrs J Birkby and Councillors B Birkby & A Murphy declared an interest in this item)

65/2001 RESOLVED:- That a grant of £ 200.00 be made to the Hesketh Village Institute in the current financial year.

3. Parish Council Accounts 2000/2001 The Clerk presented the Accounts for the Council for the year 2000/2001, which had been prepared for the Annual Audit.

- 66/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Accounts for 2000/2001 be approved for submission to the Auditor, and
2. That investigation be undertaken into the ownership of the Changing Hut on the Recreation Ground Car Park.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

### PLANNING MATTERS

- A. Items for Decision  
1. Weekly Lists

66/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/2001/0673 Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Hundred End, HESKETH BANK

b. No 08/2001/0695 Single storey extension to entrance area on front elevation and single storey classroom extension at rear – All Saints CE Primary School, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK

c. No 08/2001/0696 Extension to existing horticultural workshop & store – Arden Lea Irrigation, 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

2. Planning Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2000 There were no items affecting the Parish on this agenda.

- B. Items to Note The following were noted:-
1. Applications determined since last meeting
- a. No 08/2001/0154 Certificate of lawfulness – Use of dwelling without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition imposed on planning permission 08/6/13057 - Whitecroft, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- b. No 08/2001/0251 Changer of use of existing flat to a care agency office - 10c Station Road, HESKETH BANK - REFUSED
- c. No 08/2001/0345 Demolition of disused agricultural building and the erection of a replacement building to accommodate 10 livery stables with individual tack rooms. Office and store. Formation of all-weather riding arena - Cottams Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- d. No 08/2001/0369 First floor extension at side - 9 Chandlers Croft, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED



- e. No 08/2001/0442 Two storey and single storey extensions at rear; pitched roofs to bay windows and canopy over front door - 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- f. No 08/2001/0308 Conservatory at side - 3 The Brow, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- g. No 08/2001/0488 Two storey extensions at side - 20 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- h. No 08/2001/0483 Erection of packing shed and alterations to existing vehicular access (Renewal of planning permission 08/9/0894) - 255 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED

## CAPITAL WORKS

1. CSG – Additional Tarmac Work The Clerk reported that 5 firms had been asked to submit estimates for the necessary work but divided up into 3 parts on the basis that the Council may have to defer part of the work to future years.

The total estimates were as follows:-

Estimate A £ 14,500.00 Estimate B £ 14250.00 Estimate C £ 16.093.30

The Council had regard to an underspend of about £ 9,000 in 2000/2001 and the desire to spend in the region of £ 5,000 from this years estimates.

67/2001 RESOLVED:- That Estimate B, from Premier Paving North West Ltd, in the sum of £ 14,250.00 be accepted in total for the completion of the access road, laying tarmac to the whole of the car park, laying kerbs alongside the edge of the football pitch and providing drainage into the drain adjacent to the Village Institute site. (This voting on this resolution was unanimous)

Councillor Mrs J Birkby, and Councillors B Birkby & A Murphy declared an interest in the next part of this item.

It was reported that it would be necessary to remove the chain link fence behind the Village Institute building to lay the drain and an estimate had been obtained by the Institute for replacing this fence with a concrete panel fence

68/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council pays the full cost of replacing the chain link fence with a concrete panel fence estimates at £ ,

3. That the Hesketh Bowling & Social Club be advised of the replacement of the fence and asked if it wishes to make a contribution towards the cost on the basis that the existing fence to the bowling green is demolished and small area of land between the Institute and the bowling green be transferred to the Bowling Club. (The voting on this resolution was unanimous)

## 2. Bus Shelters

a. New Shelter A quotation had been received from the bus shelter supplier to replace the shelter on Shore Road junction of Chapel Road.

69/2001        RESOLVED:-        That the quotation from Autocross Ltd for supplying and fitting a new enclosed shelter with a seat on Shore Road, junction of Chapel Road, at a cost of £ 2345.00 be accepted.

b.        Painting of Shelters etc.   Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Quotation A   £ 2065.00   Quotation B   £ 620.00

70/2001        RESOLVED:-        That Quotation B, from Mr B Parkinson, in the sum of £ 620.00 for painting bus shelters in the Parish, be accepted.

c.        Cleaning of shelter   A quotation had been received from Autocross Ltd for cleaning the shelter on Chapel Road at the junction of Pardoe Close in the sum of £ 55.00.

71/2001        RESOLVED:-        That a quotation be sought from Mr B Parkinson for cleaning the shelter on Chapel Road at the junction of Pardoe Close.

#### GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It was suggested that the Parish Council join with Tarleton Parish Council in celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee with the procession taking the form of the Tarleton Millennium Carnival procession held in 2000.

72/2001        RESOLVED:-        1.        That the Parish Council, in conjunction with Tarleton Parish Council, organise a Golden Jubilee procession to be held in the year of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, 2002,

4.        That a Sub-Committee of the Council be formed, to join with a Sub-Committee nominated by Tarleton Parish Council,

5.        That Councillors R C Ball, Mrs L Standish-Gore, J R Foster, Mrs H Tompkins and B Birkby be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee and,

6.        The two Parish Councils underwrite the initial cost and any profit made from the event be divided equally between the two Councils.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### A.        Items for Decision

##### 1.        Play Equipment

a.        Inspection – Shore Road, Station Road & Glenpark Drive Defects had been identified on Shore Road, the roundabout, and Station Road, the flat seat swings.

73/2001        RESOLVED:-        That Ian Yates be requested to undertake the necessary repairs to the equipment

b. Frequency of inspection The Insurance Company had identified the British Standard frequency for play equipment. Councillor B Birkby was currently inspecting all equipment approximately every two weeks. Councillor Birkby volunteered to continue to inspect the Station Road area and Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore the Shore Road equipment.

74/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the question of future inspections of the equipment be deferred to the next meeting of the Council, and

2. That Ian Yates be asked for a quotation for carrying out inspections on behalf of the Council

3. That a quotation be obtained for removing graffiti from equipment on Shore Road Play Area.

2. Play Areas

a. Provision of new housing estates. The District Council had indicated that any commuted sum for maintenance of areas obtained from developers must be expended on the site to which it relates. In addition, after the seven-year period paid for, such areas are offered to the local Parish Council on a long lease at a peppercorn rent.

b. Shore Road Area

75/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to lop the bottom branches on the trees alongside the right hand side of the slope from the car park to the play area.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Moss roads in Hesketh Bank

76/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the Parish Council is referring to all the adopted roads on the moss between Hesketh-with-Becconsall, Tarleton & North Meols and that County Councillor R Hodge be also approached regarding possible expenditure on these roads.

2. Moss Lane

77/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following be reported to the appropriate authority:-

Moss Lane junction with Station Road – Smashed kerbs outside Bargain Booze

Moss Lane – Street nameplate still missing

B. Items to Note The County Council had responded to all the highways and public rights of way items reported at the previous meeting of the Council.

78/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the County Council be advised that although the grass on the Station Road embankment is being cut when it is shorter and there is no bulk to dispose of, the cuttings are still not being removed.

## HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 3 October 2001 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Councillor R C Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs N Goodier and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs L Standish-Gore and B Birkby and 2 members of the public were present.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2001

90/2001 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Fencing at Poppyfields A reply was still awaited from the District Council and the Clerk undertook to chase up reply.

2. Bus Services in Hesketh Bank The Clerk undertook to chase the County Council for a display holder for timetables.

3. Sewerage and Drainage Problems, Poppyfields Estate David Borrow MP had written with details of the work to be done by Morris Homes to bring the sewerage and drainage up to standard and it was reported that the work had started.

4. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel No reply had been received to date.

5. Access from Becconsall Lane to Footpaths 46/47 A letter had been received from the owners of the Douglas Boatyard setting out their position and indicating that they had been trying to enforce the Foot and Mouth restrictions although certain people were intent on ignoring those restrictions. Also, they had no objection to the access being designated as a public footpath. The Clerk was still receiving evidence of the use of the access by local residents.

91/2001 RESOLVED:- That the letter be passed on to the County Council with the comment that the Parish Council applauds the actions of the owners of the boatyard.

6. Community Safety Grant Funding A copy of the application made to Government by the District Council had been received and a reply should be given later in the year. There was still an open invitation to Steve Jones to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council and the Clerk would send a reminder.

7. Planting of Oak Trees The District Council had indicated planting would take place in late February or early March. Councillor I Ashcroft reported that permission had been given for a tree to be planted on the grass area in front of the Rectory. A suggestion that perhaps an oak tree could be planted on the Open Space at Poppyfields was made and Councillor H Tompkins undertook to mention it to the District Council.

8. Nuisances on Poppyfields Play Area Morris Homes had suggested that the Parish Council may wish to discuss the problems with the District Council who would take over responsibility of the area when the contractor left the site. The Chief Constable's Office had indicated that a local Police Sergeant had been tasked to look at the problems. It was also reported that the Community Wardens were patrolling around the area.

9. Station Road Play Area & Embankment A suggestion was made about planting bulbs on both sides of the embankment by Station Road bridge and the matter was left in the hands of Councillor Mrs H Tompkins.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A Items for Decision.

1. WLDC - New Ethical Framework – Local Government Act 2000 – Standards Committee The Parish Council was consulted on the arrangements to be adopted by the District Council for dealing with Parish Council matters under this legislation. The issue would also be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Area Committee of LAP&TC.

92/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Council abide by the new Ethical Framework for Councillors and advises the District Council that this Council sees no need for a Sub-Committee.

2. WLDC – Local Plan Review – Consultation The Council had been invited to send a representative to a Forum meeting to discuss the Local Plan Review. Councillor J R Foster had received a personal invitation to attend.

93/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs N Goodier be nominated to attend the Review Forum meeting.

3. WLDC – Best Value Review – Plans Policy and Information The Parish Council had been invited to participate in the Review.

94/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council do not accept the invitation to participate in the Review.

4. Review of Lancashire Structure Plan A copy of the results of the Review had been received and was available from the Clerk.

5. LAP&TC – Training Day – Finance Budgets & Projects - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2001 There were no volunteers to attend.

6. Admissions Policy at Bishop Rawsthorpe School A letter had been received from David Borrow MP inviting the Council to attend a meeting regarding the admissions policy at Bishop Rawsthorpe School, Croston which was likely to be held on Friday, 16 November 2001 at 1.00pm at Rufford CE School.

95/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be appointed to represent the Council at the proposed meeting.

7. Dept of Health – Proposal to Establish a New Health Authority for Cumbria and Lancashire – Consultation A copy of the Consultation paper had been received and was passed to Councillor Mrs N Goodier.

8. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Committee Councillor A Murphy indicated that he was no longer able to attend meetings on a Thursday evening.

96/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs N Goodier be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum.

9. Moss Roads in West Lancashire A letter had been received signed by the Vice-Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council and the Clerk indicated that he did not have the previous correspondence to hand.

97/2001      RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

- B.      Items to Note      The following items were noted:-
1.      District Council – Committee Agendas
    - a.      Executive Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001
    - b.      Licensing & Appeals Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2001
    - c.      Central Services Review Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2001
    - d.      Housing and Health Review Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2001
    - e.      Development & Leisure Review Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2001
  2.      District Council – Members' Updates
    - a.      Central Services Review Committee – Issue 3
    - b.      Development & Leisure Review Committee – Issue 3
    - c.      Housing & Health Review Committee – Issue 3
    - d.      Planning Committee – Issue 5
  3.      District Council – Community Safety Newsletter – September 2001
  4.      LCC – School Organisation Plan for Lancashire 2001-2006
  5.      Road Issues Focus Group – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2001
  6.      Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2001
  7.      Council for Voluntary Service – Membership (The Parish Council had been accepted as a Member)
  8.      Community Futures – Annual Report & Magazine (The AGM was to be held on Friday 26 October 2001 in Preston)
  9.      CPRE Newsletter & Planning Update
  10.      British Association National Science Week – March 2002
  11.      Clerks & Councils Direct – September Issue
  12.      Local Council Review – September Issue

## FINANCE

- A.      Items for Decision
1.      Accounts for Payment

98/2001      RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Mr B Rimmer – Clerk's salary to 30/09/2001      £ 649.00  
(N.B. Expenses to be submitted next month)

8.      Application for Grant

99/2001      RESOLVED:- That the Grant Application from North West Air Ambulance be deferred until later in the financial year.

- B.      Items to Note
1.      Receipts      The following was noted:-

West Lancashire District Council – Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> payment)      £ 4894.00

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor J Hodson, attending as a member of the public, advised of the existence of 2 reports – Green Lane Link (1999) and Reversing Beeching.

It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to obtain copies of the reports, which should be read by members and used as a basis of understanding.

The Chairman invited Councillor Hodson to attend the next meeting of the Council.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

100/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/01/0865 - Extension to existing detached garage – 191 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK
- b. No 08/01/0873 - Detached garage – 6 Norwood Avenue, HESKETH BANK
- c. No 08/01/0894 - Replacement of timber clad walls with brickwork and felt roof with tiles – Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road, HESKETH BANK
- d. No 08/01/0897 - Erection of one detached dwelling – Willowmere Park, Station Road, HESKETH BANK
- e. No 08/91/0907 - Conservatory at rear – 26 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK
- f. No 08/01/0929 - Removal of condition No 4 imposed on Planning permission No 08/92/0225 to allow for storage of produce from nearby holdings – Anadale Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK

#### 2. Planning Committee – 4 October 2001

101/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/01/0696 – Extensions etc at Arden Lea Irrigation, 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – REFUSED)
- b. No 08/01/0479 – Replacement building incl. first floor flat, 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – REFUSED)

#### 3. Motor Vehicle Repair Shop – Guide Road

102/2001 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked why the re-instatement of the land fronting Shore Road has not been completed.

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

No 08/01/0759 - Dormer extension to side elevations; pitched roof to existing ground floor extension at front – Montrose, 99 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

## RURAL EVALUATION AND ACTION FOR LANCASHIRE (REAL), VITAL VILLAGES and LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

The Clerk reported on correspondence from the CVS regarding Vital Villages and the Local Heritage Initiative.

103/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact the Local heritage Initiative for more information and the Clerk be authorised to contact Rachel Fleming of REAL regarding the Agenda for producing the Action Plan promised at the last meeting.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Winter Maintenance of Roads The local MP had asked if there was anything else he could do in respect of this subject. The Council felt further representations would not produce any change in the County Council's attitude.



2. Green Lane It was suggested that if a new road was built at Green Lane then other roads around that area would suffer.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

1. Recreation Ground

104/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to trim back the tree overhanging a garden on Delta Park Drive.

#### ALLOTMENTS

105/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Bibby be allowed to change plots to enable him to work 2 adjoining plots.

#### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Completion of Car Park etc. The work had started and it was reported that the drain had been laid and the appropriate Contractor requested to erect the new concrete fence.

The Bowling Club had withdrawn its offer of a contribution towards the materials for the new fence.

106/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to pay accounts for the work, upto the value of the original estimate, prior to the next meeting of the Council, and

2. That the letter from the Bowling Club be acknowledged.

2. Bowling Club Lease The Bowling Club had still not responded to the Council's latest letter regarding the lease.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

107/2001 RESOLVED:- That the next meeting be held on Tuesday 6 November 2001 at the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank commencing at 7.30pm  
(The voting on this resolution was FOR – 5 votes, AGAINST – 3 votes, Abstained – 0)

## **HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 6 November 2001 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Birkby; Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors B Birkby; J R Foster and PJA Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs N Goodier, I Ashcroft, J Hunter and A Murphy and two members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2001**

108/2001      RESOLVED:-              That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1.      Fencing at Poppyfields A reply had been received from the District Council and it was agreed to ask the District Council who owned the strip of land referred to in the letter.
2.      Bus Services in Hesketh Bank The display holder and timetables had still not been received and the Clerk undertook to contact the County Council again.
3.      Sewerage and Drainage Problems, Poppyfields Estate David Borrow MP had forwarded a copy of a letter received from the District Council. Morris Homes had now started work but the bad weather was holding matters up. The District Council Officers felt the contractors were now co-operating with the District Council.
4.      Land adj. To Becconsall Hotel Councillor Mrs H Tompkins had made contact with a representative of the Brewery and would do so again.
5.      Planting of Oak Trees The suggested site at Poppyfields would be inspected by the District Council.
6.      Nuisances on Poppyfields Play Area Sergeant Steve Ollerton had contacted the Clerk and subsequently visited Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore. His solution was to find out what the youths wanted to do and try to formulate a long-term strategy to alleviate the problems. It was understood that Sgt Ollerton would be meeting Councillor J Hodson of Tarleton Parish Council this week. Tarleton Parish Council were in the process of undertaking a Community Audit to formulate a Village Plan and these problems would be included in that plan.
7.      New Ethical Framework – Local Government Act 2000  
Councillor Joan Draper of North Meols Parish Council had been nominated for the Standards Sub-Committee at the meeting of the LAP&TC Area Committee but a second nomination had been submitted at the District Council Meeting.

109/2001 RESOLVED:- That the nomination of Councillor Joan Draper be supported.

8. Admission Policy at Bishop Rawsthorne School Councillor Mrs H Tompkins would attend the meeting at Rufford CE School on Friday 16 November 2001 at 1.30pm.

9. Green Lane and Beeching in Reverse Reports

a. Green Lane A copy of the report had been received from the County Council.

110/2001 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Orders be waived to enable Councillor John Hodson of Tarleton Parish Council to address the Council at this point in the meeting.

Councillor Hodson indicated that, due to the Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council working nights, he had been authorised to conduct correspondence on behalf of the Council. He went on to give a brief resume of the Green lane report including the projected impact on existing roads in the area. Tarleton parish Council had not considered the report in detail but he felt it might be opposed to a Green Lane link. The possibility of an incinerator being built in this part of the district was raised and it was felt that a Green lane link would increase the possibility of such development.

111/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council is opposed to the construction of a future Green Lane Link,

2. That the County Council and County Councillor R Hodge be advised of the above resolution, and

3. That the possible construction of an incinerator in this part of West Lancashire is included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

b. Beeching in Reverse The reported that copies of this report were available at a cost of £10 each. Councillor J Hodson undertook to send his copy to the Clerk for photocopying.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Lancashire Constabulary

a. Inspector at Ormskirk Inspector P Melling had been temporarily transferred and Acting Inspector J Lee was currently in charge of this area.

b. Southern Division Update An update on recent developments in the Division had been received.

2. LAP&TC – LCC Traffic and Safety Section A revised procedure for dealing with traffic and road safety issues was being proposed.

112/2001 RESOLVED:- That the new procedures are noted and the County Council are informed that the Parish Council looks forward to seeing the first Action Plan.

3. LAP&TC – AGM – 10 November 2001 The Council considered the various resolutions submitted for debate at the meeting.

113/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman and Councillor I Ashcroft, if available, be authorised to attend the AGM of LAP&TC on 10 November 2001, and

2. That the delegates be mandated to vote on the resolutions as follows:-

- a. PC's to make representations re- the granting of HGV Operators' Licences – Support
- b. PC's to be brought under the Local Government Ombudsman – Support
- c. Cycles on designated cycleways to have warning devices – Support
- d. Remove clause re- mandatory membership of NALC – Delegates to vote after listening to the debate and the answers to any questions asked. If fairly large saving in subscription likely, delegates to vote in favour.

4. Environment Agency – Review of Authorisations BNFL Springfields The document was passed to the Chairman.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7.35PM.

#### THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY WARDENS

(Community Wardens Ken Owen and Ben Chadwick attended for this item)

The Wardens outlined their roles and the relationship with the District Council and the Lancashire Constabulary. Weekly meetings are held to discuss various matters and liaison took place with the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

There were currently 8 uniformed wardens comprising 2 Supervisors and 6 Wardens who worked between 10.00am and Midnight covering 15 patrol routes. Hesketh Bank was visited about 4 times a week at various times of the day and evening. The wardens generally drive to the area and then patrol on foot and areas currently being attention included the Boatyard and behind Alty's on Station Road. The wardens could only arrest as members of the public.

The wardens had not been advised of problems at Poppyfields Play Area or the Recreation Ground, Shore Road but would add those areas to the list for special attention. Also, they undertook to pass on to the Environmental Health Department, the Council's concerns about mud on roads especially on Shore Road and Station Road.

Contact could be made through Steve Jones on 01695 585208

114/2001 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked why Parish Councils had not been given a list of contact numbers etc. and why Parish Councils had not been consulted about 'hotspots' in parished areas.

The Chairman thanked the wardens for their attendance.

THE MEETING RE-CONVENED AT 8.15PM

## CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

### A. Items for Decision (Cont)

5. WLDC Housing Strategy – Update 2000-2003 The document was noted.

6. Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust Ltd – AGM 19 November 2001 at Stoneyhurst College at 7.30pm The Chairman undertook to attend.

7. Local Agenda 21

a. Road Issues Focus Group Next meeting on Wednesday 7 November 2001 at WLDC Offices at 7.45pm.

b. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group Next meeting on Tuesday 27 November 2001 at Cock & Bottle at 7.30pm. The Chairman would attend.

8. Lancashire Civic County Epiphany Service Blackburn Cathedral on 6 January 2002.

115/2001 RESOLVED:- That the invitation be declined.

9. Remembrance Sunday – 11 November 2001

116/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore be nominated to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council, and

2. That Members of the Council attending the Service meet outside the Church no later than 10.15am.

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

1. District Council Committee Agendas

- a. Executive Committee – 9 October 2001
- b. Standards Committee – 17 October 2001
- c. Council Meeting – 17 October 2001
- d. Central Services Review Committee – 23 October 2001
- e. Housing & Health Review Committee – 24 October 2001
- f. Development & Leisure Review Committee – 25 October 2001

2. District Council – Members' Updates

- a. Central services Review Committee – Issue 4
- b. Development & Leisure Review Committee – Issue 4
- c. Housing & Health Review Committee – Issue 4
- d. Planning Committee – Issue 6

3. LCC – Local Transport Plan – Annual Progress Report

4. British Waterways – Ribble Link Radiological Assessment

5. NALC – National Training Strategy Update

6. CPRE – Rural Matters Leaflet

7. Sefton NHS Health Authority – Conference

8. Legal Services Commission Newsletter

9. LAP&TC – West Lancashire Area Committee (No-one had attended)
10. Local Council Review (November edition)

## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

117/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in paying the following accounts, be confirmed:-

#### Centenary Sports Ground – Completion of Access Road and Car Park

1.	Johnson Plant Hire -	£ 350.36
2.	Amey Fleet Services Ltd -	£ 822.50
3.	C W Berry Ltd -	£7,622.00
4.	Premier Paving NW Ltd -	£5,455.0

#### 2. That the following accounts be paid:-

1.	Autocross – New Bus Shelter	£2,755.38
2.	Brian Parkinson – Various Works	£2,012.00
3.	B Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's expenses Jun – Sept.	£ 133.56
4.	Royal British legion – Poppy Wreath	£ 15.00

2. Capital Schemes The District Council was seeking applications for grant aid for capital schemes for 2002/2003. The Clerk had received details, from Ian Yates, about which items of existing play equipment may need replacing and what other equipment may be provided.

118/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be authorised to submit applications for grant aid for the following items of play equipment:-

- a. Recreation Ground, Shore Road – Replacement slide and replacement roundabout
- b. Play Area, Station Road – New see-saw

#### 3. Application for Grant

119/2001 RESOLVED:- That the application for grant from NSPCC be deferred until later in the financial year.

### B. Items to Note

#### 1. Receipts The following was noted:-

West Lancashire District Council – Concurrent expenditure (2nd payment)  
- £2,214.04

2. Audit Commission – A New Approach to Local Council Audit  
The Government's proposals were noted.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

120/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2001/0945 – Single storey extension at rear of retail premises – 5 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this application)
- b. No 08/2001/0979 – Two storey extension at rear – 42 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK
- c. No 08/2001/1005 – Conversion of part of garage into living accommodation (variation of condition No 6 imposed on planning permission No 08/96/0550) – 27 Poppyfields, HESKETH BANK
- d. No 08/2001/1007 – First floor extension involving new main roof with 3 dormers on front and 3 dormers in rear elevation; erection of replacement porch – 334 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
- e. No 08/2001/1029 – Single storey extension at rear – 45 School Fold, HESKETH BANK

#### 2. Planning Committee – 8 November 2001

121/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That no further comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/2001/0897 – One detached dwelling – Willowmere Park, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

2. That the further comments indicated be made on the following applications:-

No 08/2000/1170 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce. Extension of hardstanding area – land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

No 08/2001/0505 – Outline erection of 1 detached dormer bungalow (inc. details of siting and means of access) – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

(Recommendation for each – GRANTED)

Object and request deferment for site visit on the grounds of increased traffic flow, vibration, increased size of bungalow on a different site and inconsistency when looked at alongside an application at 242 Moss Lane which was refused but was nearer the criteria than this application.

3. West Lancashire Local Plan Review 2006-2012 Issues Paper  
The document was noted.

B. Items to Note

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

- a. No 08/2001/0865 – Extension to existing detached garage – 191 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/2001/0479 – Replacement two storey building comprising ground floor office, mess room and garage with first floor flat above – 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)
- c. No 08/2001/0825 – Single storey extension at rear; alterations to roof including dormer extensions at rear – 29 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/2001/0873 – Detached garage – 6 Norwood Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

RURAL EVALUATION AND ACTION FOR LANCASHIRE (REAL)

An outline of the steps required to progress this project had been received

- 122/2001 RESOLVED:- members of the Parish Council,
1. That the outline be circulated to all
  2. That the preparatory work be undertaken in January 2002 with the exhibition being held in February 2002, and
  3. That during the project, the public be made aware of the issues regarding Green Lane Link and Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be requested to prepare a paper on this subject.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. The Brow, off Station Road

- 123/2001 RESOLVED:-
1. That the concerns of the resident of The Brow regarding the street nameplate be forwarded to the District Council, and
  2. That Morris Homes be requested to undertake the re-instatement of The Brow as soon as possible.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Inspection of Play Equipment

124/2001 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Ian Yates, in the sum of £22.00 per month, for inspecting the play equipment on the three play areas and supplying a written report to the Council, be accepted



2. Recreation Ground – Overhanging Tree

125/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be authorised to inspect the tree, speak to the owner of the property and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

A. Items for Decision

1. New Fence behind Village Hall Building The Bowling Club had now agreed to pay one third of the cost of the materials for this new fence.

126/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to invoice the Bowling Club for the amount involved.

2. Bowling Club Lease The Bowling Club's position had not changed but the issue would be discussed at the forthcoming Bowling Club AGM.

## **HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 3 December 2001 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Birkby; Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs N Goodier and PJA Sergeant and five members of the public were present.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2001**

127/2001      RESOLVED:-              That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1.      Fencing at Poppyfields A response was still awaited from the District Council on the ownership of the 'ransom' strip.

2.      Bus Services in Hesketh Bank The display holder and timetables had still not been received.

3.      Sewerage & Drainage Problems, Poppyfields Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore reported on recent problems with smells emanating from the drains. The Environmental Health Department of the District Council had attended and found stagnant water lying in the system. Morris Homes had subsequently jetted the system. The Environmental Health Officer had indicated that the system was not up to an adoptable standard at the moment. It appeared the builder had decided to ask the NHBC to inspect the various elements of the construction works, which, in effect, meant the site was self-regulated.

Councillor Mrs Standish-Gore also reported a manhole cover on the play area, which was not secured, and under which was a drop of some 30 ft. A lock had subsequently been fitted to stop children gaining entrance. Work on the play area was now complete and the contractor had said that the remaining works on the Poppyfields site would be finished in 2002.

Councillor Mrs J Birkby arrived during consideration of the above item.

4.      Land adj. To Becconsall Hotel Councillor Mrs H Tompkins had been unable to contact the Official at the Brewery. It was agreed to contact the Land Registry regarding the ownership of this land.

5.      Admission Policy at Bishop Rawsthorpe School Councillor Mrs Tompkins had attended the meeting, which had been called as a result of children from Rufford not being able to gain access to the school. It had been agreed that a

head count of children in the primary schools in the area would be undertaken in an attempt to estimate the future numbers wanting access to Bishop Rawsthorne School. The results would be forwarded to the Parish Councils concerned.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived during consideration of the above item.

Following the above meeting, Councillor Mrs Tompkins had spoken to Mr David Borrow MP who had indicated he was keen to attend any public meetings organized in the Parish but he would not be available throughout January 2002.

6. Green Lane A letter had been received from County Councillor R Hodge expressing surprise at the Parish Council's decision on Green Lane. He felt it was the only practical proposal put forward so far to alleviate the problems in the village centers of Tarleton and Hesketh Bank. He did not agree with the Parish Council's views.

7. Beeching in Reverse The Clerk undertook to contact Councillor J Hodson of Tarleton for a copy of this report.

8. LAP&TC – AGM The Chairman reported that the resolutions to the meeting had been dealt with as follows:-

- a. HGV Operator's Licences - Defeated
- b. Local Government Ombudsman - Approved
- c. Warning devices on cycles – Approved
- d. Membership of NALC – Withdrawn, Special meeting to be held In January 2002.

9. Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust Ltd – AGM The Chairman had not been able to attend but he understood that Chris Heap could give a slide show to a meeting of the Council at a convenient time.

10. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group No-one had been able to attend.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. FOR DECISION

#### 1. Standards Board for England

- a. Model Code of Conduct This was noted.
- b. Time Frame for Adoption This was noted.
- c. Standards Committee Seminar A number of Councillors

were to attend this meeting but 4 Councillors and the Clerk could not attend at that time of the day.

2. Quality Parish & Town Councils – A Consultation Paper The Consultation paper was noted and was available for Members to read.

3. A National Training Strategy for Parish & Town Councils The Strategy was noted and was available for Members to read.

4. Community Wardens

a. Additional Funding The District Council bid for additional funding had not been successful but if the Parishes concerned continued to pledge funding the District Council was hopeful that a successful and worthwhile outcome could be achieved.

128/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's attitude to a scheme was still positive depending on what sort of scheme was proposed.

b. Operation of Service A reply was still awaited from the District Council.

5. Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 – Draft Map of Common Lane and Open Country A draft map had been received from the Countryside Commission but there were no areas of Common Land or Open Country in this Parish.

6. Golden Jubilee Summer Party A booklet from the Golden Jubilee Office was passed to Councillor B Birkby.

7. Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership The Clerk had received an invitation to join the Society, which could provide help and assistance on a wide range of matters. The Clerk suggested that with so much change in the office, it would be worthwhile joining and the Council was empowered to pay the Clerk's Annual Subscription, which was £ 43.00.

129/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk's request to join the Society of Local Council Clerks be approved and the Parish Council pay the Annual Subscription of £43.00.

B. FOR NOTING The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas

- a. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – 15 November 2001 – The Chairman, as a resident of the Parish, had written a letter to the District Council regarding the format of this meeting.
- b. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 November 2001
- c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 21 November 2001
- d. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 22 November 2001
- e. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 27 November 2001
- f. Executive Committee – 4 December 2001

2. District Council Members Updates
  - a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 5
  - b. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 5
  - c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 5
  - d. Planning Committee – Issue 7
3. LAP&TC – Autumn Newsletter
4. Lancashire Playing Fields Association – Annual Report 2000
5. Community Futures – No 9
6. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2001

## FINANCE

### A. FOR DECISION

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

130/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. David Ward, Wigan – Cleaning bus shelters £ 150.00
- b. Kennedy Partnership, Burscough – Legal Fees for Glenpark Drive transfer from the District Council £ 188.88  
(In connection with this item, it was also agreed that the Clerk's address be inserted in the entry in the Land Registry)
- c. Ellerbeck Nursery, Hesketh Bank – Christmas Tree for Cropper Gardens £ 25.00
- d. Brian Parkinson – Maintenance contract (3<sup>rd</sup> payment) £ 200.00

2. Capital Programme 2002/2003 The Clerk reported on the submissions made to the District Council for consideration for the Capital Programme for 2002/2003.

131/2001 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in authorising the following submission to the District Council, be confirmed:-

Scheme A1 – Shore Road, new slide including safety surfacing - £ 3533.00  
 Scheme A2 – Shore Road, new roundabout including safety surfacing - £ 4236.00  
 Scheme A3 – Station Road, new seesaw including safety surfacing - £ 2463.00  
 Total costs - £ 10,232.00

Scheme B1 – Shore Road, Safety surfacing for slide – £ 1983.00  
 Scheme B2 – Shore Road, Safety surfacing for roundabout – £ 1851.00  
 Scheme B3 – Station Road, Safety Surfacing for seesaw – £ 1298.00  
 Total costs – District Council - £ 5132.00, Parish Council - £ 5100.00

### 3. Application for Grant

132/2001 RESOLVED:- That the application for Grant from Childline North West be deferred until later in the financial year.

4. Golden Jubilee Medals Details of Golden Jubilee medals had been received with the standard cost being £ 2.95 each.

133/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be authorised to compile a list of persons who undertake voluntary service in the Parish for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

#### B. FOR NOTING The following items were noted:-

1. Accounts & Audit Change in Regulations 2001
2. District Council Statement of Accounts 200/2001
3. Receipts – Hesketh Bank AFC – Contribution to fence and access road, Centenary Sports Ground - £ 650.00

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were raised:- Green Lane; Traffic along Hesketh Lane, Tarleton; Possible Produce Distribution Centre; Incineration of waste; Planning application at Anadale, Shore Road.

During the course of the above item it was:-

134/2001 RESOLVED:- That the time limit of 15 minutes be waived to allow all the members of the public present to speak.

### PLANNING MATTERS

#### A. FOR DECISION

##### 1. Weekly Lists

135/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- (a) No 08/2001/1069 – Conservatory at rear – 34 Woodlea Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- (b) No 08/2001/0979 – Two storey and single storey rear extension – 42 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Amendment – The proposed two storey extension has been reduced in size and a single storey extension is proposed in its place)

- (c) No 08/2001/0945 – Single storey extension at rear of retail premises and provision of staff parking area at rear – 5 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Amendment – The red edge of the application site has been amended to include side access drive)

(N.B. Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this item)

## 2. Planning Committee – 6 December 2001

136/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following additional comments be made on the applications indicated:-

(a) Application No 08/00/1170 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce. Extension of hardstanding area – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK – In the light of comments made by the applicant at the site meeting, use of building be restricted to purposes ancillary to the agricultural holding on which it is situated.

(b) Application No 08/01/0505 – Outline – Erection of one detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK – No further comments.

(c) Application No 08/01/0929 – Removal of condition 4 imposed on planning permission 8/92/0225 to allow storage of produce from nearby holdings – Anadale Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK – Support the application, recommend site visit be made to view access arrangements.

B. FOR NOTING The following were noted:-

Applications dealt with since previous meeting:-

- (a) No 08/2001/0894 – Replacement of timber clad walls with brickwork and felt roof with tiles – Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- (b) No 08/2001/0907 – Conservatory at rear – 26 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- (c) No 08/2001/0040 – Erection of 3 detached houses – Land adjacent to 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- (d) 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 to planning permission ref 08/99/0974) – Land adjacent to 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- (e) No 08/2001/0897 – Erection of one detached dwelling – Willowmere Park, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- (f) No 08/2000/1194 – Detached double garage – 3 The Brow, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

## REAL PROJECT

Rachel Fleming had written to the effect that she was leaving the project and correspondence should be with Denise Partington until a replacement was appointed.

137/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be authorised to contact Denise Partington regarding the Parish Council's project.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A.      FOR DECISION

#### 1.      Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a.      Overhanging Tree Councillor Mrs Tompkins was still investigating this tree.

b.      Fence around school The School Governors' wished to erect a more substantial fence around the school to prevent access and possible damage by vandalism. A Government Grant would be available for an 8ft high fence but the Governors' did not wish to erect a fence that high. The Governors' felt a smaller fence with a hawthorn hedge on the outside, to be looked after and trimmed by the school, would be more appropriate. Neighbours of the school on Shore Road and School Fold had been consulted and were in agreement with the proposals and Councillor I Ashcroft was formerly asking the views of the Council on behalf of the Governors'

138/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Parish Council raises no objections to the proposals of the School Governors' to erect a fence and hawthorn hedge around the school site.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A.      FOR DECISION

1.      Bus Shelters A quotation was still awaited from Autocross for the Chapel Road/Pardoe Close shelter.

2.      Douglas View, off Station Road There had been no response from the District Council.

3.      Mud on Roads It was reported that there had recently been 6 accidents on Shore Road, and it was considered that most had been as result of mud on the road. The Police were not taking action regarding the mud even though road safety issues were involved.

139/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Chief Constable to deplore the lack of action in respect of mud on Shore Road and Station Road, Hesketh Bank and that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Inspector at Ormskirk.

## INCINERATION OF WASTE

It was reported that it was not the intention of members of West Lancashire District Council to site an incinerator in this area of the district. It was further reported that a



certain landholder had been found to have two industrial incinerators in a barn on his land. It was suggested that the completion of the Green Lane link might facilitate access to an incinerator in Hesketh Bank.

At the present time, Lancashire County Council has a policy of burying waste but new Government Guidelines meant that the amount of waste buried must be reduced. There were currently 3 options for the disposal of waste viz:- recyclable waste, which can be re-used after due processing, green waste, which can be buried, and disposal waste, which would be incinerated. The County Council Policy was for at least one, if not two, incinerators to be provided.

It was agreed to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

## **HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 7 January 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs N Goodier; Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft; B Birkby; J R Foster; A Murphy and PJA Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Birkby and J Hunter and one member of the press was present.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2001**

140/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2001 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1. Fencing at Poppyfields Estate The District Council did not know the owner of the land in question and had suggested asking Morris Homes for the information.
2. Bus Services in Hesketh Bank A holder and timetables had now been supplied to the Library and it had been added to the mailing list for updates. Also most bus stops now had timetable cases with the latest leaflets on display.
3. Land adj. To Becconsall Hotel A form was awaited from the Land Registry.
4. Beeching in Reverse A copy was still awaited from Councillor J Hodson of Tarleton.
5. Standards Committee A copy of the presentation given by the District Council's Officers had been circulated. There was to be a meeting of all Clerks shortly. The question of training had been raised and the District Council was in correspondence with LAP&TC regarding this. Councillor Miss Joan Draper of North Meols had been appointed to the Standards Committee to represent the Parishes when parish issues are discussed.
6. Community Warden Scheme A meeting was to be held on Monday 28 January 2002 at Ormskirk at 7.30pm and Councillors Ian Ashcroft and Tony Murphy agreed to attend to represent the Parish Council.
7. Quality Parish & Town Councils LAP&TC had requested to be sent a copy of any comments made to Government.
8. Society of Local Council Clerks Full details had been received by the Clerk.

9. REAL Project A response was still awaited from Ms Denise Partington.

10. Bus Shelters The Clerk undertook to chase the contractor for an estimate.

141/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be authorised to deal with any estimate received prior to the next meeting of the Council.

11. Street Nameplate – Douglas View The nameplates ordered by the District Council, were noted but concern was expressed that one of them still referred to The Brow first whereas the first houses were actually in Douglas View.

12. Mud on Roads The letter from the Chief Constable had been passed to Superintended Barton at Leyland. Inspector J Lee had indicated that the issue had been brought to the attention of the Road Policing Unit and local Officers who would monitor the situation. The Community Wardens had also spoken to the Highways Department about the problems.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. FOR DECISION

1. LAP&TC – Special General Meeting – 12 January 2002 A meeting to discuss the budget for next year was to be held on Saturday, 12 January 2002 at Barton Village Hall. The Council discussed the two options to be put to the meeting.

142/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Councillor J R Foster be authorised to represent the Parish Council at the meeting and be mandated to vote for Option No 2, which utilises £3,000 from balances to reduce the increase in subscriptions.

2. Local Government White Paper: Parish Proposals The Government's latest thinking on the future of Parish Councils was noted.

3. Vital Village Programme Details of the programme were noted for possible future attention.

4. West Lancashire NHS Primary Care Trust – Local Strategic Partnership Planning Event The details were noted.

5. North Western Legal Services Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference for Community Legal Service Partnerships in North West The details were noted.

6. LAP&TC – West Lancashire Area Committee – 11 January 2002 The Chairman and Councillor J R Foster would represent the Parish Council.

7. Glenpark Drive Play Area The land had now been registered with the Land Registry and the Solicitors had agreed to keep the documents free of charge.

143/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Solicitors, Kennedy Partnership, retain the documents for safekeeping.

8. Seat at Corner of Boundary Lane and Moss Lane All Parish Councillors had received a letter from two residents of Moss Lane regarding the problems experienced with youths congregating around this seat. A number of Councillors had been monitoring the situation over the Christmas and New Year period and none of them had seen anything amiss.

144/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the request to move the seat be not acceded to as it is used by a number of elderly people,

2. That Parish Councillors living in the locality continue to monitor the situation and report back to a future meeting of the Council, and

3. That the Police and the Community Wardens also be requested to monitor the situation.

B. FOR NOTING The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas
  - a. Full Council – 12 December 2001
  - b. Extraordinary Council – 12 December 2001
  - c. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 18 December 2001
  - d. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 19 December 2001
  - e. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 December 2001
2. District Council Members Updates
  - a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 6
  - b. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 6
  - c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 6
  - d. Planning Committee – Issue 8
3. WLDC – LA21 Road issues Focus Group – Annual Report
4. West Lancashire Community Safety Steering Group – Community Safety Newsletter
5. LCC – Reopening Public Rights of Way (Notices put on Notice Board and copy given to Councillor B Birkby for Library)
6. LCC – Local Agenda 21 Strategy 'One Year On' Report
7. Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service – Burning Issues – Issue 1
8. LAP&TC – Letter from Chairman

9. LAP&TC – Advert for County Secretary
10. DTLR – Local Elections (Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 2001
11. Environment Agency – Environmental Overview of Central Area 2001 (Passed to Councillor Mrs. H Tompkins)
12. Environment Agency – The River Alt and Crossens LEAP Area Action Plan Summary Report 2000/2001 (Passed to Councillor B Birkby for Library)
13. West Lancashire Forum – Report 'Towards a Community Strategy'
14. Community Futures – No 10
15. Countrywise – Newsletter of CPRE - December 2001 (Passed to Councillor Mrs. L Standish-Gore)
16. Planning Update (CPRE) – Issue 5/01 (Passed to Councillor Mrs. L Standish-Gore)
17. The Beacon Newsletter (CVS) – December 2001
18. Wicksteed Leisure Catalogue

## FINANCE

### A. FOR DECISION

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

145/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Yates Playgrounds – Inspection of Play Equipment	£ 77.55
	Repairs to Equipment	£804.87
b.	B W Rimmer – Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£770.58

2. Annual Audit 2000/2001 The Council considered a memorandum of comments from the District Auditor together with the Clerk's suggested answers. The Clerk handed the Chairman a letter relating to the payment of Income Tax and National Insurance on his salary and the Council gave special consideration to the question of VAT on the Centenary Sports Ground rents.

146/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the answers provided by the Clerk to the comments of the District Auditor be accepted, and

2. The present position whereby VAT is not added to the Centenary Sports Ground rents be maintained.

#### 3. Application for Grant – Lancashire Youth Clubs Association

147/2001 RESOLVED:- That this application be deferred for consideration with other applications later in the financial year.

4. Application for Financial Assistance – Tarleton Community Primary School The Council considered an application for assistance towards a new School Hall for Tarleton Community Primary School.

148/2001      RESOLVED:-              That the Headteacher of the School be advised that the Parish Council is not able to assist with this project at this time due to other priorities in the Parish.

B. FOR NOTING    The following item was noted:-

1. Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

149/2001      RESOLVED:-              That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a.      No 08/2001/1165 – Application for Determination as to whether Prior Approval is required for details – Erection of agricultural building for storage facilities for agricultural machinery, produce and general agricultural requirements – 195 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- b.      No 08/2001/1185 – Display of illuminated shop fascia sign on front elevation – 14 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- c.      No 08/2001/1007 – First floor extension involving raising ridge height – 334 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Amendment – The 6 dormer windows and front porch have been omitted)

2. Planning Committee – 10 January 2002

150/2001      RESOLVED:-              1.      That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/2001/0945 – Extensions and staff parking, 5 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED) (Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this item)

2.      That the Clerk contacts the Planning Department regarding the item on the agenda referring to 'Commuted sums for Off-Site recreation facilities'.

**B. FOR NOTING The following were noted:-**

1. Breach of Planning Control The current situation in respect of possible Enforcement Action at 6 Guide Road.
2. Applications Determined since last meeting
  - a. No 08/2001/1029 – Single storey extension at rear – 45 School Fold, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/2001/0979 – Two storey and single storey rear extension – 42 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - c. No 08/2001/1005 – Conversion of part of garage into living accommodation – 27 Poppyfields, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - d. No 08/2001/0505 – Outline – Erection of one detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - e. No 08/2001/1170 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce. Extension of hardstanding area – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

**RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS**

**A. FOR DECISION**

1. Inspections of Play Areas The Council considered the reports received from Yates Playgrounds on the play equipment:-

- a. Glenpark Drive Bolts needed tightening at a cost of £ 5.00
- b. Station Road Rivets need replacing, eyebolts tightening and pivots repairing at a cost of £ 24.00
- c. Shore Road Pivots need repairing at a cost of £ 15.00 and the flat seats need replacing at a cost of £ 185.00

Comments had also been made about some of the safety surfacing not complying with BSEN1176, and some of the equipment required painting.

151/2001      RESOLVED:-      1.      That Yates Playgrounds be requested to carry out the various minor repairs at a cost of £ 44.00,

2.      That Yates Playgrounds be requested to replace the flat seats at a cost of £ 185.00,

3.      That Yates Playgrounds be asked why the safety surfacing does not comply with BSEN1176, and

4.      That Yates Playgrounds and Mr. B Parkinson are requested to supply estimates for painting the various items of equipment identified in the reports.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. FOR DECISION

#### 1. Cropper Gardens

152/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be requested to write to thank Mr. G Fyles for gritting the paths on Cropper Gardens during the recent cold and icy weather.

#### 2. Shore Road

153/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the County Council be requested to inspect the footway from the 30mph sign at the village end of the road to Hundred End and take any necessary action to allow the free passage of prams etc. along the footway.

#### 3. Street Cleaning in Hesketh Bank

154/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the District Council be requested to visit the Parish more often with the rotary sweeper as the footways and gutters, especially on Station Road and Shore Road, are a disgrace.

#### 4. Car Parking in the Village Centre

155/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be requested to approach Alty's Ltd. regarding the possibility of leasing land in their ownership for car parking in the Village Centre.

#### 5. The Brow Wall

156/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council to inspect the Brow Wall as it appears to be deteriorating.

#### 6. Parish Map

157/2001      RESOLVED:-      That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council about the latest position with regard to the Parish Map.

### PARISH OAKS TREE PLANTING PROJECT 2001/2001

The District Council was asking for at least 3 dates for planting the Oak Tree in the Parish.

158/2001      RESOLVED:-      1.      That Councillors Mrs. H Tompkins and I Ashcroft be authorised to liaise with the Rector and agree possible dates for the planting, and



2. That the Church be asked if it would be possible to also plant 2 yew trees with the oak tree, to be provided at the Parish Council's expense.

#### **REVISED ESTIMATES 2001/2002 AND ESTIMATES 2002/2003**

The Council gave preliminary consideration to the estimates for the next financial year. The Precept could be agreed at the next meeting of the Council. The situation regarding Community Safety would be clearer after the meeting with the District Council referred to earlier in the minutes, whilst various estimates had been requested for works to the play areas.

159/2001      **RESOLVED:-**      That the Clerk be requested to approach the Headteacher of Tarleton High School and the District Council regarding the future funding of the Swimming Pool at the school.