

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

Council Meeting Minutes

1st April 2002 – 31st March 2003

COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

Councillor C Iain Ashcroft

Councillor Raymond C Ball (Chairman)

Councillor Brian Birkby

Councillor Joan Birkby (Died July 2002)

Councillor J Robert Foster

Councillor Norma M Goodier

Councillor John Hunter

Councillor Rev'd Richard Plant (Elected October 2002)

Councillor Antony P Murphy

Councillor Paul J A Sergeant

Councillor Lesley Standish-Gore

Councillor Hilary J Tompkins

CLERK & R.F.O.

Mr Brian W Rimmer (Resigned January 2003)

Mr Rodney Sears (Appointed February 2003)

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 15 April 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R 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, J Hunter, A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

Thirteen members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2002

177/2001 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

178/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Autocross – Bus Shelter- Chapel Road/Pardoe Close – New panels
- £470.00
- b. LAP&TC – Annual Subscription 2002/2003 - £399.73
- c. Shaw & Sons Ltd. – Code of Conduct Forms - £ 34.26

B. TO NOTE

1. Receipts The following payments had been received:-

- a. Hesketh Bank AFC – CSG Rental - £190.00
- b. Mr M H Whiteside – Allotment Rent - £ 36.00

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

179/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2002/0251 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce (Revised scheme to Planning Permission 08/2000/1170) – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Planning Committee) (Included on Planning Committee Agenda for 18 April 2002)

- b. No 08/2002/0253 – Retention of hardstanding area – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Planning Committee) (Included on Planning Committee Agenda for 18 April 2002)
- c. No 08/2002/0229 – Conservatory at rear – 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- d. No 08/2002/0249 – Single storey extension at rear with living accommodation in roof space above – 5 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- e. No 08/2002/0257 – Conservatory at rear – 27 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- f. No 08/2002/0266 – Replacement single storey office, mess room and garage – 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- g. No 08/2002/0267 – Portacabin to be used as office (renewal of Planning Permission 08/99/0257) – 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- h. No 08/2002/0274 – First floor extension at rear – Helmdale, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- i. No 08/2002/0284 – Retention of portacabin 6m x 3m for use as office accommodation (Renewal of Planning Permission 08/2000/0288) – 9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)

2. That following comments be made in respect of application No 08/2002/0311 – Outline – Detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) – Land adjacent 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services):-

The Parish Council is concerned about access to the site and request adequate sight lines are provided by the applicant.

3. That following comments be made in respect of application No 08/2002/0315 – Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane – Land rear of 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services):-

The Parish Council is concerned at the access point onto Moss Lane, which is at a dangerous point in the road bearing in mind application No 08/2002/0144 for 13 houses, which is in the vicinity of this application.

2. Planning Committee – 18 April 2002

180/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. Report No 31. Application No 08/02/0253 - Retention of hardstanding – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – Refused – Green Belt Policy)

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- b. Report No 32. Enforcement Item No E/02/0008 - Creation of hardstanding – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – Issue an Enforcement Notice, return site to condition suitable for growing of agricultural produce within 1 month of date of Notice taking effect. – Reason – Green Belt Policy)
- c. Report No 33. Application No 08/02/0251 - Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce (Revised scheme to Planning Permission 08/2000/1170) – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – Granted)
- d. Report No 34. Enforcement Item No E/02/0005 - Use of land as Caravan Site – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
- e. Report No 35. Enforcement Item No E/02/0006 - Use of land as Caravan Site – Land adj. to Cedars, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK
- f. Report No 36. Enforcement item No E/02/0007 - Use of land as Caravan Site – Land at Long Croft, Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (This site is actually in North Meols) (RECOMMENDATION for d, e & f – Issue Enforcement Notice, Caravans to be removed within 1 month of date of Notice taking effect. Reasons – Green Belt Policies and Use of land for siting caravans harms the distinctive character and quality of Northern Mosses Natural Area and conflicts with Policy LN.1 of the West Lancashire Local Plan)
- g. Report No 37. Application No 08/02/0673 - Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Tarleton (The District Council puts this site in Hesketh-with-Becconsall) (RECOMMENDATION – Granted)

3. Application No 08/2002/0144 – Erection of 13 detached houses with 7 detached garages; provision of new access road and landscaping scheme - Land at Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this item)

181/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following comments be made on this item:- Proposed access is on one of the most dangerous corners in the village; the road is used by many HGV's both from the UK and Overseas, the latter with drivers unfamiliar with the area; existing drainage in the Parish is under severe pressure and the erection of a further 13 houses will only exacerbate the situation; there is already a lack of local services in the area, the schools are full and doctors, dentists etc are at a premium, again additional houses will exacerbate the situation; the Parish Council strongly urge the members of the Planning Committee to undertake a site visit before determining this application.

4. Item received since circulation of Agenda

The following amended planning application was considered:-

No 08/02/0074 – Outline – erection of 4 detached houses, construction of gated field access (including details of siting and means of access) – (Amendment – Turning areas have been provided for each of the proposed dwellings)

182/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council registers its concern about access to these sites which are at the top of a brow leading down to Shore Road on which cars are usually parked on both sides of the road, and about the drainage situation in the Parish which is currently under severe pressure to cope with existing dwellings in the Parish.

B. TO NOTE

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

- a. No 08/2002/0056 – Single storey extension at front/side – 17 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/2001/1231 – Two storey extension at rear, conservatory at side and detached double garage at rear – 132 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/2002/0083 – Two storey extension at side and single storey extension at rear – 1 Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/2002/0022 – Detached garage at rear – 1a Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- e. No 08/02/0138 – Conversion of garage into living accommodation & replace existing doors with windows – 2 Bluebell Close, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- f. No 08/02/0142 – Retention of portable buildings (for office use); two storage containers and a diesel tank and provision of car parking spaces - Land rear of 410 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED
- g. No 08/02/0171 – Siting of portacabin at rear to provide additional office accommodation – Land rear of 7-9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED
- h. No 08/02/0158 – Single storey extension at side – 55 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED
- i. No 08/02/0199 – Conservatory at rear – 17 School Fold, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED

COUNCILLOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parish Council considered a report on the Code of Conduct, which must be signed by all Parish Councillors within 2 months of its adoption by the Council, and regulations in respect of the Registers of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality. The Clerk reported on discussions with the Clerk of North Meols Parish Council in respect of the advertisement relating to the adoption of the Code of Conduct.

183/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Code of Conduct for Councillors be adopted with effect from 15 April 2002,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for a joint advertisement for Hesketh-with-Becconsall and North Meols Parish Councils to be placed in a local newspaper with the cost being met by Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council and half being reclaimed from North Meols Parish Council, and,

3. That the Clerk be authorised to notify the District Council and the Standards Board of the adoption of the Code of Conduct.

WEST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION – 26 APRIL 2002

An invitation had been received for the Chairman &/or Clerk and Guest to attend the reception on Friday 26 April 2002 at ORMSKIRK at 7.30pm.

184/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be nominated to attend the District Council's Chairman's Reception on 26 April 2002.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 22 April 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs N M Goodier, J Hunter and P J A Sergeant and 6 members of the public were present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2002

1. Partnered Parish Council Community Warden Scheme The District Council had provided the following contact numbers for the Community Warden Scheme:-
Steve Jones – 01695 585208 Email steve.jones@westlancsdc.gov.uk
Community Wardens – 01695 735426 (9.00am to 5.00pm)
A form for reporting 'hot spot' sites had also been received which the Clerk would circulate to all Members of the Council.
2. REAL Project There had been staff changes and the project should now start in May/June. Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that the new contact person would be available to attend a meeting on Monday 20 May 2002. It was also suggested that it would probably be advisable to have a refresher before going into the project. Councillor B Birkby said he would book the meeting room.

185/2001 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of the Council be held on Monday 20 May 2002 at 7.30pm to discuss the REAL Project.

3. Street Seat- Moss Lane/Boundary Lane It was reported that the seat had been upturned again. It was also suggested that the Community Wardens but be willing to go into the local school to talk to the children, if asked.

186/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to secure the seat to prevent it from being moved.

4. Shore Road – Footways The work had been programmed but of low priority.

187/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that this work has not been done for 2 years and at certain points the footway is down to a width of 18".

5. Refuse and Street Cleansing in Hesketh Bank Dates for a meeting with Officers of the District Council were still awaited. It was reported that wagons serving the house builders on Station Road/Chapel Road were continually depositing mud off the sites onto the road way. Also Alty's still did not have wheel wash facilities.

188/2001 RESOLVED:-
Council for dates for a meeting,

1. That the Clerk chase up the District Council for dates for a meeting,
2. That the Clerk writes to Alty's requesting a meeting with the Chairman of the Council and Councillor B Birkby, and
3. That the Clerk writes to Chelmere Homes and Morris Homes to request a meeting with Company officials regarding the depositing of mud on the roads in the village.

6. The Brow Wall The Chief Executive of the District Council had forwarded copies of the latest structural reports, which were confidential, and indicated that the wall was not in any immediate danger.

7. Parish Map Project There was nothing further to report. The Clerk was requested to write to the Executive Manager, Planning and Development regarding this issue.

8. WLDC - H-w-B Housing Needs Strategy The questionnaires had been circulated to 50% of households in the parish.

9. Planting of Parish Oak Tree Some photographs of the ceremony had been received from the District Council.

10. Dog Control Services Dates for a meeting were still awaited.

11. Clifton Marsh Landfill Site The County Council used the site for household waste but the Environment Agency controlled the use of the site.

189/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact the Environment Agency regarding the types of waste being deposited at Clifton Marsh Landfill Site.

12. National Cycle Route : Preston to Southport A revised map had been received.

190/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be advised that the Parish Council support a route alongside the River provided work was done to improve the existing right of way,

2. That the Parish Council would support investigations being undertaken into the cost of a river crossing for cyclists/walkers etc., and

3. That the Parish Council would be interested in receiving details of cycle racks for installation in the center of the village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were discussed:- The Resolution passed at the Annual Assembly; the removal of top soil from the Chelmere Homes site; the proposed development of the former Barn Club site; a Coastal Path along the river and a trestle bridge across the river; and meeting current developers to discuss concerns in the village.

In respect of the development in Moss Lane, it was suggested that bungalows would be more appropriate than detached houses especially as the site was near the village center; that the barn could be converted to 3 or 4 dwellings with a car park at the rear and that there was an old village well on the site.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Flower Baskets – Station Road One had been removed at the request of the County Council.

191/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs. H Tompkins be authorised to arrange for new brackets to be provided where necessary.

2. Transfer of Licence – Beconsall Hotel

192/2001 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the transfer of the Licence for the Beconsall Hotel.

3. Morris Homes – 'Poppyfields' Development Morris Homes claimed to have re-surfaced The Brow but it was not acceptable to the Parish Council.

193/2001 RESOLVED:- That Morris Homes and the County Council be advised that the state of The Brow was not acceptable for adoption by the County Council.

4. Transport Needs Assessment Survey A copy had been received from Tarleton Parish Council and the Clerk would copy the relevant pages for Members of this Council.
5. LAP&TC Newsletter The following courses were being organized by LAP&TC:-

a. Guidance to Parish Councillors re- Standards Board Saturday 4 May 2002 at County Hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm – No-one was able to attend.

b. New Lighter Touch Audit Regime Saturday 11 May at Barton Village Hall – AM or PM at a cost of £5.00.

194/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Audit Course on 11 May 2002 at a cost of £5.00.

B. TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. Lancs County Council – Heritage Open Days: 13-16 September 2002
2. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – 11 February 2002
3. WLDC – Community Safety Newsletter
4. WLDC – Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – 7 March 2002
5. WLDC Committees
 - a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 26 March 2002
 - b. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 27 March 2002
 - c. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 28 March 2002
 - d. Executive Committee – 9 April 2002
 - e. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 10 April 2002
 - f. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 24 April 2002
 - g. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 25 April 2002
 - h. Full Council Meeting – 25 April 2002
6. LAP&TC – West Lancs Area Committee – 12 April 2002
7. WLDC – Members Updates
 - a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 9
 - b. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 9
 - c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 9
 - d. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issue 3
 - e. Planning Committee – Issue 11
 - f. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 10
 - g. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 10
 - h. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 10
8. DEFRA (Dept. of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) Letter from Minister for Rural Affairs
9. CVS West Lancashire - -Commonwealth Games Tickets
10. Community Futures Magazine No 12
11. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2002
12. Local Council Review – March 2002
13. Guide to Events in Lancashire

3. Planning Committee – Thursday 18 April 2002

- a. App. No 08/2001/0673 – Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Tarleton – This was refused on the grounds of intrusion in the Green Belt.
- b. Siting of caravans - The Enforcement Notices were agreed.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

- 198/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor Mrs. H Tompkins be appointed Co-ordinator for the Best Kept Village Competition 2002,
2. That the Entry Fee of £10.00 be paid,
3. That details of the Schools Competition be given to Councillor I Ashcroft to pass to the Headteacher of Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Centenary Sorts Ground

- 199/2001 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the Cricket Club refurbishing and putting a lock on the 5 bar gate at side entrance to the cricket field.

2. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Play Area

- 200/2001 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in asking Ian Yates to look at the broken roundabout be confirmed.

b. Football Pitch

- 201/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Headteacher of the School be requested to try to keep the children off the re-seeded parts of the football pitch until the School Sports Day in July.

3. Station Road Play Area

- 202/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to try to remove the graffiti off the rocket climbing frame.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Station Road/Chapel Road

- 203/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be again asked to report the loose kerbs at this location.

2. The Brow

204/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the handrail and finger post at the bottom of The Brow are broken.

3. Delta Park Estate – Litter Bin Councillor J R Foster undertook to report that this bin had been removed.

4. Glenpark Drive – Parking Restrictions

205/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked what had happened to the scheme for parking restrictions on Glenpark Drive near the play area.

5. Station Road (The Brow) and Marsh Road

206/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised of the many potholes in the carriageway at these locations.

ALLOTMENTS

A. FOR DECISION

207/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to speak to Mr. S Trippier about the list of current tenants; who cleaning the ditches the last time the Parish Council paid for their cleaning; and the possibility of work being undertaken to alleviate the work lying across the middle of the field.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor A Murphy was no longer able to undertake updates of the site, which was now out-of-date.

208/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact www.heskethbank.com to see if assistance can be given in keeping the Parish Council's Web Site up-to-date.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 13 May 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

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

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

Apologies were received from Councillor J Hunter and 4 members of the public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was MOVED by Councillor L Standish-Gore and SECONDED by Councillor H Tompkins that Councillor R Ball be elected chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003.

An amendment was MOVED by Councillor N Goodier and SECONDED by Councillor A Murphy that Councillor P J A Sergeant be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003.

Upon being put Councillor Ball received 6 votes and Councillor Sergeant received 3 votes whereupon it was

209/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor R Ball be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was MOVED by Councillor R Ball, SECONDED by Councillor H Tompkins and

210/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor L Standish-Gore be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003

MINUTE SOF MEETINGS HELD ON 15 AND 22 APRIL 2002

211/2001 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 15 and 22 April 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2002

1. Code of Conduct The Standards Board for England and the District Council had been advised of the adoption of the Code and an account had been sent to North Meols Parish Council for half of the cost of the newspaper advertisement.
2. District Council Chairman's Reception The Chairman of the Parish Council had not been able to attend this event.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2002

1. Partnered Parish Council Community Warden Scheme Copies of the 'Hot Spots' form had been circulated to members of the Council. A new Community Safety Newsletter had also been circulated which indicated that a new application was to be made to Government for finance to extend the current scheme in the Parishes.
2. REAL Project Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that a meeting had been arranged for next Monday 20 May 2002. at 7.30pm when a full run down on the project would be given.
3. Street Seat- Moss Lane/Boundary Lane It was reported that the seat was in place last week and Mr. B Parkinson had been asked to secure it.
4. Shore Road – Footways The County Council hoped to substantially complete the work by the end of the year. The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr. M Walsh about this issue.
5. Refuse and Street Cleansing in Hesketh Bank Officers of the District Council would meet at the Chairman's house on Thursday 16 May 2002 at 2.00pm.
6. Alty's Tip A response was still awaited from the Company.
7. Mud on Roads Etc. The Clerk was still to write to Chelmere Homes, Morris Homes and Bellway Homes regarding a meeting with Company officials regarding the depositing of mud on the roads in the village.
8. Parish Map Project A response was still awaited from the District Council.
9. Dog Control Services Arrangements would be made for a talk to be given when the dates of future Council meetings had been fixed.
10. Clifton Marsh Landfill Site The Environment Agency had supplied a list of the waste materials, which are allowed to be tipped on the site.
11. National Cycle Route: Preston to Southport Details of cycle racks were still awaited.
12. Transfer of Licence – Becconsall Hotel An alternative application had now been made.

212/2001 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the transfer of the Licence for the Becconsall Hotel.

13. Douglas View – The Brow off Station Road Morris Homes claimed that the works had been considered acceptable to the County Council.

213/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised of the Parish Council's views on the works claimed to have been done on Douglas View.

14. Minister for Rural Affairs An invitation had been sent and a reply awaited.

15. Best Kept Village Competition The entry had been made and a quotation for watering and looking after the flower baskets had been obtained in the sum of £2.50 per basket per visit. The total cost was well above the amount included in this year's budget.

214/2001 RESOLVED:- That the flower baskets be not erected this year and the issue be looked at again next year.

16. Centenary Sports Ground The Cricket Club had been advised that the Council had no objection to their plans for the gate.

17. Recreation Ground – Shore Road The School has been requested not to use the re-seeded area of the football pitch. It was suggested that there was a drain blocked on the ground. It was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived at this point in the meeting.

18. Highways Matters These were with Mr. M Walsh at the Area Surveyor's office.

215/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Area County Surveyor be requested to look at the carriageway and ^{the} channel near to the mini roundabout in Chapel Road, which requires re-instatement.

Q3
'L cutting across the
carriageway

19. Golden Jubilee Celebrations A report was given on the latest position regarding the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. 39 floats had been entered, of which 3 had entered via the Parish Clerk. The floats would line up in Chapel Road and leave at 12 noon with others lining up at Alty's and joining the procession as it passed along Station Road towards Hesketh Lane. The procession would make its way to Tarleton Playing Fields where there would be a fairground, bouncy castle, hog roast, barbeque etc. Posters were being distributed and the event would be publicized in the local press.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

216/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following Committees be appointed for the year 2002/2003:-

a. Recreation Committee Chairman, Councillors N Goodier, I Ashcroft, B Birkby, A Murphy

b. Allotments Committee Chairman, Councillors J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy, P J A Sergeant

c. Footpaths, Tree Wardens & Environmental Issues Committee
Chairman, Councillors H Tompkins, J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy

d. Centenary Sports Ground Committee Chairman, Councillors N Goodier, L Standish-Gore, B Birkby, A Murphy

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

217/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies indicated:-

- a. Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School – Councillor N Goodier
- b. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils – Chairman, Councillors I Ashcroft, A Murphy
- c. Hesketh Village Institute – Councillor P J A Sergeant
- d. Lancashire Playing Fields Association – Councillor P J A Sergeant
- e. Council for Protection of Rural England – Councillor L Standish-Gore
- f. West Lancashire Environmental Network – Councillor J R Foster
- g. Wets Lancashire Rights of Way & Access Forum – Councillor J R Foster
- h. Layfield Charity – Councillor N Goodier
- i. Tree Warden – Councillor H Tompkins
- j. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – Councillor N Goodier
- k. Tarleton High School – Swimming Pool Users Committee – Chairman
- l. Local Agenda 21
 - i. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – Whichever Councillors are available when meetings are held
 - ii Road Issues Focus Group – Whichever Councillors are available when meetings are held.

2. That Hesketh Village Institute be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council

LAYFIELD CHARITY

Councillor N Goodier reported on the activities of the Charity. Each Parish has £500 to distribute and records must be provided to the Rector of Croston for the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY – 15 APRIL 2002

218/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following recommendation of the Annual Assembly be approved and adopted:-

That this Parish Assembly calls upon the Parish Council to arrange a Public Meeting, as soon as practicable, to discuss problems relating to drainage and sewerage, water supplies and housing developments in the village. (This was unanimous)

2. That preliminary contact be made with the following Organisations/Authorities, with a view to a meeting being held in late September/early October 2002:-

Environment Agency, United Utilities, District Council Planning & Development Dept, District Council Environmental Health Dept, Mr D Borrow MP, Morris Homes, Chelmere Homes, Bellway Homes

Councillors J Birkby and B Birkby left the meeting at this point.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman made an announcement regarding Councillor J Birkby and it was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Councillor J Birkby

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. NALC – National Conference – Preston 14–16 June 2002

219/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to attend the National Conference on the Saturday.

2. Road Issues Focus Group – Tuesday 14 May 2002 No-one was able to attend due to the Jubilee Committee meeting on the same night.
3. LCC – Bus Shelters

220/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to complete the bus shelter return and forward it to the County Council.

B. TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. WLDC – Members' Update – Planning Committee
2. West Lancashire Dial-a-Ride Association – Notices (One to be sent to Cropper Gardens)
3. Lancs. County Council – Youth Service Open Nights
4. WLDC – Best Value Performance Plan
5. Lancs. Fire & Rescue Service – Burning Issues Newspaper
6. CIC Newsletter
7. Local Council Review – May 2002 Issue
8. West Lancs. CVS Bulletin – May 2002
9. WLDC – Council Meeting Agenda – 15 May 2002

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

221/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Ian Yates – Repairs & Inspections to Play Equipment - £311.37

2. New Audit Regime The Clerk reported on the Course he had attended on Saturday and the fears that the new regime would provide an open cheque for the appointed Auditors. There was also a need for the Council to appoint an Independent Internal Auditor.

222/2001 RESOLVED:- That the West Lancashire Area Committee of LAPTC be requested to consider a scheme whereby the Clerks of Councils undertake Internal Audits for other Councils on an area basis, provided that Clerks did not audit each other's accounts.

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Receipts – The following had been received:-

WLDC - First Half of Concurrent Expenditure - £2353.43

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were discussed:- LAP&TC – West Lancashire Area Committee; The Standards Board for England and a suggestion that Parish Councils should have 2 representatives on the District Council's Standards Committee; Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group; Local Council Review Article.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

223/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

Application No 08/2002/0440 – Reserved Matters – Erection of one detached dormer bungalow – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager Planning/Development Services)

2. 140 Station Road, Hesketh Bank

224/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Planning and Environmental Health Departments of the District Council be asked to investigate the use of this land as a caravan park and the dumping of sewage into a manhole on land owned by the Parish Council.

3. Application No 08/2002/014 – Erection of 13 houses, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this application and left the meeting during consideration of the item)

An amended plan had been received reducing the number of garages from 7 to 6.

The Clerk had still to write to the Builder regarding the construction of this development.

Councillor J R Foster returned to the meeting

4. Planning Committee – 16 May 2002

225/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications:-

a. No 08/2001/0673 – Replacement dwelling, Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

b. No 08/2002/0249 – Single storey extension at rear with living accommodation in roof space above – 5 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

c. No 08/2002/0267 – Portacabin to be used as office (Renewal of 08/99/0257) – 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

d. No 08/2002/0189 – O/L Erection of replacement dwelling house (inc. details of siting and means of access) – 268 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

e. No 08/2002/1237 – Extension to existing workshop & store for use for storage and repair of horticultural machinery & equipment – 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting:-

No 08/2002/0222 – Two-storey extension at side – 66 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0229 – Conservatory at rear – 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0257 – Conservatory at rear – 27 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0274 – First floor extension at rear – Helmdale, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0284 – Retention portacabin 6m x 3m for use as office accommodation (renewal of planning permission 08/2000/0288) – 9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0251 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce (Revised scheme to Planning Permission 08/2000/1170) – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0266 – Replacement single storey office, mess room and garage – 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

2. Enforcement Notices to be Issued:-

No E/2002/0005 – Use of land as a caravan site – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

No E/2002/0006 – Use of land as caravan site – Land adj. Cedars, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK

No E/2002/0008 – Creation of hardstanding – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Play Areas - Inspections

- 226/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr. B Parkinson be requested to provide a quotation for removing the moss and weeds from the safety surfacing at the Play Areas,
2. That Mr. B Parkinson and Mr. I Yates be requested to provide quotations for repainting various items of play equipment at the Play Areas,
3. That Mr. B Parkinson and Mr. I Yates requested to provide quotations for replacing the smashed concrete flags by the seat at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road,
4. That Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide a quotation for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground, Shore Road, on the same basis as last year, with an additional quotation for grass cutting all the private gardens on Cropper Gardens on the basis of 5 cuts per year.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Moss Lane – Speeding A letter from a resident of Moss Lane had been received and Councillor H Tompkins reported on a recent meeting with the Police when it had been indicated that the Police would be using hidden vans with speeding equipment and also would be looking at possible traffic calming measures.

227/2001 RESOLVED:- That the letter be passed to the Police with a request that they investigate the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

2. Lower Speed Limits Councillor J R Foster raised the question of general speed limits in the Parish. The speed limit on the dual carriageway was to be lowered to 50mph whilst Shore Road and Moss Lane would stay at 60 mph.

The Chairman maintained that most of the accidents on Shore Road were caused by a combination of speed and mud on the road.

228/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to look again at the speed limit on Shore Road in the light of the impending reduction on the dual carriageway especially in the section in the vicinity of 'Bucks' Bend.

3. School Fold

229/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Coxhead be requested to cut the School Fold hedge as soon as practicable and to clear up the lose clippings on completion.

Councillor P J A Sergeant left the meeting during consideration of the above item

ALLOTMENTS

A. FOR DECISION

Numbering and Allocation of Plots Councillor J R Foster asked about the numbering of the allotments and was advised that there were 20 plots with the numbers at the start of each plot. The Clerk reported that Mr. S Trippier had now advised which plots were being worked.

230/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to allocate empty plots to persons on the waiting list,

2. That the question of a new drain across the allotments be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

231/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That future meetings of the Council be held on the following dates, all meetings to be held at The Village Institute, Library Building commencing at 7.30pm:-

Monday 10 June 2002	Monday 22 July 2002
Monday 2 September 2002	Monday 30 September 2002
Monday 4 November 2002	Monday 2 December 2002
Monday 13 January 2003	Monday 10 February 2003
Monday 10 March 2003	Monday 7 April 2003
Monday 12 May 2003 (Annual Meeting)	

2. That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Monday 14 April 2003 in the Village Institute, Library Building commencing at 7.30pm.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 10 June 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs N Goodier, J Hunter and PJA Sergeant and 5 members of the press and public were present.

THE REAL PROJECT (Ms Desna Mackenzie attended for this item)

Ms Mackenzie explained that the project was a Community Audit involving as many members of the community as possible.

Following this presentation the next stage was a similar presentation to local groups. At that time, a Steering Group would be formed and an Exhibition day organised.

Various questionnaires would be completed by those attending the exhibition whilst each household would also get one. These would be analysed and put into a written report about the village. The report would be presented back to the community and various Action Groups formed to implement the findings. The Real Project would be able to give assistance by putting the Groups in touch with possible means of funding and service providers.

In reply to questions and comments, Ms Mackenzie indicated that questionnaires would be distributed on the basis of 1 per household each with a pre-paid envelope; that either Real or the Steering Group would write the report, or they could both be involved; that Real would also be available to help and assist and would attend meetings of the Steering Group if possible; and that a list of local groups, businesses, farmers was required so they could be invited to the next presentation.

It was agreed that the Community presentation would be held on Monday 8 July at 8.00pm in the Village Institute Building at the rear of the site with the Community exhibition being targeted for mid/late September. A list of Groups to invite would be prepared by Councillor Mrs H Tompkins and passed to Ms Mackenzie.

It was indicated that the Community Presentation Day in Tarleton had been set for Friday 14 June 2002 with static displays from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. Live feedback sessions would be held at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked Ms Mackenzie for attending the meeting.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived at this point.

RB.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2002

1/2002 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3 Minute 215/2001 to read – That the Area County Surveyor be requested to look at the carriageway and the channel cutting across the carriageway near to the mini roundabout in Chapel Road which requires re-instatement.

Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore arrived during consideration of the above item.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Code of Conduct A consultation paper on Local Investigation and Determination of Misconduct Allegations had been received. This suggested that an Independent Chairman be appointed to deal with the determination of matters referred to local Standards Committees.

Councillor I Ashcroft indicated that District Councillors were being advised not to take a view on planning issues at Parish Council meetings.

2. Street Seat- Moss Lane/Boundary Lane There was nothing to report on this issue.
3. Shore Road – Footways The County Council would still only do this work when they can.
4. Refuse and Street Cleansing in Hesketh Bank Officers of the District Council had met the Chairman and, as a result, the footways on Station Road had been cleaned.
5. Remaining Items The remaining items were deferred to enable urgent business to be completed at this meeting.

FINANCE

- A. FOR DECISION
 1. Accounts for Payment

2/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Ian Yates – Repairs & Inspections to Play Equipment - £155.10
- b. G V Iddon – Flowers - £20.00
- c. B W Rimmer – Various payments (Golden Jubilee Medals, Training Fee & NALC Conference) - £133.08
- d. Hesketh Bank Village Institute – Rental & Grant - £1180.00
- e. B Parkinson – Various works (General maintenance, Removal of sand, Replace manhole, Paint out graffiti) - £310.00

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

3/2002 RESOLVED:-
the Planning Department:-

1. That the following comments be made to

No 08/2002/0535 – Erection of 27m high replacement lattice telecommunications tower with two 600m dishes, three antennae; relocation of existing equipment onto tower (overall height 31.5m); equipment housing cabinets; 2.4m high chain link boundary fence and new entrance gates – Henry Alty Ltd., Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) - That an objection be made on the grounds of visual amenity and the possible danger to the health of nearby residents.

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

a. No 08/2002/0495 – Removal of Agricultural Occupancy condition on planning permission 8/79/796 and condition relating to approval of reserved matters on 8/80/307 – 127 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

b. No 08/2002/0534 – Erection of greenhouse – 390 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

c. No 08/2002/0602 – Single storey 'granddad' annex at rear – 196 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

2. 140 Station Road, Hesketh Bank The Environmental Health Department had visited the site and had been shown an adequate disposal point on the site. There was, therefore, no need for the caravanners to use the manhole on the Parish Council's land. The officer had reported that a new metal manhole cover was required as the existing cover was the wrong type and size.

4/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to replace the manhole cover as a matter of urgency.

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting:-

a. No 08/2002/0311 – Outline – Detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) – land adjacent to 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

- b. No 08/2002/0189 – Outline – Erection of replacement dwelling house (including details of siting and means of access) – 268 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/2002/0249 – Single storey extension at rear with living accommodation in roof space above – 5 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/2002/0267 – Portacabin to be used as office (renewal of planning permission 8/99/0257) – 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- e. No 08/2001/0673 – Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Hundred End, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- f. No 08/2001/1237 – Extension to existing workshop and store for use for storage and repair of horticultural machinery and equipment – 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Painting of equipment Quotations had been received from Ian Yates and Brian Parkinson as follows:-

Ian Yates – Total £655.00 Brian Parkinson – Total £420.00

5/2002 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Brian Parkinson for painting play equipment at Glenpark Drive, Shore Road and Station Road at a total cost of £ 420.00

2. Maintenance of play equipment Ian Yates had undertaken the monthly inspection and reported a number of defects.

6/2002 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Ian Yates for the following repairs to play equipment:-

- a. Glenpark Drive – Worn shackle bolts - £12.00
- b. Shore Road – Safety surfacing - £15.00
- c. Station Road – Repairs to rocking horse – To be advised when body has been removed

3. Use of football pitch – Recreation Ground, Shore Road At the present time Hesketh Bank AFC didn't pay any rental for using the football pitch but also spent a large sum of money on maintaining the pitch. This year's estimated expenditure was £1656.00. It was suggested that the Parish Council make a contribution to the cost of maintaining the pitch and also request the Football Club to consider paying an annual rental for the use of the facilities.

7/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That an amount of £830.00 be paid to Hesketh Bank AFC as a contribution towards the maintenance of the football pitch at Shore Road Recreation Ground,

2. That Hesketh Bank AFC be requested to consider paying a rental for the use of the football pitch at Shore Road Recreation Ground and to suggest an annual amount to be paid to the Parish Council.

4. Drainage of Recreation Ground, Shore Road Problems were reported of water running onto the Recreation Ground car park from the wall between the ground and Belsfield Drive. It was suggested that the drains were blocked and also that the roots of the willows on the banking were not helping the situation. The District Council had visited the site and had undertaken to jet the drains in an attempt to clear any obstructions. This was including the drain going under the road to the Allotments field.

It was also reported that a number of flags on the footpath across the field had been broken and some were currently in water. Mr B Parkinson had suggested that the flags be removed and replaced with a tarmac path.

8/2002 RESOLVED: 1. That the Clerk be authorised to obtain quotations for the following works:-

- a. Take down willow trees and kill off the roots
- b. Provide and erect a 4ft high concrete fence at the bottom of the slope by the car park to include a gate sufficient to allow a tractor and grass mower access to cut the grass on the field
- c. Remove existing flagged footpath and replace with a tarmac path, level with the grass, and slightly wider than the existing path

2. That a report be presented to the next meeting of the Council regarding the drainage of the ground and the jetting of the drains by the District Council.

ALLOTMENTS

Allocation of Plots The Clerk reported that the two applicants had been allocated a plot each and had been asked if they wished to take on a second plot.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 22 July 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, J R Foster, J Hunter and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors B Birkby and PJA Sergeant and 3 members of the press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman formally reported the death of Councillor Mrs Joan Birkby and the Council observed a minute's silence in her memory.

The Clerk reported that the vacancy would be advertised on the Council Notice Boards and, if no election is called, the Council can co-opt a person to fill the vacancy. The term of office will be to the original retirement date of the late Councillor Mrs J Birkby.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2002

9/2002 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 June 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2002

1. Alty's Tip The Chairman of the Company had agreed to meet representatives of the Parish Council. It was indicated that the vacuum sweeper had been utilized but the machine had not been switched on. It was also agreed that it be suggested to the Company that the Village Institute be placed on the list for a possible grant in future years.

10/2002 RESOLVED:- That arrangements for a meeting be deferred pending the return of Councillor B Birkby.

Councillors Mrs N Goodier and I Ashcroft arrived during consideration of the above item.

2. Parish Map Project A letter had been received from the Executive Manager Leisure Cultural and Arts Services setting out the District Council's position. However, none of the correspondence referred to in the letter had been received by this Council.

11/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Executive Manager Leisure, Cultural and Arts Services be advised that correspondence had not been received.

3. Dog Control Services Mr. I McIntosh, Enforcement Officer, would attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on 2 September 2002 at 7.00pm.

4. National Cycle Route The County Council would be looking at a bridge option to cross the River Douglas. The District Council had asked for suggestions for cycle stands in the village.

12/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following locations be suggested for cycle stands in the Parish:- Outside HSBC Bank; Adjacent to the Preston to Southport Bus Stop by Station Road Shops; Outside Top Shop at the top of Station Road Bridge; Outside Spar jct. Station Road/Chapel Road.

5. Douglas View, off Station Road The County Area Surveyor had written to Morris Homes regarding the state of this section of road.

6. Rt. Hon. Alun Michael, Minister for Rural Affairs The Minister had responded to the Council's letter and sent a number of leaflets whilst not actually referring to the invitation to visit the Parish.

7. Best Kept Village Competition There was nothing to report

8. Appointments The Education Department had confirmed that Councillor Mrs Goodier's appointment as a Governor at All Saints CE School would run from 30 June 2002 to 29 June 2002. The District Council had advised that the Rights of Way and Access Forum had been disbanded.

9. New Audit Regime A booklet had been received from the Audit Commission:- Statement of Responsibilities of Local Councils and their Auditors.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2002

1. REAL Project Carolyn Hall was now leading the project and a meeting had been held on 8 July 2002. A team of 17 people had been recruited and others had contacted Councillors Mrs H Tompkins and I Ashcroft since. A Youth group has also been formed. The next meeting would be on Monday, 12 August 2002 and this would be advertised in the local press and possibly through a leaflet drop.

A couple of issues had been raised as follows:-

A request had been made for a seat on Chapel Road between Cropper Gardens and Station Road and a suggestion was made to put one either on the corner of Charles Close or Pardoe Close.

In addition, the District Council were looking for areas to landscape with plants and flowers and suggestions made were back lane, off Chapel Road or the two areas of land at the junction of Glenpark Drive and Chapel Road.

It was agreed to raise these two issues at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Chapel Road – Road Surface The County Area Surveyor had instructed the Utility responsible to effect repairs to the carriageway near to The Green.
3. Village Institute Building (Happy Days Nursery) The Nursery were concerned that the building would not pass it's next inspection and Councillor Mrs H Tompkins had approached Chelmere Homes to see if they could assist in undertaking some improvements/repairs. The Company was doing some work and it was also intended to put a door in the new fence to enable the children to gain access to the CSG for Sports Day.

13/2002 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be congratulated on her initiative in approaching Chelmere Homes to assist the Nursery and the Clerk be requested to approach LAP&TC regarding information about possible sources of funding to improve the facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. LAP&TC - Meeting between Clerks and new Secretary This was to be arranged in the near future.
2. Draft School Organisation Plan for Lancashire The Plan was noted.
3. West Lancashire NHS Primary Care Trust – Strategy The Strategy was noted. It was also reported that, Mr. Simon Kenton, Director of Partnership and Public Participation of the Trust, was prepared to visit the Parish Council to make a presentation and start a dialogue with members of the Council.

14/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr. Simon Kenton be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

4. WLDC – Partnered Parish Council Community Warden Scheme The District Council was asking which Parish Councils were prepared to put funds into an extension of the scheme and the Clerk reported that there was £3,500 available in the estimates.

It was said that information could be obtained about current visits by Wardens to the Parish and that Lancashire Constabulary were also recruiting additional Officers.

The latest Community Safety Newsletter was circulated to members.

The next Community Police Forum would be held in North Meols on 23 September 2002.

Councillor J R Foster was concerned about drug dealing and the use of drugs in society in general.

15/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council has funds available for an extension of the Community Warden Scheme,

2. That the District Council be requested to supply details of visits by the Wardens to the Parish.

5. LCC – Youth & Community Service – Holiday Activity Scheme The Youth Service was seeking financial support for a Holiday Activity Scheme based at Tarleton High School but no details about possible attendees from this Parish were available.

16/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a donation of £100 be made to the Holiday Activity Scheme (This was approved on the casting vote of the Chairman);

2. That the Youth Service be requested to provide information on attendees from Hesketh Bank this year and details on how the Scheme has been advertised; and

3. That the Youth Service be requested to provide earlier notification of future schemes to enable the Parish Council to give adequate consideration to any proposals

6. LAP&TC

- a. Heavy Goods Vehicles Operators Licences (The Chairman declared an interest in this item) An application for an increase to 3 vehicles in respect of 184 Chapel Road, Hesketh Bank was noted. The application site was situated opposite sheltered accommodation.

17/2002 RESOLVED:- That the North-Western Traffic Area Office be requested to indicate the hours of operation of the vehicle s at this site.

- b. NALC Draft Development Strategy The strategy was noted.

- c. Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety – Registration of Interest

18/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to register the Parish Council's interest in this Partnership.

7. British Telecom – Removal of Telephone Kiosk at Hundred End The owner of the land had asked for this kiosk to be removed and British Telecom was minded to accede to this request. The District Council has also asked for the Parish Council's views on the proposal.

19/2002 RESOLVED:- That it be suggested that the kiosk be relocated to Shore Road, adjacent to the Parish Council bus shelter at Hundred End.

8. WLDC – Reclamation and Management of Derelict, Underused and Neglected Land in Lancashire (DUN Land)

20/2002 RESOLVED:- That a nil return be submitted to the District Council.

9. LCC – Integrated Access Demonstration Project – Developing Rights of Way Improvement Plan (Councillor Mrs N Goodier declared an interest in this item) The County Council was seeking suggestions for improvements.

21/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following suggestions be made:-

- a. Upgrade all footpaths on the Marsh to bridleways
- b. Extend Guide Road as a footpath to the 1980 bank
- c. Provide a footpath on the 1980 bank
- d. Open up and sustain a footpath from Hesketh Bank Boatyard to Tarleton

10. United Co-op, 6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank – Transfer of Justices' Licence

22/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the proposed transfer of the Justices' Licence.

11. West Lancashire CVS – Free Training Courses No member wished to attend any of these courses.

12. Management & Investigation of Road Safety Issues Mr. R Hayton had addressed the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC and was looking for 4 areas of concern on the roads in each Parish.

23/2002 RESOLVED:- That consideration of suitable suggestions be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

14. Cropper Gardens – Installation of Hand Rails for Baths It was reported that although the District Council would pay for the installation of Hand Rails to assist people to get in and out of baths on Cropper Gardens, the Social Services Department required each bathroom to be inspected by an Occupational Therapist and there was a waiting list of 6 months for such visits.

24/2002 **RESOLVED:-** That the Clerk be requested to ask the Social Services Department if there was any way this process could be speeded up and alleviate the long wait before installation of these Hand Rails.

B. TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. WLDC Meetings
 - a. Cabinet - 28 May 2002
 - b. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 29 May 2002
 - c. Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 June 2002
 - d. Housing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 June 2002
 - e. Development and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 June 2002
 - f. Extraordinary Meeting of the Council – 26 June 2002
 - g. Cabinet – 1 July 2002
 - h. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – 11 July 2002
 - i. Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 16 July 2002
 - j. Housing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 July 2002
 - k. Development and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18 July 2002
 - l. Cabinet – 22 July 2002
 - m. Standards Committee – 24 July 2002
 - n. Council – 24 July 2002
2. WLDC – Members Updates'
 - a. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issues 1 & 2
 - b. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issues 1 & 2
 - c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issues 1 & 2
 - d. Planning Committee – Issues 2 & 3
 - e. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 2
3. LCC – Social Services Directorate Business Plan Update 2002/2003
4. Roads Issues Focus Group – Meeting 9 July 2002
5. LAP&TC – Various Issues
6. United Co-op – Change of Ownership – 6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank
7. The Countryside Agency
 - a. Vital Villages Update
 - b. Section 17 Of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – Guide for Parish & Town Councils
8. Community Futures – No 15
9. The Beacon Newsletter – June 2002
10. Local Council Review
11. WLDC – Best Value Performance Plan
12. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority – Best Value Performance Plan
13. Clerks and Councils Direct
14. West Lancashire CVS - Bulletin

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

25/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Hesketh Bank AFC – Grant towards maintenance of football pitch
- £ 830.00 (Agreed in principle at last meeting)
- b. B W Rimmer Esq. – Clerk's Salary and Expenses to 22 July 2002 -
£850.82
- c. Zurich Municipal Insurance - Play Equipment Insurance - £365.04
- d. - Web Site renewal - £10.55
- e. D Ward Esq. – Cleaning bus shelters - £210.00
- f. CPRE – Membership renewal - £25.00
- g. G Iddon – Wreath for Mrs J Birkby - £65.00
- h. Mr. B Parkinson – Various works - £650.00

2. Application for Grant Aid

26/2002 **RESOLVED:-** That consideration of the application for grant from Childline North West be deferred to later in the financial year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

27/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. Application No 08/2002/0679 – Single storey rear extension – 96 Chapel Road - HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)
- b. Application No 08/2002/0765 – First floor extensions – 1A Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

- c. Application No 08/2002/0778 – Conservatory at rear – 120 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

2. Planning Committee – 25 July 2002

28/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That no further comments be made on this application:-

No 08/2002/0535 – Erection of 27metre replacement lattice telecommunications tower with 2 x 600mm dishes, 3 antennae; relocation of existing equipment onto tower (Overall height 31.5m); equipment housing cabinets; 2.4m high chain link boundary fence and new entrance gates – Henry Alty Ltd, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

2. That a further objection be made to this application on the grounds indicated and the Committee be requested to make a site visit prior to consideration of the application:-

No 08/2002/0144 – Erection of 13 detached houses with 6 detached garages; provision of new access road and landscaping scheme – Land at Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED) - Road safety due to speeding vehicles, the narrowing of the road and the installation of speed cushions; inadequate existing drainage and sewerage provisions in the parish.

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Planning Committee – 20 June 2002

No 08/2002/0024 – Outline – Erection of 4 detached houses, construction of gated field access (including details of siting and means of access) – Land between 197-215 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0315 – Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane – Rear of 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

2. Applications determined since last meeting:-

No 08/2002/0495 – Removal of Agricultural Occupancy condition imposed on planning permission 08/79/0796 and Approval of Reserved Matters 08/80/0307 – 127 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0074 – Outline – Erection of 4 detached houses, construction of gated field access (including details of siting and means of access) – land between 197-215 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0315 – Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane – land rear of 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0534 – Erection of greenhouse – 390 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

3. Parish Oaks – Maintenance Visit The District Council had arranged for maintenance visits to be made for 2 years.

29/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked if the Contractor would maintain the 2 Yew Trees on behalf of the Parish Council.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS

The Clerk reported that 20 medals had been received and members need to give some thought as to possible recipients.

HESKETH VILLAGE INSTITUTE

In the absence of Councillor B Birkby, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN HESKETH BANK – PUBLIC MEETING

A total of six out of the eleven persons/organisations approached had responded although not all would attend. The Clerk undertook to send reminders to the other organisations.

WAIVING OF STANDING ORDERS

30/2002 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Play Areas – Maintenance Orders had been placed for items of maintenance. In addition, the roundabout at Shore Road had been vandalised and Ian Yates had been asked and had affected repairs.

31/2002 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in placing an emergency order for repairs to the roundabout at Shore Road Recreation Ground, be confirmed.

2. Recreation Ground, Shore Road -Drainage Problems The District Council had encountered a blockage in the pipe and had not been able to identify whereabouts on the ground the blockage had occurred.

32/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr C Heap be requested to investigate the blockage in the drain and provide an estimate for remedial action.

3. Recreation Ground – Removal of Willow Trees Four quotations had been requested and the following two had been received:-

Mr B Parkinson - £1200.00 (Written)

Mr P Crabtree - £650.00 (Verbal)

33/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a written quotation be obtained from Mr P Crabtree, and

2. An order be placed with the firm submitting the lowest quotation after the blocked drain has been investigated.

4. Recreation Ground – Erection of Concrete Fence at the bottom of the slope Three quotations had been requested and the following had been received:-

Mr. B Parkinson - £1300.00 (A choice of 2 schemes)
Premier Paving – 850.00

34/2002 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Premier Paving in the sum of £850.00 when the willow trees have been removed.

5. Ground, Shore Road – Remove flagged path and replace with tarmac. Three quotations had been requested and the following had been received:-

Premier Paving - £4,500.00

35/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a decision on this work be deferred until after the other works had been completed; and

2. That Premier Paving be requested to come back and look at the tarmac on the Centenary Sports Ground Car Park as holes are appearing in the surface.

6. Recreation Ground, Shore Road – Bench Seat and School Fold Hedge

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Council

7. Willowmere Park – Play Area The District Council were to agree to the builder not providing play equipment on the Public Open Space at this location but to pay a commuted sum to cover capital costs and 7 years maintenance to be utilized elsewhere in the Parish. The District Council had also asked if the Parish Council was interested in taking over responsibility for the Poppyfields Play area from the District Council.

36/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that:-

1. The Parish Council would wish the commuted sum for Willowmere Park to be utilised elsewhere in the Parish, subject to more consultation between the two Councils,
2. The Parish Council would wish the commuted sum in respect of the future development off Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank to be included for utilisation elsewhere in the Parish,
3. The Parish Council do not wish to take on responsibility for the Poppyfields Play Area from the District Council,
4. The District Council be advised that the litter bins on the Poppyfields Play Area are the wrong type as litter is continually getting blown out of these bins and ending up all over the site.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 13 August 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors B Birkby, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs N Goodier, Mrs L Standish-Gore and I Ashcroft and 1 member of the public was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2002

37/2002 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 July 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Cropper Gardens – Installation of Hand Rails for Baths Lancashire County Social Services Department had replied that inspections were carried out by Occupational Therapists from the West Lancashire Primary Care Team and the correspondence had been passed to them.

2. Parish Oaks and Yew Trees Maintenance Quotations had been received from Ken Linford Gardencare Ltd for the Yew Trees as follows:-

- a. Maintenance - £ 3.55 per month + VAT
- b. Warrantee cover, except vandalism - £4.10 per month + VAT

38/2002 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Ken Linford Gardencare Ltd for warrantee cover at £ 4.10 per month + VAT be accepted with effect from September 2002.

3. Housing Development in Hesketh Bank – Public Meeting Morris Homes, WLDC Planning Department and Mr. D Borrow MP had all now agreed to attend the meeting.

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

39/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Prontaprint, Lancaster – Letterhead

£ 66.34

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PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

40/2002 RESOLVED:-
the Planning Department:-

1. That the following comment be made to

Application No 08/2002/0799 – Erection of detached house – Adj. 19 Poppyfields, Hesketh Bank – Is the area agreed to be set aside as a Formal Play Area reduced as a result of this application?

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

Application No 08/2002/0846 – Installation of 1.8m and 1.4m high security fencing to school boundary and security lighting to staff car park and reception area – All Saints CE School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

RECREATION GROUND, SHORE ROAD

A. FOR DECISION

1. Drainage Problems David Rowell Ltd had been investigating the problems and had identified the line of the drain. The Chairman reported on the work undertaken so far. The contractor had reached a point under the car park and had uncovered the field drains some of which were blocked with tree roots. The contractor required an order for further work.

41/2002 RESOLVED:-
1. That David Rowell Ltd be requested to continue investigations up to the fence by the roadside, provide an estimate of the costs expended so far and an estimate for the further work required to complete the work to that point,

2. That the Area County Surveyor be advised of what work is being undertaken and how far that work will extend.

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins arrived during consideration of this item.

2. Removal of Willow Trees A written quotation had now been received from Paul Crabtree in the sum of £650.00.

42/2002 RESOLVED:-
That this work be deferred pending the completion of the drainage work.

3. Erection of Concrete Fence at the bottom of the slope In the light of the decision of the school to erect a metal security fence, the Parish Council gave further consideration to the type of fence to be erected at the bottom of the slope on the car park.

43/2002 RESOLVED:- That a fence to match that to be erected by the school be erected at the bottom of the slope on the car park and that the Clerk be authorised to obtain details of the fence and the contractor from the school.

4. Ground, Shore Road – Remove flagged path and replace with tarmac.

44/2002 RESOLVED:- That, in the light of the expenditure required for the drainage on the Recreation ground, Premier paving be requested to provide a revised quotation to tarmac the path from the car park to just past the swings and to utilise any whole flags on that section to replace broken flags on the remainder of the footpath.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that the number of gaps in the fence on the Northern Boundary had now risen to 4 and that the sewer on the Parish Council's land had been tapped into to provide a sewage disposal facility for caravans using the adjacent site.

45/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the owner of the adjacent site be given 14 days to re-instate the fence and remove the connection to the sewer pipe on the Parish Council's land,

2. That the owner be advised that failure to undertake the work will result in the Parish Council putting the matter in the hands of its Legal Advisers,

3. That copies of the letter be forwarded to the 3 Sports Clubs,

4. That the District Council be asked about whether permission has been given for touring caravans to use the site on a full-time basis, and

5. That the Parish Council consider, at the next meeting, the possibility of removing the restrictive covenant regarding the use of the Sports Ground prior to midday on Sundays.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The drainage problems in the Parish were raised.

ITEMS OF URGENCY RAISED WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. Hesketh Outmarsh – Footpath closures The Environment Agency was undertaking work on the Outmarsh but had not formally closed all the footpaths affected by the work.

46/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Environment Agency be asked why certain footpaths had not been formally closed whilst the current work is being undertaken.

2. Poppyfields – Surface Water Drains

47/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked for a plan of the surface water drainage from the Poppyfields estate and in particular if the surface water drains into the ditch at the rear of the public open space.

3. WLDC – Civic Sunday Service No-one volunteered to attend the Service.

4. Allotments

48/2002 RESOLVED:- That Craig Mark Chadwick be allocated 1 or 2 plots on the allotments, depending on the number currently available.

5. Cropper Gardens A resident of the Parish had written about the lack of a Resident Warden on Cropper Gardens.

49/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked why there is no Resident Warden at Cropper Gardens, and what steps have been taken to provide warden facilities at the development.

6. Shore Road

50/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Area County Surveyor be advised of the overhanging hedges on Shore Road between Cottams Farm and Ribble View Farm, near to the bend where the new reflectors have been installed.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 2 September 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm

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 P Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillor J Hunter

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2002

Councillor J R Foster felt it should be made clear that comments made by Members of the Council were not necessarily correct.

51/2002 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 August 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

DOG CONTROL SERVICE (Mr I McIntosh – Enforcement Officer – West Lancashire District Council, attended for this item)

Mr McIntosh explained that there were only two Officers dealing with dog issues in the District Council. He was the Enforcement Officer and Mr Cuthbert Jackson was the Dog Warden.

Mr McIntosh indicated that the main task of the warden was to pick up stray dogs and take them to Leigh Animal Sanctuary where they are kept for 7 days. After that time if not reclaimed, the Sanctuary tries to find a new owner. He said that over 50% are reclaimed, 40% are rehomed and less than 5% are put down. Mr Jackson also runs an education campaign in schools.

Mr McIntosh deals with the enforcement of Dog Fouling laws which only apply in public places. There are 3 methods of dealing with owners under this legislation, a warning letter, very rarely used, a fixed penalty, used in 99% of cases, and a Court Summons, again used infrequently. If a fixed penalty is not paid within 14 days, a summons is issued. All summonses come within the Police and Criminal Evidence Act and the District Council's Legal Department will not take out a summons purely on the evidence of a third party. Mr McIntosh also deals with signs and dog bins and will supply additional bins in regular walking places, provided it is on public land and it is not immediately outside someone's property. A request was pending for Chapel Road but a suitable place for a bin had not yet been identified.

Dangerous dogs which cause an injury are dealt with by the Police whilst other dangerous dogs are dealt with by the District Council.

Mr McIntosh warned that the numbers dealt with could increase this year as they now pick up and took to Leigh all strays handed in to the Police. The Police also notified the Council of all missing dogs.

In a recent Best Value Review, the service had gained the highest mark within services provided by the Council and the highest in the country for dog warden services.

The service is normally provided during office hours although patrols are sometimes undertaken outside those hours. Also 'hotspots' were targeted by cutting back on normal patrols.

A number of poop scoop bags, leaflets and stickers were left for distribution in the village.

In answer to various questions and comments, Mr McIntosh indicated that video or photographic evidence had not yet been used in the District; there were only 2 dog-free zones in West Lancashire, a bowling green in Aughton and a play area in Upholland; there were no areas in the District where dogs must be on a lead and Barking dogs should be reported to Phil May of the Environmental Health Department.

The Chairman thanked Mr McIntosh for his attendance and the interesting talk.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2002

1. Invitation to Minister for Rural Affairs Mr D Borrow MP had written to the Minister asking him to respond to the Council's invitation to visit the Parish.

2. The Real Project – Update Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that the 'Past, Present and Future' Presentation would take place on Sunday 10 November 2002 in All Saints Church Hall from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. This was immediately after the Armistice Service at the Church. A number of organisations had been approached to take part and the Steering Committee would be meeting on 16 September 2002.

Councillor Norma Goodier arrived at this point in the meeting.

3. Grants for Village Halls Information had been received from LAP&TC and passed to Councillor B Birkby who had subsequently spoken to the Association.

4. West Lancashire Primary Care Trust Mr Simon Kenton of the Trust would attend the next meeting of the Council on 30 September 2002 at 7.00pm.

5. Goods Vehicle Operator Licensing The Traffic Commissioner had indicated that there were currently no restrictions on the operation of 184 Chapel Road. Details of the address to write to were passed to Councillor Mrs H Tompkins regarding another operation which was causing concern.

6. Tarleton Holiday Activity Scheme No response had been received from the Youth Service.

7. Public Telephone Kiosk – Hundred End This had now been taken out of use although the kiosk was still there.

Councillor A Murphy arrived at this point in the meeting.

8. Cropper Gardens – Bath Handrails Only one resident had requested a handrail and this property would be inspected soon.

52/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Councillor be requested to look into this issue and report back to the Council.

B. MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2002

1. Security Fencing – All Saints School Details of the fence had been received and the Clerk was requested to find out the cost by the next meeting.

2. Hesketh ~~Common~~ – Footpath Closures *Old Marsh Bank + New Marsh Bank* The Environment Agency had replied and the letter had been passed to Councillor J R Foster who had subsequently contacted the Agency. The Agency was now correcting some closures on the ~~Common~~. *Old Marsh Bank + New Marsh Bank*.

3. Cropper Gardens – Warden Services A letter from the Executive Manager, Housing Services was noted and was to be passed on to the person who wrote to the Parish Council. The District Council was currently reviewing all vacant posts for resident and non-resident wardens including Cropper Gardens.

4. Allotments Craig Chadwick had accepted one allotment and paid the requisite rental charge.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Boundary Commission – County Electoral Review Notification of the Review had been received, comments must be with the County Council by 4 October 2002.

2. LAP&TC – Annual General Meeting – 9 November 2002 The nomination of representatives would be made at a later date.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived at this point in the meeting.

3. Provision of Grit Bins Money was available for the District Council to provide additional Grit Bins in Parishes.

53/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following locations be put forward to the District Council:-

Bottom of The Brow (adjacent to the seat)
Chapel Road/Shore Road junction
Cycleway onto Station Road Bridge

2. That a further request be made to the County Council to add Chapel Road and Moss Lane to the list of roads in the parish to be gritted by the County Council's vehicles in frosty and icy weather.

B. FOR INFORMATION

The following matters were noted:-

1. WLDC – Committee Agendas
2. DEFRA – Parish Councils Role in Planning
3. WLDC – Model Code of Conduct

4. Lancashire County Council – Local Transport Plan
- Annual Progress Report 2002
5. LAP&TC - Newsletter
 - a. Provision of edited Electoral Roll
 - b. Crimestoppers Presentation
6. Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety - Poster
7. The Countryside Agency – Vital Villages Poster
8. West Lancs. Council for Voluntary Service - Bulletin
9. West Lancs. Play Association Ltd – Annual Show 2003
10. Carers and Parents partnership west Lancashire – Newsletter
11. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service – Fire Safety Information
12. WLDC – Planning Committee – Member's Update

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

54/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Andrew Coxhead – Hedgecutting | £ 99.88 |
| b. | Yates Playgrounds – Inspections and repairs | £ 278.47 |
| c. | Mr A Murphy – Renewal of Domain Name | £ 14.06 |

2. Application for Grant

55/2002 RESOLVED:- That the application for grant from Victim Support Lancashire be deferred to later in the financial year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

56/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/2002/0913 – Construction of new access – land adj. Bank View Farm, Shore Road (To be determined by Executive Manager, Planning and Development Services)

2. Planning Committee – 5 September 2002

(Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting whilst it was discussed)

Application No 08/2002/0144 - Erection of 13 detached houses with 6 detached garages; provision of new access road and landscaping scheme – Land at Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK This application had been deferred at the last meeting of the Planning Committee for an organised site visit which had taken place today.

57/2002 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

Councillor P Sergeant left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

B. FOR INFORMATION

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

No 08/2002/0440 – Erection of one detached dormer bungalow – land at 467, Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RESERVED MATTERS APPROVED)

No 08/2002/0535 – Erection of 27m high replacement lattice telecommunications tower etc. – Henry Alty Ltd, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0679 – Single storey rear extension – 96 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0778 – Conservatory at rear – 120 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was reported that an election would be held to fill the vacancy on the Council. Nominations had to be with the Returning Officer by Friday 13 September 2002 and the election, if contested would be held on Thursday 10 October 2002.

The Clerk explained the procedures which had been followed and would follow and said he thought the cost may be between £300 and £400.

PUBLIC MEETING RE- HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PARISH

Councillor B Birkby left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Clerk reported that United Utilities, WLDC Planning Department and Mr D Borrow MP had all indicated that they would attend the proposed meeting. It was necessary to set a date, time and venue for the meeting and agree and agenda for circulation in advance of the meeting.

Following agreement on a date, time and venue and the items for the agenda, discussion took place about a Chairman for the meeting.

It was MOVED by Councillor A Murphy and SECONDED by Councillor N Goodier that an Independent Chairman be appointed to Chair the meeting.

To which an amendment was MOVED by Councillor N Goodier and SECONDED by Councillor H Tompkins that the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils be approached to appoint a Chairman for the meeting

Upon being put the amendment was carried by 5 votes (Councillors Ashcroft, Foster, Goodier, Murphy and Tompkins) to 0 votes with 2 abstentions (Councillors Ball and Standish-Gore), whereupon it was:-

58/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Public Meeting be held on Wednesday 23 October 2002 in the Village Institute (Large Building at rear of the site) at 8.00pm,

2. That the agenda items be as follows:-

Future Housing Development in the Parish
Foul and Surface Water Drainage and Enlarged Pumping Station
Estate Roads and Traffic in General
General Facilities and Infrastructure

3. That the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils be approached to appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Recreation Ground – Drainage It was reported that about £4,000 plus VAT had been spent to date which would have to be met from the Council's reserves. The County Council had asked to be advised when the contractor reached the fence by the road.

Councillor J R Foster reported that water was running through the system today and running into the ditch on the allotments. The Chairman had tried to contact the Contractor and was waiting for his call to be returned.

59/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Contractor be requested to put a manhole at the point that had been reached, to flush the drains and ascertain how the water is now running,

2. That providing everything was alright, the clearing of the drains be stopped at the point currently reached, and

3. That the trees be cleared by Mr P Crabtree after the drainage work is finished.

2. Recreation Ground – Tree by Delta Park entrance

60/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr Crabtree be requested to remove this poplar tree when he undertakes the other work at this location as it is affecting the adjacent property and also the telephone wires which are situated at this point.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area – Tree A complaint had been received from an adjacent householder that a tree on the area was affecting his wall.

61/2002 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be requested to investigate the complaint and report back to the Chairman of the Council, who is authorised to take whatever action is deemed necessary in consultation with the vice-Chairman and the Clerk.

3. Centenary Sports Ground – Northern Boundary The Clerk reported that no response had been received from the landowner of 140 Station Road.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

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HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 30 September 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

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

Councillors B Birkby, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors I Ashcroft, J Hunter and P Sergeant

WEST LANCASHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST

(Mr S Kenton, Director of Partnership and Public Participation) and Mr I Grant (Vice-Chairman) of the Trust attended for this item.

Mr I Grant introduced Mr Kenton and outlined the PCT which had a budget last year of £87m of which all but £30,000 was spent.

The Trust was working with partners inside the Health Service and other agencies to provide medical care within the District.

Mr S Kenton indicated that the Trust was established about 18 months ago and provided Health Services and bought in services from other parts of the Health service. It had to work within the National Health System.

Primary care in West Lancashire was provided by 55 GP's working from 30 Practices and they were all Independent Contractors. The Trust also provided Opticians, Dentists and Pharmacists on the same basis and co-ordinated all these services.

The Trust employed 450 people and 60% of the budget was spent on acute services, e.g. hospitals. Mental Health Services were provided by the Lancashire NHS Care Trust.

Councillor B Birkby arrived at this point in the meeting.

Partners included Social Services, provided by Lancashire County Council, and District Councils.

The Trust was currently going out to speak to Parish Councils and other community groups as a means of obtaining valuable input and involvement in the future planning of services.

The Trust was administered by a Board, which met on a 2 monthly basis and was made up of local residents, including Mr Grant, and a Professional Executive Committee containing GP's and other professions and which discussed issues from Government and local communities.

About 6 months ago, the Trust developed a West Lancashire Strategy, copies of which were available for members of the Council. The strategy concluded that health was not just health care but anything which contributed towards the well-being of the residents of West Lancashire. Much time and money was wasted as a result of

people not keeping appointments and GP's, Hospitals etc, whilst 10% of the drugs budget was wasted in the prescribing of drugs.

The Trust were also seeking to improve the quality of services provided and to this end were looking at the possibility of providing certain mobile services in rural areas.

The new organisation was firmly rooted in the local community and it was important to start a dialogue with local groups/organisations.

Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore arrived at this point in the meeting.

Councillor A Murphy raised the problems in Hesketh Bank in that there was no Doctor's Surgery for a population in excess of 5,000.

Mr Kenton advised the meeting that he was looking, with colleagues, into ways of making the service more effective. The PCT had the power to employ GP's but needed to identify suitable premises. Mr Grant referred to an aging problem with existing GP's but that historically, the Health Service had worked from the top down but was now starting to work from the bottom up starting with a focus on GP's.

Mr Kenton suggested that within 5 years, the PCT was seeking to increase the recruitment and opportunities for GP's and at the same time lessen the size of GP lists.

A member of the public suggested that the results of the forthcoming community audit should be made available to the PCT as a means of demonstrating the needs of the community. The appraisal would throw up certain factors such as lack of GP facilities, lack of public transport to hospitals etc. and these hard facts would assist the PCT in planning future services.

Councillor Mrs N Goodier arrived at this point in the meeting.

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins asked if information was available about the incidence of certain diseases in various areas of the district and Mr Kenton confirmed that such statistics were available and could be supplied to the Parish Council.

Another member of the public asked what pressures the PCT could bring to Planning Authorities when consideration was being given to new development. It was suggested that the current S106 scheme, whereby money for public open space had to be provided by the applicant of certain types of schemes, was to be replaced by one under which such funds could be used for other facilities e.g. towards the provision of health services etc.

Councillor J R Foster asked if any mobile units were currently in use in West Lancashire and Mr Kenton said not at present.

In response to a question from a member of the public about surveys, Mr Kenton indicated that all households in West Lancashire had been asked if they wanted to assist in periodic surveys for the Trust and in excess of 700 replies had been received. The Trust would set up a panel of about 500 people for this work.

Councillor N Goodier asked about administrative costs of the re-organisation which could have been better spent in providing patient care. Mr Grant answered that the administrative costs of the Trust were the smallest in the area.

In answer to another point, Mr Grant referred to the Shields Report on the location of services but he felt that most people would find the means of travelling to health care facilities when it was necessary.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kenton and Mr Grant for their attendance.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in Item 8(A)(2) in respect of the Planning Application for 13 dwellings in Moss Lane.

Councillor B Birkby declared an interest in Item 4(5) – Hesketh Village Institute.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2002

62/2002 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 September 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3 Item B 2 – Heading to read Hesketh Old Marsh Bank and New Marsh Bank – Footpath Closures

'Outmarsh' at the end of the minute to read 'Old Marsh Bank and New Marsh Bank'.

Page 5 - 3rd Paragraph from the bottom to read as follows:-

To which an amendment was MOVED by Councillor N Goodier and SECONDED by Councillor H Tompkins that the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils be approached to suggest a Chairman for the meeting for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council and subject to an option to appoint either the Parish Council Chairman or the LAP&TC nominee to Chair the public meeting.

Page 6 – Resolution 58/2002 – 3 to read:-

That the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils be approached to suggest a Chairman for the meeting for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council and subject to an option to appoint either the Parish Council Chairman or the LAP&TC nominee to Chair the public meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Invitation to Minister for Rural Affairs There was nothing further to report.

2. The Real Project – Update Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that the next meeting of the Steering Committee would be held on Monday 14 October 2002 at 8.00pm in the Library. Arrangements were continuing for the 'Past, Present and Future' Presentation to be held on Sunday 10 November 2002 in All Saints Church Hall from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Arrangements were also in hand for a publicity event to be held in the Village one Friday teatime and Saturday lunchtime when leaflets etc. about the Presentation would be distributed.

3. Tarleton Holiday Activity Scheme There was still no response from the Youth Service.

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4. Cropper Gardens – Bath Handrails It was reported that several residents had now been visited.

5. Security Fencing – All Saints School Details of the fence had been received from the Architects acting for the School and the name of the successful contractor for the school work would be advised to the Clerk when known.

6. Cropper Gardens – Warden Services There was nothing further to report.

7. LAP&TC – Annual General Meeting – 9 November 2002

63/2002 RESOLVED:- That Councillors R Ball and J R Foster be appointed to represent the Council at the AGM of LAP&TC.

8. Gritting of Roads Mr D Borrow MP and County Councillor R Hodge had both written to the County Council to support the Parish Council's request to have Chapel Road and Moss Lane added to the list of roads to be gritted on a regular basis.

9. Parish Council Vacancy The Clerk reported that the District Council had asked if the Parish Council wished Poll Cards to be printed and distributed at an additional cost of £360. The Clerk had consulted the Chairman who had decided that further monies should not be expended on the election.

64/2002 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, not to authorise the printing and distribution of Poll Cards for the forthcoming election, be confirmed.

10. Public Meeting re- Housing Developments in the Parish The Clerk reported that, according to the Local Council Administration Book, which is known as the Parish Council Bible, if the Chairman of the Parish Council is present at a Public Meeting called by the Council, he must take the Chair. In his absence, the Vice-Chairman must take the Chair, and only in the absence of the both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman can the meeting appoint a Chairman for the meeting. In the circumstances, the Clerk had not approached LAP&TC to suggest a Chairman for the meeting.

The Clerk indicated that invitations would be sent out this week, as recommended in the Local Council Administration Book and discussion took place on advertising for the meeting.

65/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor B Birkby be authorised to arrange for a poster to be prepared for distribution around the village and at the Real meeting on 14 October 2002 and to be displayed on the Parish Notice Boards, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to speak to the local Newspaper to generate publicity for the meeting.

11. Breach of Planning Control – 140 Station Road, Hesketh Bank The Enforcement Officer of the District Council had this matter in hand as the current situation constituted a permanent change of use for the land in question and Enforcement Action was being considered.

12. Hesketh Outmarsh – Footpath Closures Councillor J R Foster was concerned about the definitive route for Footpath 14.

66/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the County Council to indicate the definitive route of Footpath 14 and also request the provision of an up-to-date Definitive Map for use by the Parish Council.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Centenary Sports Ground – Removal of Covenant
2. Play Areas – Inspections
3. Recreation Ground – Bench Seat and School Fold Hedge
4. Road Safety Issues – Areas of concern in the Parish
5. Hesketh Village Institute

The Chairman suggested that these items be deferred again as it was important that the Council considered the following item after the Exclusion of the Press and Members of the Public:-

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – Appointment of Internal Auditor

An argument ensued between Councillors N Goodier and A Murphy and the Chairman together with finger pointing and raised voices.

~~The Chair was unable to restore order to the meeting and declared the meeting closed.~~

The meeting was adjourned whilst order was restored. Councillors Goodier and Murphy left the meeting.

Meeting re-convened for appointment of Internal Auditor (Mrs. G Simpson) who agreed to conduct the audit for a fee of £100 to be donated to Douglas Cordiae Trust. This was agreed.
The meeting was then closed.

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HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 9 October 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 B Birkby, J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy and P Sergeant

An apology was received from Councillor I Ashcroft and 8 members of the press and public were present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B Birkby declared an interest in Item 3(5) – Hesketh Village Institute.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

It was MOVED and SECONDED that in respect of the following Item – AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – Appointment of Internal Auditor the minute reads as follows:-

'An argument ensued between Councillors N Goodier and A Murphy and the Chairman together with finger pointing and raised voices.

The meeting was adjourned whilst order was restored. Councillors Goodier and Murphy left the meeting.

Meeting re-convened for appointment of Internal Auditor (Mrs G Simpson) who agreed to conduct the audit for a fee of £100 to be donated to Douglas Cardiac Trust. This was agreed.

The meeting was then closed.'

Upon being put the motion was APPROVED by 5 votes to 0 votes with 2 abstentions.

Councillor P Sergeant arrived at this point in the meeting.

It was further MOVED and SECONDED that in respect of Minute 62/2002 the following should be added:-

'Councillor N Goodier felt intimidated when the Chair allowed members of the public to speak before Public Participation'.

Upon being put the motion was LOST, the voting being as follows:- FOR – 2 (Councillors Goodier and Murphy); AGAINST - 4 (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors Birkby & Foster); ABSTAINED – 2 (Councillors Sergeant and Tompkins)

Whereupon it was

67/2002 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

In respect of the following Item – AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – Appointment of Internal Auditor the minute reads as follows:-

'An argument ensued between Councillors N Goodier and A Murphy and the Chairman together with finger pointing and raised voices.

The meeting was adjourned whilst order was restored. Councillors Goodier and Murphy left the meeting.

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The meeting was then closed.'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Meeting re- Housing Developments in the Parish Acceptances had been received from The 2 District Councillors (Councillors Forshaw and Ashcroft) and Mr S Byron (WLDC Planning & Development Dept.)

2. LAP&TC – AGM Resolutions

68/2002 RESOLVED:- That the two delegates (The Chairman and Councillor J R Foster) be authorised to listen to the debates on the resolutions and vote as they feel appropriate.

3. West Lancashire NHS Primary Care Trust Information regarding mortality, mobility and health inequalities had been received and passed to Councillor H Tompkins. It was agreed to leave the document in the Library.

4. Invitation to Minister for Rural Affairs The Minister (The Rt. Hon, Alun Williams MP) had now indicated that he would visit the Parish the next time he was in the area.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Centenary Sports Ground – Removal of Covenant

69/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact Rawsthorn Edelston, Solicitors, for details about the covenant precluding the playing of matches before 12 noon on a Sunday.

2. Play Areas – Inspections Work picked up on the Inspection by the Insurance Company had already been done by Mr Ian Yates. Mr Yates had indicated that there was a loose tile on Shore Road Play Area which would cost £15.00 to repair.

70/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr Ian Yates be authorised to repair the loose tile at Shore Road Play Area at an estimated cost of £15.00.

3. Recreation Ground – Bench Seat and School Fold Hedge

It was reported that the seat had been moved to a different location but it was agreed to leave it. The School Fold hedge had now been cut and the account paid.

4. Road Safety Issues – Areas of concern in the Parish

71/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following areas of concern be forwarded to the County Council:-

Shore Road; Station Road; The Brow; Moss Lane

2. That the County Council be requested to consider putting up 'Horse Signs' in the village,

3. That Morris Homes be requested to clean out all the channel grids on the 'Poppyfields' development,

4. That the local Police be advised about a Tractor and Trailer which regularly speeds through the village at the time that children are going to school in the mornings, and

5. That the question of Bridleways in the Parish be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

5. Hesketh Village Institute Councillor B Birkby reported on the latest position with regard to the Hesketh Village Institute. A number of appeals for assistance had been put out and the bands had come forward with some ideas. It was hoped to make a bid for lottery funding in the future. There was also a lack of numbers attending meetings of the Trustees.

72/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to arrange the proposed meeting with Henry Alty's Ltd and the Parish Council's representatives be requested to raise with the Company the possibility of the next grant given out being allocated to the Village Institute.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Clerk to the Council The Chairman reported receipt of a letter of resignation from the Clerk with effect from 31 December 2002.

73/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to prepare and place an advertisement for a replacement in the Southport Visiter, Ormskirk Advertiser and Lancashire Evening Post.

2. LCC – Periodic Electoral Review The County Council's proposals for Electoral Divisions in West Lancashire, which would place this Parish with Tarleton and North Meols in a new West Lancashire West Division were noted.

3. Letter from Standards Board A letter from the Standards Board, which had been circulated to each member of the Council, was noted.

4. Freedom of Information Act – Publication Schemes Details of the Publication of Schemes by Parish Councils was noted and the Clerk undertook to download a Model Scheme for Parish Councils from the appropriate website.

RB

5. Transfer of Licence, United Co-op, 6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank

74/2002 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the Transfer of the Licence in respect of these premises.

6. Parish Council Capital Schemes Applications were sought by the District Council for Capital Schemes for 2003/2004. The Clerk reported that the Council had been placed as No 7 on the list this year and only the first six had been funded.

75/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk requests Mr Ian Yates to update the estimates provided for last years applications and to re-submit them for the year 2003/2004.

7. WLDC – Draft Cycling Strategy This was handed to Councillor L Standish-Gore to consider and report back to the Council.

8. WLDC – Local Plan Newsletter This included a questionnaire and an invitation to a Seminar and was passed to the Chairman.

9. LAP&TC – Training Day for New Councillors and Clerks There were no volunteers to attend this event.

B. FOR INFORMATION

The following items were noted:-

1. WLDC – Committee Agendas
 - a. Cabinet – 11 September 2002
 - b. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 17 September 2002
 - c. Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2002
 - d. Housing & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 25 September 2002
 - e. Development & Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 September 2002
2. WLDC Members Updates
 - a. Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Issue 3
 - b. Development & leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Issue 3
 - c. Housing & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Issue 3
 - d. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issue 3
 - e. Planning Committee – Issue 5
3. DEFRA – Rural Services Standard 2002
4. CVS – Road Safety Poster Campaign – September 2002
5. Community Futures – No 16
6. The Beacon Newsletter – September 2002
7. Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 23
8. Commission for Racial Equality – Ethnic Monitoring
9. Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service – Burning Issues – No 3
10. Local Agenda 21 – Transport & Access – Meeting 24 September 2002
11. WL CVS Bulletin – October 2002.

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

76/2002 RESOLVED:- That the payment of the following accounts, agreed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council as a matter of urgency, be confirmed:-

- a. Yates Playgrounds – Repairs and Inspections - £ 91.65
- b. Tarleton & Hesketh Bank Golden Jubilee Committee – Agreed sum to be underwritten - £1000.00
- c. B W Rimmer – Clerk's Salary June to September 2002 - £ 700.00
- d. B Parkinson – Annual maintenance – 3rd Payment - £ 200.00

2. Applications for Grant Aid

77/2002 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the following applications be deferred to later in the financial year:-

Kidzone, Hesketh Bank
Mere Brow Youth Club

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Items raised were the recent Transport Report for the 4 Northern Parishes on which each Parish was being requested to prioritise the recommendations; and the general conduct of Councillors at meetings.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

78/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2002/0968 – Erection of boundary fence (approx 2m high) – 42 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK
- b. No 08/2002/0983 – Change of use from retail to retail and tea room – 19 Station Road, HESKETH BANK
- c. No 08/2002/1005 – Single storey extensions to front and rear – Cottams Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK
- d. No 08/2002/1049 – Single storey extension at rear – 2 The Green, HESKETH BANK
- e. No 08/2002/1088 – Outline – Detached dwelling inc. details of siting and means of access – Land adj. 11b Shore Road, HESKETH BANK

(N.B. All 5 applications to be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)

2. Planning Committee – 3 October 2002 The following applications had been included on the agenda:-
(Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in application No 08/2002/0144)

a. No 08/2002/0144 - Erection of 13 detached houses with 6 detached garages; provision of new access road and landscaping scheme – Land at Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Decision delegated to Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee subject to completion of an agreement under S 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 which requires the developer to pay a commuted sum to be used for the provision of a new area of open space or improvements to an existing open space)

b. No 08/2002/0846 – Installation of 1.8m and 1.4m high security fencing to school boundary and security lighting to staff car park and reception entrance – Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints CE School, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

3. Development Drainage Layouts, Station Road, Hesketh Bank Detailed drawings had been received.

79/2002 RESOLVED:- That Morris Homes be asked why there are so many manholes in the carriageway on the Poppyfields Estate.

B. FOR INFORMATION

1. Applications determined The following applications had been determined:-

a. No 08/2002/0602 – Single storey 'granddad' annexe at rear – 196 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

b. No 08/2002/0765 – First floor extensions – 1A Guide Road (GRANTED)

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

Councillor J Hunter arrived during consideration of the next item

1. Recreation Ground – Drainage The work was now finished and an account awaited from the contractor.

The questions of the trees and the mowing of the football were raised.

80/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the removal of the willow trees on the bank be deferred as they are being used by roosting owls and the matter be referred to Martin Mere for advice.

2. That Mr P Crabtree be asked to give advice on other trees which are causing problems on the Recreation Ground,

3. That note be taken of the situation regarding the cutting of the football pitch.

2. Centenary Sports Ground The Bowling Club had submitted details of a Calor Gas Tank to be sited on the Car Park to enable central heating to be installed in the Club.

81/2002 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the siting of the Calor Gas Tank provided it complies with all rules and regulations governing such tanks.

3. Recreation Ground – Flagged Footpath Premier paving had submitted an estimate in the sum of £1900 for the flagged path to be replaced by tarmac from the car park to a point near to the play equipment, to include the use of whole flags to replace broken flags on the remainder of the path. The drainage contractor had already replaced a number of flags on the slope.

82/2002 RESOLVED:- That the work be deferred for the time being.

4. Centenary Sports Ground – Car Park Premier Paving had indicated that the area in question was probably the last off the wagon and, therefore, not as hot as the remainder of the tarmac. This would cause the top surface to scab. If the surface got worse, the contractor would return, dig out and relay the area concerned.

83/2002 RESOLVED:- That members of the Council keep an eye on the situation.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Speeding – Moss Lane A further letter had been received from a resident in Moss Lane, regarding the speeding of vehicles on that road. A copy of a letter sent by the resident to the Southport Visiter had also been received. It was reported that the local MP, in his newspaper column, had indicated that a speed camera would be used on Hesketh Lane next year.

- 84/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the correspondence from the resident in Moss Lane be noted,
2. That a request be made to reduce the speed limit on Moss Lane from 60mph to 30 mph for the whole of its length,
3. That the County Council be requested to repaint the double yellow lines outside the HSBC Bank on Station Road.

2. Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety – West Lancs. Community Action Pack Launch The partnership was launched last Friday and the Clerk was requested to write for a copy of the Action Pack.

3. Possible Cycle/Footbridge over River Douglas It was estimated that the cost of a new bridge on the line of the old railway line was about £330,000 which was attainable with the help of lottery and other funding. The matter was now under investigation.

4. Lancashire Small Sites Reclamation Programme There were no such sites available in Hesketh Bank.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

85/2002 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following item includes exempt information in accordance with Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

INSURANCE CLAIM

The Clerk reported receipt of an Insurance Claim in respect of an alleged injury sustained by a person from Wigan whilst playing football on one of the Council owned football pitches in April 2001.

The Clerk further reported that he had acknowledged receipt of the claim, passed it on to the Council's Insurers and asked the claimant's Solicitors to indicate on which football pitch the alleged injury occurred.

- 86/2002 RESOLVED:-
1. That the claim be noted, and
 2. The action of the Clerk be confirmed.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Public Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 October 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 8.00pm

PRESENT:- Parish Councillor R Ball (Chairman)
Parish Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, Mrs L Standish-Gore and
Mrs H Tompkins
Mr D Borrow MP
County Councillor R Hodge
District Councillor M Forshaw
Mr S Byron, Mr J Harrison, Mr P Lavender – WLDC Planning &
Development Dept.
Mr A Hill – WLDC Environmental Services Dept.
Ms S White – LCC Highways Dept.
Mr I Gaskell – Environment Agency
Mr I Wilkinson – Chelmere Homes
Sgt S Ollerton – Lancashire Constabulary
Approximately 70 members of the public were present

Apologies were received from Morris Homes (North) Ltd.

INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor R Ball opening the meeting and introduced the representatives of the various organisations which had been invited to attend.

FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH

Mr S Lancaster asked if a full review of infrastructure needs in the Parish would be undertaken before any new housing developments were approved.

Mr S Byron answered that the District Council were currently undertaking a review of the planning policies over the whole of the district which covered a review of the Local Plan which was the Statutory Document setting down Planning Policies in the District. It was anticipated that the first draft of the Plan would be available for consultation later in the year although there may be a public inquiry before the new Policy Document is finalised.

A report has recently been prepared in respect of a review of residential land development over the whole of West Lancashire which concluded that enough residential housing land permissions had been granted for future needs. There was a distinct prospect, therefore, that future planning policies for Hesketh Bank would be different from those currently in being.

The Cabinet had concluded that new planning guidance should be issued in that no decisions should be taken on new developments which may prejudice the policies in the new Local Plan. This would mean refusing all new applications apart from certain exceptions. In addition, the Structure Plan review was being undertaken in respect of land for housing available in each district. It was probable that a much reduced level of available land was required in West Lancashire than previously in that after 2006 there could be only a requirement of only half that required at present. In addition, most of the development should be in the larger settlements rather than the rural areas.

In response to a question about housing densities, Mr Byron indicated that densities much comply with Structure Plan and Government Guidelines. Increased densities were being allowed on 'brown field' sites in order to protect the countryside and green belt.

In reply to Mr J Hodson's question about the robustness of the Supplementary Planning Guidance, Mr Byron indicated that the guidance should be as robust as possible to withstand possible legal challenge. Legal advice had been taken as well as advice from Civil Servants and a strong case had been prepared to justify what was a very strident policy. However, applicants could go to appeal by a Government Inspector. He reminded the meeting that the Poppyfields development was as the result of an appeal at which the developer was awarded substantial costs against the District Council.

It was suggested that there would be no green belt anywhere in the country when the boys with fat wallets started to flash their money. Also it didn't matter what the residents said, officialdom's minds were already made up.

It was asked what power politicians had over local elected representatives to destroy what the locals required.

Mr David Borrow replied that the Local Plan provided the key to development. If land is allocated for housing then there is an assumption that applications on that land will be granted. The problem would be between now and the adoption of the next Local Plan. He felt the District Council was being very brave but communities should support the District Council during the next few months. He indicated that the development at Coe Lane, Tarleton was ahead because it complied with the Local Plan and the Structure Plan.

Mr Byron answered further questions by indicating that if appeals were made and a hearing held, local residents would be able to have their say and the Inspector would take those views into consideration; and that major developments in the Parish went back to the appeal decisions made 10 years ago, whereas Government policy now was that Local Planning Authorities should make housing provision in sustainable locations.

It was suggested that local people could not afford the executive houses being built and also the infrastructure could not sustain the current overbuild. Mr I Wilkinson responded that the mix of houses on sites was a question of economics, not that the profits were more on larger houses but usually the landowner got more money.

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins indicated that she had contacted a number of developers personally and only Chelmere Homes had agreed to assist in doing essential work to the building in which this meeting was being held.

In response to further questions and comments, Mr Byron informed the meeting that the Cabinet had proposed that all new applications for housing development be refused whereas the Moss Lane development was already in the system albeit not yet determined; and that once an application is granted, the developer has 5 years to implement the scheme or 3 years in the case of an outline application.

Discussion took place on the inspection of building work and the payment of monies for this purpose. Mr Wilkinson indicated that his company had appointed The National House Building Council to undertake inspections as the company was entitled to do. Mr Byron felt that speakers were referring to three separate issues.

First the question of Building Regulations, if the developer received building control consent off the local authority then the Building Inspectors of the LA would inspect the development at all stages. Secondly, the question of S106 Agreements whereby, on sizeable developments, Public Open Space must be provided as part of the scheme. Agreement could be reached with the LA for some or all of the provision to be provided elsewhere, in which case a commuted sum was paid by the developer to the District Council to use elsewhere in the area. Third, the question of sewers and roads on which the District Council usually acted as agent for United Utilities or the Highways Authority. Once the scheme was approved, technical details of the sewers and roads were also agreed and Bonds and Securities are put in place. The District Council charges an Inspection Fee, but the developer may decide to go ahead at his own risk and would then need to prove that the sewers and roads had been constructed correctly. In the case of Poppyfields, a small amount of money was lodged with the District Council for inspections but this had been expended and no agreement reached with the developer regarding the suitability of the roads and sewers.

Answering further questions about land designated for housing in the Parish, Mr Byron indicated that one substantial housing development was currently under construction and infill was usually allowed. Under the new more restrictive policies, all forms of housing development would be restricted apart from possibly affordable housing. At the present time in the order of 20 houses had been approved but construction not started while the 13 in Moss Lane plus 1 or 2 others were still in the system awaiting determination.

Mr J Hodson suggested that the structured way to ensure that local needs were taken into account were through the Local Village Plan which had been undertaken in Tarleton and would be undertaken in Hesketh Bank in the near future. Residents should participate in the Plan in order to get their voice heard in the process.

Mr A Fowler thanked the United Co-op for its grant to Tarleton.

FOUL AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND ENLARGED PUMPING STATION

Mr Jim Waters suggested that flooding was not new in Hesketh bank. New sewers had been laid in 1966 and in 1969 Newarth Lane had been flooded with raw sewage, while flooding occurred in Moss Lane and Hesketh lane every time it rained.

Mr I Gaskell explained that water pollution control was his responsibility but he felt it was generally accepted that foul sewage in the parish was running to capacity.

A lady raised a specific instance which affected her land and which had been ongoing for 2 years and Mr Gaskell said it appeared to be a case of an illegal connection into a foul sewer. He would do all he could to locate the problem find out why it was happening and stop it.

Mr P Lavender informed the meeting that a large sewer pipe had been installed in 1988 and he explained the current systems for the disposal of sewage and also the various consents whereby sewage could be pumped into open ditches. Mr Gaskell explained the prosecution system for allowing sewage into open ditches.

Mr A Fowler asked why local advice had been ignored and the District Council had not allowed a pond to be built on the Poppyfields development. Mr Lavender responded that the pond had been turned down on safety and planning grounds but an alternative system had been provided with all surface water going into a tank

sewer with a restricted outlet. The discharge rate was no more than it would have been under the other system.

Mr Lavender said that all problems with sewers should be reported to West Lancashire District Council which operated a Sewage Incident Recording System whereby every reported incident was logged and acted upon.

Mr Gaskell said problems with all controlled watercourses should be reported to the Environment Agency on 01772 339882 or the 24 hrs emergency number 0870 807060.

ESTATE ROADS AND TRAFFIC IN GENERAL

Mr W Witter asked when money would be made available to upgrade Green lane and take traffic away from the village. Ms S White indicated that currently funds were targeted at areas with a record of personal injury accidents and Green lane did not fall into that category. The criteria was at least 5 injury accidents in the last 5 years. And each accident was allocated a cost which was set against the cost of the improvements scheme.

Councillor H Tompkins felt the roads were not well maintained and certain roads were crying out for lower speed limits, road humps and speed cameras. Ms White said the Parish Council had highlighted a number of problem areas which were being looked at.

In response to a question about where Council Tax was spent, Mr D Borrow said that Local Authorities got most of their money from the Government with Council Tax only raising a small amount of the Council's budget. In total about 75%-80% was provided by Government and the majority of Local Authority spending was on Education and Social Services. A very small fraction was spent on street cleaning, refuse collection, lighting etc.

Turning back to roads, Jim Waters felt there was not adequate policing in the area. His car had been vandalised a number of times and it was not safe to turn out of Chapel Lane in to Station Road due to cars parked outside the Spar shop.

Sergeant S Ollerton responded by outlining the police cover available which included officers working from Tarleton Police Station, with additional resources when required from CID, Traffic Section, Armed Response Team and Support Officers. Services were utilised as the need arose. Overall the crime levels in the area were small and this was a safe place to live. With regard to speeding, the Police need to be told about it as mobile equipment, which is demand led, can be utilised on roads in the area. The Police have a number of options to deal with speeding and the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety is also looking at the problems including the use of road humps. Responding to a question about the speed limit on Moss Lane not being clear, Sergeant Ollerton said that road would get attention and Ms White indicated that the first part from Station Road/Hesketh Lane had a regular system of street lighting and was, therefore, subject to a 30mph limit.

Areas of concern were raised outside All Saints School and outside the Primary School on Hesketh lane and the Police undertook to look at these issues, although a survey had been taken on Shore Road over 24 hours a day for 7 days. The Police would look at the problems outside Hesketh Lane Primary School especially when events were taking place at the school.

Sergeant Ollerton also confirmed that cars obstructing the footpath by parking on the footpath should be dealt with and he was told of problems at the Primary School on Hesketh Lane especially at school times.

Mr Witter suggested that Hesketh bank was a working village and not a dormitory with HGV's, trailers, tractors and cars all using the roads. There was a need to segregate some of these vehicles. Mr W Hunter had about 25/30 tractors and trailers using Hesketh Lane each day and he tried to avoid school times. Hesketh Marsh covered the same area as it did 100 years ago and there was a need to get the produce away from the land. On some roads, HGV's were only 18" away from the shoulders of children walking on the footpaths.

The Chairman indicated that according to a report prepared by the County Council, an improved Green lane would only take 17% of the HGV's out of the village.

Ms S White gave figures for a survey taken last October which gave the number of HGV's using certain roads in the area:- Moss Lane – 174; Station Road North of Moss Lane – 298; Station Road South of Moss Lane – 390; Gorse Lane – 149; Marsh Road Banks – 229.

Mr D Borrow felt there was a need to decide how to cope with industrial vehicles in the area and he was not convinced that £1m+ for Green Lane was THE scheme. The key problem was to agree a scheme that would stand up to the traffic experts and then argue the priority against other schemes in the county. At the present time there was not a consensus as to what that scheme should be.

County Councillor R Hodge indicated that the County's major scheme at present was the Heysham By-pass to relieve Lancaster but there was a major need here to get traffic flowing as well as possible. Green Lane was the best he could think of at the moment but there would be a need to place restrictions on other roads to force vehicles to use Green Lane. He didn't think that Green Lane would solve everything.

GENERAL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins said there was a need for local authorities, organisations etc to be fully interactive with the community. The REAL Project provided a way for the village to identify its needs and a questionnaire would be circulated very soon asking many questions about the village and what people wanted for the future. An exhibition showing the village past, present and future would be held on Sunday, 10 November 2002 in All Saints Church Hall, after the Armistice Sunday Service and people were encouraged to attend and take part in this important project. The results would be used to show the various authorities how the village wished to proceed in the future.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 2 December 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster, J Hunter, R Plant and P Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs N Goodier; Mrs L Standish-Gore and A Murphy

There was 1 members of the press present for part of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2002

104/2002 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 November 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

Councillor B Birkby reported that the AGM should have been held last week but only 3 people attended. The meeting was cancelled and will now be held on Wednesday 11 December 2002 at 7.30pm.

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

POLICING ISSUES (PC Graham Wilson attended for this item)

PC Wilson reported on recent policing issues in the Parish and said that there had been 4 crimes in October and 2 in November one involving an air rifle or gun fired from the roadway into the front door of a house. There had been an increase in juvenile nuisance, especially in the Moss Lane area and last night a total of 10 cars had been broken into in the Northern Parishes. In addition, the glass in the phone box in Hesketh Lane had been broken twice recently.

The Police were looking at ways to reduce incidents of juvenile nuisance and one suggestion was that the conifers at the Centenary Sports Ground should be trimmed down so people could see over the top of them. Councillor P Sergeant explained the background to the planting of these conifers.

A general discussion took place on policing matters and PC Wilson indicated that the Police do visit local schools; an attempt was made a few years back to start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which didn't last very long and the Community Wardens use a different radio system to the Police. Other issues discussed included mud on the highway, speeding vehicles and cars left on private land.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived during the discussion on this item

The Chairman thanked PC Wilson for his attendance.

4. CPRE – Planning Update October 2002
5. NALC –Bulletins & Updates
6. Community Focus – No 17
7. Local Council Review – November 2002
8. Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety – Community Action Pack
9. LAA Winter Maintenance Leaflets

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

106/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- | | | |
|----|---|---------|
| a. | Lancashire Evening Post – Advert for New Clerk - | £460.60 |
| b. | Liverpool Daily Post & Echo – Advert for New Clerk - | £392.45 |
| c. | Butterworth's Tolley – Local Council Administration - | £ 40.60 |
| d. | Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath | £ 15.00 |

B. FOR INFORMATION

1. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council – Concurrent Expenditure – 2nd Payment
£2353.43

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Council discussed how to deal with the applications for Clerk and Financial Officer.

107/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 1 other member be appointed to select a shortlist of candidates for interview, undertake the interviews and make an appointment of a Clerk and Financial Officer. (The voting on this was FOR – 7, AGAINST – 1)

2. That Councillor R Plant be appointed as the third member of the Sub-Committee. (The voting on this was FOR – 6, AGAINST – 0, ABSTAINED – 2)

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

108/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/2002/1214 – Outline – Demolition of barn and erection of detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) – Land adjacent Nook Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

b. No 08/2002/1203 – Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension – 78 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)

c. No 08/2002/1229 – Outline – Detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access – Land adjacent to Nook Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

111/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

5. Tree Preservation Order No (8) 2002 – 10 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
This was noted

6. Draft SPG – Residential Development October 2002 This had been approved by the Cabinet last week.

B. FOR INFORMATION The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined

a. No 08/2002/1049 – Single storey extension at rear – 2 The Green, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

b. No 08/2002/1005 – Single storey extensions to front and rear – Cottams Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Highways Act 1980 – Section 119 – Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 14, Hesketh-with-Becconsall The Council felt that the footpath was in the best position at present i.e. on the cart road, the proposed location is not as wide as the existing footpath and could not be made into a bridleway.

112/2002 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked who has applied for the diversion, why it has been requested and when would it take effect.

2. Shore Road, Speeding The Police had not seen the alleged speeding vehicle. It was suggested that many vehicles entering the 30mph zone were still travelling in excess of 40mph when they reached the school.

113/2002 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to consider providing a priority one way system in the vicinity of the school on Shore Road with the priority being given to vehicles leaving the built up area as it is likely their speed would be less than those travelling into the built up areas from Banks.

3. Parish Business Plan & Signing for Horses Riders The County Council would be looking at the suggestions for the Parish Business Plan over the next 12 months and would contact this Council as decisions were taken. The yellow lines outside would be reported to the County Area Surveyor for repainting. Horse rider signs are only provided at locations where bridleways cross the carriageway.

4. Bridleways A response was still awaited.

5. Parking Restrictions It was reported that the Police were opting out of dealing with offences on double yellow lines as from early next year.

6. Stop Cock Lids A broken lid identified in Boundary Lane would be reported by Councillor I Ashcroft

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Centenary Sports Ground – Removal of Covenant A response was still awaited from the Solicitor.

2. Recreation Ground, Shore Road – Trees The Chairman had approached a number of firms about the trees on the Recreation Ground but only Paul Crabtree of Tarleton had submitted an estimate for the work in the sum of £1,190.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 13 January 2003 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore

Councillors I Ashcroft, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs N Goodier; Mrs H Tompkins; B Birkby; J Hunter; R Plant and P Sergeant

In attendance:- PC G Wilson and Mr R Sears (New Clerk to the Council)

There was 1 member of the public present for part of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Chair introduced Mr Rodney Sears, currently Clerk to North Meols Parish Council, who had been appointed as Clerk and Financial Officer of this Council.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2002

118/2002 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 December 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. WLDC – Council Meeting as an Assembly – 28 November 2002

The minute of the meeting was noted.

2. Policing in Hesketh Bank (PC Graham Wilson attended for this item)

Inspector P Melling was not aware of any increase in personnel in Lancashire.

PC G Wilson reported that it as reasonably quiet at present although a number of windows had been broken in the Village Hall Library building. The Police were aware of the drugs problem in the area but hadn't been able to catch anyone yet. Also the tractor reported speeding on Shore Road still hadn't been found.

PC Wilson reported the likelihood of CCTV cameras being installed in the village centre in the future, probably sited on Station Road bridge. These would be linked to the control room at Ormskirk. It was also reported that the subject had been discussed at the LAP&TC meeting and it was suggested that if Parish Councils purchased the equipment, the Police would use it and upgrade it when further equipment was available.

3. The Brow Wall Inspection

The wall was reported to be in a stable condition and had not moved since October 2001. It was said that the owner had effected some repairs.

4. Diversion of Public Footpath No 14 (Mr R Cheetham, Rambler's Association attended for this item)

The County Council had indicated that the original line of the footpath was un-usable and un-safe. The landowner was in agreement with the proposal and the County Council would be the applicant.

Mr R Cheetham had walked the footpath and reported that 2 barbed wire fences and 2 gates were currently on the line of the proposed diversion. The Chair indicated that if cattle were not using the land there was no need for gates.

It was suggested that the embankment, adjacent to Carr Heys Watercourse, had been removed without Planning Permission and Councillor I Ashcroft undertook to take this up with the District Council.

119/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Council object to the proposal to divert Public Footpath No 14 and suggest that the embankment, adjacent to Carr Heys Watercourse, be re-instated and the footpath provided on the original line on top of the embankment.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. WLDC – Review of Area Consultative Forums & The Council's Citizen's Panel

120/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that this Council would like to see Officers of the District Council attending meetings of Parish Councils to enable the Parish Council to better understand what is happening in its area and why.

2. WLDC – Code of Conduct Training

121/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Members of the Parish Council do not wish the District Council to conduct more training on how best to conduct the business of the Parish Council and avoid inter-personal conflict.

3. LAP&TC – Web Site

122/2002 RESOLVED:- That the correspondence be passed to the new Clerk to complete and return to LAP&TC

4. Meeting with Mr D Borrow MP and the Learning & Skills Council – Friday 17 January 2003, North Meols Leisure Centre, Banks at 6.30pm

No-one could attend this meeting and the Clerk undertook to ask Councillor Mrs H Tompkins if she was available.

5. LAP&TC

a. Annual Spring Conference

Details had been received but no-one volunteered to attend.

b. Insurance Premiums

Details of increases in Insurance premiums were noted which were mainly due to increased public liability claims against local authorities.

6. WLDC – Register of Electors

123/2002 RESOLVED:- That a full copy of the Register be requested for use by the Parish Council.

7. LAP&TC – HGV Operators Licence – 184 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

124/2002 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the application for a new authorisation increasing the vehicles to 3.

B. FOR INFORMATION

The following were noted:-

1. WLDC – Committee Agendas

- a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 10/12/2002
- b. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 11/12/2002
- c. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 12/12/2002
- d. Cabinet – 17/12/2002
- e. Council Meeting – 17/12/2002
- f. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 7/01/2003
- g. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 8/01/2003
- h. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 9/01/2003
- i. Licensing and Appeals Committee – 14/01/2003

2. WLDC Members Updates

- a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 6
- b. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 6
- c. Development & leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 6
- d. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issue 5
- e. Planning Committee – Issue 8

3. WLDC – Community Safety Partnership Update Nov/Dec 2002

4. WLDC – Statement of Accounts to March 2002

5. LCC – Lancashire Childcare Information Service

6. CPRE – Countrywise Newsletter December 2002

7. CPRE – TCG Newsletter No 25 – December 2002

8. CVS – The Beacon Newsletter

9. CVS – Road Safety Poster

10. The Countryside Agency – Vital Villages Update – Autumn 2002

11. Carers' News – Christmas 2002

12. Local Council Review

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

125/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	WLDC –Election Costs	£ 979.13
b.	P Crabtree – Tree pruning etc	£1190.00
c.	Yates Playgrounds – Inspections	£ 155.10
d.	B W Rimmer – Salary Sept. to Dec. 2002	£ 700.00
e.	LAP&TC – Training Course (Cllr R Plant)	£ 32.00
f.	B Parkinson – Various repairs	£ 100.00

2. That the following accounts be not paid
at this time for the reasons given:-

- a. David Rowell Ltd. – Drainage work £15,513.13
(Account to be questioned especially total hours, supervision and materials used)
- b. Daily Post & Echo – Delivery of leaflets £ 206.21
(Delivery not undertaken correctly, Cllr Mrs H Tompkins in discussion with newspaper & Real Project)

2. Estimates 2003/2004

The estimates must be prepared at the next meeting. Councillors to pass to the Clerk details of any items for inclusion prior to next meeting.

B. FOR INFORMATION

1. Receipts The following were noted:-

- a. All Saints Church, Hesketh Bank – Donation to Real Project £ 65.00
- b. United Utilities – Wayleave £ 89.05

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

126/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. 08/2002/1345 – Outline – Erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage – Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue, Hundred End, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)

- b. 08/2002/1397 – Part single/part 2 storey extension at rear – 42 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- c. 08/2002/1409 – O/L Erection of 1 detached dwelling (inc. details of siting) – Land adj. 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)

2. Planning Committee – 16 January 2003

- a. No 08/2002/1140 – O/L – 6 detached dwellings – Land adj. 72 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – REFUSED)

127/2002 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

- b. No 08/2002/0799 – Erection of detached house – Land adj. 19 Poppyfields, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

128/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application on the grounds of overburdening the sewers in the area in the light of the continual problems whenever it rains.

3. Residential Development (SPG) Slight amendments to the SPG were noted.

4. Application No 08/2002/1267 – Erection of one detached dwelling with new access – Land adjacent 213 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK

129/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council is concerned at the close proximity of the bus shelter on Shore Road and the de-restriction sign.

5. Application No 08/2002/1251 – Outline - Two detached dwelling houses (including details of siting) – Land adjacent 90 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

130/2002 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

6. Application No 08/2002/1129 – Car park at rear of 17 Station Road, HESKETH BANK The application had been withdrawn

6. Application No 08/2002/1174 – Outline – Residential development – Land adjacent 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK

The Environment Agency had objected to this application.

131/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Environment Agency be asked what action is being taken in respect of the sewers in Station Road as manholes were 'popping' during the recent heavy rainfall.

7. Portfolio Holder for Planning A letter from the Chief Executive of the District Council regarding the various responsibilities of Councillor I Ashcroft, was noted.

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B. FOR INFORMATION The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined

- a. No 08/2002/0913 – Construction of new access – Land adj. Bank View Farm, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - b. No 08/2002/0983 – Change of use from retail to retail and tea room 19 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/2002/1109 – Erection of a detached house & garage – 56 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/2002/1226 – Single storey rear extension – 62 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- Appeal Decision
- a. Ref E/2002/0006 – Cease use of land as caravan site, remove all caravans and infrastructure from the site, restore site to condition suitable for use as agricultural – Land adj. "Cedars", Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (DISMISSED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 – Common Land Letter from Countryside Agency noted.

2. Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety – Mobile Speed Enforcement – Sites of Community Concern

132/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following sites be suggested:-

- a. Shore Road - Outside All Saints School
- b. Station Road - From Station Road bridge to Village Hall
- c. Moss Lane – West of Boundary Lane

3. Business Planning on Traffic Issues – Parish Partnership

133/2002 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be referred to previous correspondence with Sue White.

4. Bus Services Councillor A Murphy reported changes in the bus services with all services to Preston being extended to Longridge. A half hourly service was now run to Preston with alternate services terminating at the village and an hourly service running through to Southport. The 316 service had been withdrawn but it was now more convenient to get a connection in Tarleton to go to Ormskirk.

The question of free pensioner's bus passes was again raised and Councillor I Ashcroft undertook to raise the issue with the District Council.

5. Hedges and Trees

134/2002 RESOLVED:- That Councillor I Ashcroft be requested to raise the following with the County Council (Mr M Walsh):-

- a. Hedge overlapping the footpath on The Brow, Station Road

- b. Willow tree roots lifting footpath on Glenpark Drive at rear of 3 Langdale Close

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road – Trees This work had been completed.
2. Repairs to Play Equipment This work was in hand

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

135/2002 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following item includes exempt information in accordance with Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a report on the current salaries of the existing Clerk and the new Clerk in his capacity as Clerk of North Meols Parish Council

- 136/2002 RESOLVED:-
1. That Mr R P Sears be appointed as Clerk to the Council with effect from 1 February 2003 at a salary of £3,382 per annum,
 2. That the term of office of Mr B W Rimmer as Clerk of the Council be extended to 31 January 2003,
 3. That Mr B W Rimmer be requested to attend the meeting of the Council to be held on 10 February 2003 as part of the hand over to Mr R P Sears,
 4. That the salary of Mr B W Rimmer be increased to £3,382 per annum backdated to 1 April 2003,
 5. That Mr B W Rimmer be paid an hourly rate of £9.29p per hour for all work undertaken after 31 January 2003,
 6. That the gratuity due to be paid to Mr B W Rimmer on leaving the service of the Council is to be based on a salary of £3,382 per annum.

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 10 February 2003 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:- Cllr.R.Ball (Chair)
Cllr.Mrs.L.Standish-Gore
Cllrs. I.Ashcroft*, J.R.Foster, A.Murphy, R.Plant*, Mrs.H.Tompkins.

* denotes Members who arrived during the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs.B.Birkby, Mrs.N.Goodier, J.Hunter, P.Sergeant.

There were 3 members of the public present at the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2003

137/2002

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 January 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

LCC - Proposed diversion of Public Footpath 14 – Acknowledgement of our letter.
WLDC – Review of Area Consultative Forums – Our response will be brought to the attention of Members of WLDC
Community Safety – Sites for Mobile Speed Enforcement – Letter acknowledged.
New Clerk – Accepts offer of employment. Contract of Employment to be prepared.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. WLDC – Future Strategy for Private Sector Housing in West Lancashire

138/2002

RESOLVED:- That Cllr.Mrs Tompkins complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. WLDC – West Lancashire Design Awards – Noted, no action required.
3. WLDC – Heritage Conservation Strategy – Noted, Cllr.Ball to peruse and draft a reply if necessary.

R13

4. LAPTC – Regional Government – ‘Level of Interest’ Consultation on a Referendum

139/2002

RESOLVED:- That LAPTC be informed that the Parish Council agrees with Lancashire County Council that there is insufficient interest from residents to warrant a Referendum.

5. National Seminar on Quality Parish Councils – Noted, no action required.
6. WLDC – Invitation to Civic Dinner – Noted, no interest shown.
7. WLDC – Our Historic Environment – List of Locally Important Buildings

140/2002

RESOLVED:- That the following list of locally important buildings be submitted for consideration:-

- a) Beconsall Old Church
 - b) Beconsall Old Hall
 - c) The Ferry House
 - d) The former ‘George & Dragon’ Nos.4/5/6 Little Brow
 - e) The former ‘Hesketh Arms’, now known as Mount Farm, top of Brow, Station Road.
8. Hesketh Bank AFC – Request for a meeting to discuss future development

141/2002

RESOLVED: - That the Clerk arranges a meeting as requested.

B. FOR INFORMATION

The following were noted:-

1. WLDC – Best Value re-inspection of Cleansing & Leisure Services. Cllr.Ball had attended this meeting and reported that there had been few good comments about these Services. He also reported on a similar meeting to discuss Planning Services where the general opinion was that the performance was abysmal.
2. Data Protection Act – Compliance Advice for Councillors. Copies passed to all Councillors.
3. LCC – Social Services District Liaison Cttee – details posted on notice-boards.
4. The Countryside Agency – Grants for Parish Councils.

RB

5. CVS – Road Safety Poster.
6. CPRE – Updates.
7. Community Legal Services Partnerships – Newsletter
8. Clerks & Councils Direct – Latest edition.
9. WLDC – Committee Agenda
Cabinet – 11/2/03
Council – 11/2/03

Cllr.Mrs.Tompkins had received correspondence regarding the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition. To be included on next month's agenda.

Cllr.Mrs.Tompkins updated Members on the REAL questionnaires which should be delivered within the next few days, to be returned by 24 February. The results would be reported to a meeting on 9 March at the Church Hall. The original invoice from the Liverpool Daily Post & Echo to stand if all questionnaires were delivered satisfactorily.

FINANCE

A FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for payment

142/2002

RESOLVED:-

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

			£
288	Tarleton High School	Swimming Pool	1500.00
289	B.W.Rimmer	Salary & Gratuity	4009.97
290	B.Parkinson	Sewer pipe repairs	25.00

The Clerk reported that there had been no reply to our letter to David Rowell Ltd. regarding the account for drainage work.

2. WLDC – Parish Council Capital Schemes 2003/04. Under the present formula this Council would not receive a capital grant in the forthcoming financial year.
3. Estimates 2003/04

REVISED ESTIMATES 2002/03

The Council considered the revised estimates for 2002/03 as circulated.

RB

143/2002

RESOLVED:- That the revised estimates for 2002/03 (Appendix 1) be approved.

ESTIMATES 2003/04

The Council considered the draft estimates for 2003/04 as circulated.

The Council discussed, in detail, a list of items for consideration for inclusion in the estimates.

144/2002

RESOLVED:-

1. That in regard to General Expenses:-
 - a) The amount allowed for Audit be increased to £300 to include the internal audit fee and any accreditation for Quality Parish Council status.
 - b) The amount allowed for training be increased to £200 to allow for the Clerk and Members' extra training for Quality Parish Council status.
 - c) The amount allowed for donations be increased to £200.
 - d) The amount of £25 for the provision of a Christmas tree be retained.
 - e) The amount allowed for newsletters be increased to £750 to allow for the provision and distribution of up to 4 newsletters per year.
 - f) The amount allowed for Clerk's Society Subscriptions be reduced to £20, as the total cost could be shared with North Meols and Tarleton Parish Councils.
 - g) An amount of £1,000 be included under Section 137 expenditure to allow for a contribution towards the Church heating.

(Cllr.Plant declared an interest in this item and left the meeting whilst it was being discussed).

2. That the estimated General Expenses in the sum of £8,392 be approved.

RESOLVED:-

3. That in regard to concurrent Expenditure:-
 - a) The amount allowed for Maintenance of Grounds be increased to £5,500 to allow for extra works required.
 - b) The amount allowed for Burial Grounds be increased to £500.

RFB

4. That the revised estimates for concurrent expenditure in the sum of £12,790 be approved.
5. That the estimated income of £1358 and the concurrent contribution of £4725 be noted.
6. That the amount allowed for support for Tarleton High School Swimming Pool be reduced to £1,000, taking into account the proposed contribution to the Sports Hall project.
7. That the amount allowed for replacing play equipment be increased to £6700 to include provision for a replacement roundabout at Shore Road and a new seesaw at Station Road.
8. Cllr. John Hodson (Chair of Tarleton Parish Council) was invited to give a presentation regarding the proposed multi-phase development at Tarleton High School. This project was likely to commence in 2003 subject to the necessary funding being put in place. The majority of the finance required to fund the initial phase of the project, i.e. a sports hall and linked changing rooms, was almost in place, being funded in the main by Lancashire County Council.

The County Council are anxious for this project to be a public partnership, and therefore financial contributions from local Parish Councils would be welcomed. Members questioned Cllr. Hodson on many aspects of this project.

It was agreed that the Parish Council raise a 25-year loan of £100,000 from the Public Works Loan Board, subject to obtaining borrowing consent. This would enable a contribution of £50,000 to be made to Tarleton High School, leaving £50,000 to be made available for outside sports facilities within Hesketh Bank. This resolution was subject to further negotiation with interested parties. Any financial contribution would be subject to the understanding that the new sports facilities be made available to the general public and the Parish Council be guaranteed a seat on the Management Committee, thus allowing the Council's representative to speak on behalf of the public.

A sum of £7,000 would have to be included in next year's budget to secure the 100,000 PWLB loan. This was agreed unanimously.

9. That the estimates for 2003/04 (Appendix 1) be approved.

Standing Order 17 was waived to enable the remainder of the business to be completed.

RB

4. SETTING OF PRECEPT

145/2002

RESOLVED:- That in the light of the decisions taken and recorded in Minute No. 144/2002 above, a precept of £29,800 be levied on the West Lancashire District Council for the year 2003/04.

B FOR INFORMATION

1. Receipts. The following items of income had been received:-

WLDC – 2nd half of precept, £8663.50.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED:-

146/2002

That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a) 08/2003/0019 – Two-storey extension – 8 Greenfields
- b) 08/2003/0020 – Two-storey rear extension – 63 Chapel Road
- c) 08/2003/0021 – First floor rear extension – 64 Chapel Road
- d) 08/2003/0031 – Extensions and alterations including elongation of main building and raising/alteration to main roof – Mill Farm, Mill Lane
- e) 08/2002/1410 – Substitution of house type – Plot No.49, land adjacent 109 Station Rd
- f) 08/2003/0077 – Change of use from police office to dwelling – 57 Station Road

(All the above to be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services).

Planning Committee – 13 February 2003

RESOLVED:-

147/2002

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

RB

- a) 8/02/0799 – Erection of detached house – land adjacent 19 Poppyfields (Recommendation – GRANTED)
- b) 8/02/1088 – Outline – Detached dwelling including details of siting and means of access – land adjacent 11B Shore Road (Recommendation – GRANTED)
- c) 8/02/1267 – Erection of detached dwelling with new access – land adjacent 217 Chapel Road (Recommendation – REFUSED)
- d) 8/02/1140 – Outline – Residential Development including details of means of access – land adjacent 72 Beconsall Lane (Recommendation – REFUSED)
- e) 8/2002/1251 – Outline – Two detached dwelling-houses (including details of siting) – land adjacent 90 Moss Lane (Recommendation – REFUSED)

B. FOR INFORMATION

Applications determined

08/2002/1285 – First floor side extension and conservatory to rear – 128 Chapel Road (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

There were no items under this heading.

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

The Chair reported on the continuing problem on the Centenary Sports Ground involving drugs and vandalism. To alleviate this problem the Police had recommended that the Leylandii be taken out.

RESOLVED:-

148/2002

That the Leylandii be removed with immediate effect, and Hesketh Bank AFC be informed accordingly. Alternative safety measures to be investigated. This was agreed unanimously.

As this was Mr. Brian Rimmer's last meeting as Clerk it was proposed that a vote of thanks be given for his service to the Parish Council over many years, and Members offered him their best wishes for the future.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2003/2004 & REVISED ESTIMATES 2002/2003

	Est 02/03	Committed	Est 03/04	Avail 03/03
A. GENERAL EXPENSES				
Clerk's Salary	£ 2,800	£ 3,664	£ 3,382	
Postage, Stationery Etc.	£ 575	£ 211	£ 700	
Totals	£ 3,375	£ 3,875	£ 4,082	
OTHER ITEMS				
Hall Rent	£ 200	£ 180	£ 200	
LAP&TC Subs	£ 400	£ 400	£ 420	
Insurance	£ 800	£ 860	£ 950	
Audit Fee	£ 215	£ 100	£ 300	
Floral Tribute	£ 15	£ 35	£ 20	
Training Etc.	£ 100	£ 84	£ 200	
CPRE Subs	£ 20	£ 25	£ 25	
Donations	£ 100	£ -	£ 200	
Xmas Tree	£ 25	£ -	£ 25	
Newsletter	£ 100	£ -	£ 750	
Clerk's Society - Subs	£ 45	£ -	£ 20	
Sundries	£ -	£ 228	£ 200	
S 137 Expenditure			£ 1,000	
Totals	£ 2,020	£ 1,912	£ 4,310	
TOTAL A	£ 5,395	£ 5,787	£ 8,392	

B> CONCURRENT EXPENDITURE

1. Allowable by District Council

Recreation Grounds				
Maintenance	£ 2,500	£ 2,770	£ 5,500	
Buildings	£ 100	£ -	£ 100	
Equipment	£ 1,500	£ 1,381	£ 1,500	
Centenary Sports Ground	£ 1,000	£ 40	£ 1,000	
Legal Fees	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Grant to Football Club	£ -	£ 830	£ -	
Bus Shelters	£ 1,000	£ 840	£ 1,000	
Street Seats	£ 200	£ -	£ 200	
Burial Grounds	£ 200	£ -	£ 500	
Drains, Ditches, Etc.	£ -	£ 15,000	£ -	
Village Institute	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	
Notice Boards	£ 540	£ 270	£ 540	
Litter Bins	£ 50	£ -	£ 50	
Best Kept Village Support	£ 400	£ 10	£ 400	
Totals	£ 8,490	£ 22,141	£ 11,790	

2. Not Allowable by District Council

Repairs and Renewals Fund	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,148
Election Expenses	£ -	£ 980	£ 1,000	£ 2,381
Contingency	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 400
Totals	£ -	£ 980	£ 1,000	

TOTAL B £ 8,490 £ 23,121 £ 12,790

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	Est 02/03	Committed	Est 03/04	Avail 03/03
C. INCOME				
Allotments	£ 240	£ 216	£ 216	
Football Pitch	£ -	£ -	£ 250	
CSG Rents	£ 862	£ -	£ 892	
TOTAL C	£ 1,102	£ 216	£ 1,358	
D. NET EXPENDITURE (A+B-C)	£ 12,783	£ 28,692	£ 19,824	
LESS Concurrent Contribution	£ 4,706	£ 4,706	£ 4,725	
NET TOTAL	£ 8,077	£ 23,986	£ 15,099	
E. OTHER EXPENDITURE				
Tarleton H.S - Swimming Pool/Sports Hall	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 1,000	
Community Safety	£ 2,500	£ -	£ -	£ 3,500
Gratuity	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ -	£ 3,000
Traffic Assessment Survey	£ 1,250	£ -	£ -	£ 1,250
Golden Jubilee Celebrations	£ 1,000	£ 1,081	£ -	
Village Plan	£ 2,000	£ 206	£ -	
Advert for Clerk	£ -	£ 853	£ -	
Replace play equipment			£ 6,700	£4,236 (a)
				£2,464 (b)
TOTAL E	£ 9,250	£ 4,640	£ 7,700	
PRECEPT	£ 17,327	£ -	£ 22,799	
Taken from Reserves	£ -	£ 15,000	£ -	
Loan Repayments			£ 7,000	
NET PRECEPT	£ 17,327		£ 29,799	
**Parish Improvements in 2002/03	£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	
(£1000 for 2002/2003 to be funded from interest on deposit account)				
(a) Replace roundabout (Shore Road)				
(b) New seesaw (Station Road)				

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 10 March 2003 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Cllr.R.Ball (Chair)
Cllrs. I.Ashcroft, J.R.Foster, Mrs.N.Goodier, J.Hunter, A.Murphy,
R.Plant*, P.Sergeant, Mrs.H.Tompkins.

* denotes Members who arrived during the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr.Mrs.L.Standish-Gore.

There were 15 members of the public, including P.C.Wilson, and a member of the press, present at the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2003.

Cllr.Ashcroft disputed the accuracy of Minute No. 148/2002 stating that the vote had not been unanimous. Cllr.Murphy stated that the minutes were utter nonsense and intimated that the Chair had had an input into the minutes.

149/2002

RESOLVED:- That, by 3 votes to 2, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A debate ensued centred around Minute No. 148/2002 and the subsequent removal of the Leylandii around the Centenary Sports Ground.

The Chair stated that he had been surprised at the speed at which these had been removed. Following the meeting he had left a message with a contractor to carry out the work in his first available slot. As the debate got out of hand the Chair adjourned the meeting whilst order was restored. The Chair invited any Members with a personal interest in the item under discussion to disclose the existence and nature of that interest. There remained no declarations of interest.

The Chair repeated the point made at the previous meeting that the trees had been removed on Police recommendation. This was to counter the problems associated with drugs. He had met and spoken to Crime Prevention Officers at the Police Exhibition in Tarleton.



Cllr.Sergeant accused the Chair of seizing his opportunity at the previous meeting, when certain Members were absent, to have these trees removed. He called for the Chair to resign.

Cllr.Hunter stated that the item should not have been discussed in the first place, as it had not been on the Agenda. Cllrs. Sergeant and Hunter stated that if they had known this item was to be discussed they would have attended the meeting. The Chair replied that the item was raised under "Recreation Grounds and Play Areas". Cllr.Hunter insisted that the Centenary Sports Ground does not fall into this category. He wished to propose a vote of no confidence in the Chair, which was refused.

There was anger that the trees had been removed as they had been planted as a memoriam to a Hesketh Bank footballer. At the previous meeting it was stated that there were no living relatives still residing in the village. It was now thought that his mother was still a resident and should have been approached before any action was taken.

The total cost of felling and removing the trees was £2,000 (plus VAT) and it was argued that quotes should have been obtained for the work. Copies of Standing Orders were produced but as there were two different copies clarification was required. The Clerk stated that proper procedures had not always been followed in the past as was mentioned in the Internal Auditor's report (to be discussed as a separate item). Cllr.Plant stated that although proper procedures had seemingly not been adhered to on this occasion the price of £20 per tree was good value for money.

The debate continued until 9.05pm when the meeting was adjourned to allow for public participation. Several of the statements and comments were not addressed through the Chair.

150/2002

RESOLVED:- That the invoices from Paul Crabtree, totalling £2,000 (plus VAT), are not paid until legal advice is sought from LAPTC. All voted in favour of this resolution, except the Chair who abstained. Upon receipt of this advice a letter be sent to the contractor explaining that procedures had not been followed, and further quotes should be obtained from local contractors, even though the work had been completed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several members of the public continued the debate regarding the removal of the trees. Issues raised included:-

The trees acting as a safety measure prevented the ball from being kicked into the road and private properties. Alternative safety measures should be investigated.

Loss of revenue to Hesketh Bank AFC as spectators would be able to watch from the road.

The trees were planted as a memoriam at a cost of £1500, £480 of which was donated by the family of the deceased. It was proposed that the Chair contact Mrs.Dawson but it was decided that no vote be taken on this proposal.



The football pitch was in poor condition due to local youths playing on it. The ground should be for members of the football club only. Shore Road was available for other youths to play football.

Regarding the issue of the proposed financial contribution to the Tarleton High School Sports Hall project, Cllr.Ashcroft stated that all residents of Hesketh Bank should be consulted. Members of the public spoke for and against this project stating that the two communities should work together to improve the sports facilities in the area. Cllr.J.Hodson (Tarleton Parish Council) again explained the merits of the scheme.

Cllr.Mrs.Tompkins (Co-ordinator for the REAL project) addressed the issue regarding lack of interest shown in local activities. She was pleased so many of the public had attended this evening's meeting and asked for their support on all occasions. The REAL questionnaire had shown only a 7% return and only 20 attended the public meeting.

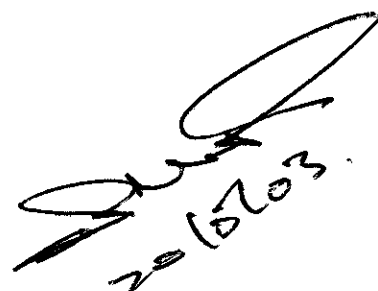
Cllr.Foster agreed to deal with the missing street nameplate.

In response to a letter from Peter Leigh (Hesketh Bank AFC) which was listed on the agenda under correspondence Cllr.Plant proposed that arrangements be made as soon as possible for a meeting between the Parish Council and Hesketh Bank AFC.

151/2002

RESOLVED:- That this meeting be arranged as soon as all documents were available to the Parish Council to discuss alternative fencing/safety nets, a possible replacement for the trees, and continued support for youth sport in the area. All Members voted in favour of this resolution, except Cllr.Hunter who abstained.

The meeting was reconvened but as it was 10pm the meeting closed and all further business on the agenda was adjourned to the next meeting on 31st March 2003.



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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 31 March 2003 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Cllr.R.Ball (Chair)
Cllrs. I.Ashcroft, Mrs.N.Goodier, A.Murphy, R.Plant, P.Sergeant,
Mrs.H.Tompkins.

Apologies were received from Cllrs.Birkby, Foster, Hunter, and
Mrs.Standish-Gore.

There were 13 members of the public present, including a member of
the press.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2003.

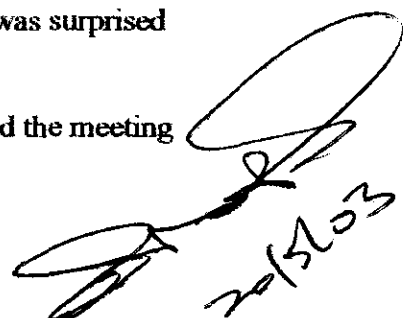
Cllr.Mrs.Goodier stated that Page 2, para 2, last line should read, "which the Chair refused", and not "which was refused".

Cllr.Mrs.Goodier wished it to be included in the minutes that the Chair had made derogatory remarks to her during the meeting. The Chair replied that Cllr.Mrs.Goodier was referring to the comment he had made about her acting like a silly schoolgirl. The Clerk again reiterated the point that not all statements and comments can be minuted, especially when they are not addressed through the Chair. Cllr.Mrs.Goodier stated that she had asked specifically for this to be minuted at the time.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 10 March 2003 were left unsigned as Cllr.Plant then moved to another item. He queried why there was no item on the agenda to move a vote of no confidence in the Chair. The Clerk replied that no such motion had been received in writing prior to the meeting in line with Standing Orders. A further debate then continued around Standing Orders. The Clerk explained that there seemed to be two different versions of Standing Orders entitled "Hesketh-with-Becconsall Standing Orders". For purposes of clarification he had written to LAPTC and obtained the latest version, published by NALC in April 2002, which took into account the new Code of Conduct, and suggested that to avoid confusion this should be used as a guideline in adopting the Council's Standing Orders.

Various comments continued to be made across the table and the Chair accused Cllr.Mrs.Goodier of trying to run the meeting. He stated that if she wanted the Chair she should stand against him at the AGM. Cllr.Sergeant stated that he was surprised that the Chair would be standing again, and accused him of being a liar.

The Chair took exception to these comments by Cllr.Sergeant and closed the meeting at 7.38pm.



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