

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 18th APRIL 1994

PRESENT:- Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; P Handley; S Trippier and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter

Two members of the public were present.

MINUTES

177/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Page 6 Minute 173/93 (5)

HESKETH BANK PARISH to read HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH

- b. Page 6 Minute 176/93

1994 to read 1995 whenever it appears in the minute.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Domesday Book The Chairman had confirmed the book was a reasonable size. The order had been placed and confirmation received.

- b. LAP&TC - Area Committee - 8th April 1994

It was reported that a number ^{of 5.} of Parish Councils had arranged special events to celebrate the Centenary of Parish Councils; that old Minute Books should be sent to the County Archivist for safe keeping; that finance for North Meols to undertake emergency drainage work on the Sports Field would be sought from the District Council's Contingency Fund; that further requests for footway lights would be dealt with in the order received; that a Victim Support Scheme Flag Day would be held on the 21st May 1994 and volunteers should give their names to Mrs L Kershaw; that the new Burscough Youth Centre was due to open on the 4th August 1994; that electricity problems in Halsall and Mere Brow had been discussed and that this years Audit would be held in July.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. District Council Their were no items under this heading.

- b. Other Matters

1. Rural Housing Trust Miss Katy Scivyer would attend the meeting of the Council on the 13th June 1994.

2. Victim Support Scheme The Annual General Meeting of the Scheme would be held on Wednesday, 25th May 1994 at the District Council Offices, Ormskirk.

178/93 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be appointed to attend the AGM of the Victim Support Scheme as the Parish Council's representative.

3. Hesketh - with - Beconsall CE School - Governor Mr L Greenwood had resigned as the Governor appointed by the Parish Council.

179/93 RESOLVED:- That the vacancy be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 1994.

4. Footpaths in Hesketh Bank Mr J R Foster had written to the effect that vehicles using footpaths wide enough for cars etc., may not be insured in case of accidents and perhaps the Council should be providing signs to that effect.

The Chairman indicated that the signs legally required were provided and additional signs would require additional finance.

FINANCE

a. Accounts for payment

180/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:

1. Mr D Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters (Jan-Mar incl) £54.00

b. Other Matters

Application for Grant An application had been received from the Victim Support Scheme.

181/93 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application be deferred until later in the year.

PLANNING MATTERS

a. Weekly Lists

182/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/94/0313 - 9 detached dwellings with garages and access road - Land off Silverdale

2. No 08/94/0339 - Detached garage at rear - 3 Pardoe Close

3. No 08/94/0349 - Conservatory to rear elevation - 36 Moss Lane

b. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 21st April 1994

183/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application:-

No 08/94/0226 - Construction of 11,000 volt overhead line - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road (Recommendation - Object, request consideration of underground line).

184/93 RESOLVED:- That the following applications approved by the Director of Development and Amenities be noted:-

No 08/94/0148 - Conservatory link between house and garage at rear
- 142 Moss Lane

No 08/94/0151 - Porch on front, part single part 2 storey extension with canopy at rear, detached garage at rear - 29 Shore Road

c. Other Matters

Development at 2 Woodlee Road The development had been approved under application No 08/88/1004 and had been commenced within 5 years. Visits had been made to the site since November 1991.

REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Clerk had received a copy of the West Lancashire District Council's submission to the Commission.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

Meetings had been held with the 3 sports clubs last week and minutes of those meetings were circulated to members of the Council. The Chairman thanked Mrs L Kershaw for taking the Minutes of the meetings and preparing them for members.

With regard to the boundaries of the Council owned land, the Chairman indicated that the Deeds had not yet been received from the Solicitors.

It appeared that the Clubs were requesting leases for 50 years whereas it was understood that the Sports Council normally required Clubs applying for grants to have security of tenure for 21/28 years. The Council would require firm reasons as to why 50 year leases were required bearing in mind that the persons running the Clubs would have changed well before the leases expired. Perhaps the Council should be looking at an initial term with an option to renew for further periods.

It was suggested that the Council should not rush into agreeing leases without taking professional advice and that attempts should be continued to bring the 3 Clubs together by framing the leases accordingly.

It was suggested that a representative of the Sports Council be invited to attend a meeting of the Council, to which the Clubs would also be invited, to talk about the management of sports grounds and leases between the owners of the ground and sports clubs.

It was also suggested that membership of Clubs using the sports ground should be open to all age groups, especially young people, who should be able to use the facilities provided by the Clubs.

The Chairman indicated that he had been invited, as the District Councillor, to Chair a meeting between the 3 Clubs, the meeting having been called by the Football Club.

185/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Council be invited to send a representative to address the Parish Council on leases for Clubs using sports grounds, and

2. That the 3 Clubs be invited to attend a meeting with the Sports Council on grants for sporting activities.

CENTENARY OF PARISH COUNCILS

As part of the Centenary of Parish Councils, the Council had agreed that the Notice Board at the Sports Ground be painted with the new name and reference to the centenary of the Council.

186/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain quotations for the painting and sign writing of the Notice Board, such quotations to be on the basis of gold lettering on green background and white lettering on a black background.

GRASSCUTTING IN HESKETH BANK

The Clerk reported that only Mr Mark Taylor had submitted a quotation for grasscutting which appeared to be on the basis of each area receiving 7 cuts during the year.

187/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr Mark Taylor be invited to carry out grasscutting for the Council for the year 1994/95 on the following basis:-

Recreation Ground	7 cuts at £30	£210.00
Glenpark Drive	7 cuts at £12	84.00
Station Road Play Area	3 cuts at £20	60.00
School Fold Grassed Area	1 cut at £12	12.00

2. That, subject to Mr Taylor agreeing to the above basis, the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr Taylor in the sum of £366.00.

John Taylor

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier and
J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; P J Handley and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier and Mr M Goodier

Four members of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

7/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr Stephen Trippier be elected Chairman of
the Council for the year 1994/95.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr S Trippier read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
as Chairman of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr Philip Handley be appointed Vice-Chairman
of the Council for the year 1994/95.

MINUTES

3/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes
of the meeting held on the 18th April 1994 be confirmed and signed by the
Chairman:-

Page 1 b LAP&TC Area Committee Report Line 1

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

4/94 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the
year 1994/95:-

Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Area Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs N Goodier

Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee

Mrs N Goodier with the Chairman as Substitute

Layfield Charity

Mrs D Trippier (Mrs Trippier reported that due to surplus income
she had obtained grants for the Youth Club,
the PCC and the extensions at the School)

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Village Hall Committee

Mrs L Kershaw

Lancashire Playing Fields Association

Mrs J Witter

Council for Protection of Rural England

The Chairman

Hesketh - with - Beconsall C E School Governor

Mrs H Sephton

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

5/94 RESOLVED:- That the following Constitutions and Membership of Standing Committees be approved for the year 1994/95:-

Recreation Committee - Chairman plus 4 Members

Chairman, Mrs N Goodier, Mrs J Witter, Mr M Goodier and Mr P Handley

Allotments Committee - 5 Members

Mrs J Witter, Mr P Bannister, Mr L Greenwood, Mr P Handley and Mr K Wareing

Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee - Chairman plus 5 Members

Chairman, Mrs L Kershaw, Mrs H Sephton, Mrs D Trippier, Mr M Goodier and Mr P Handley

Centenary Sports Ground Committee - Chairman plus 3 Members (Provisional)

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs L Kershaw and Mr K Wareing

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas & Minutes There were no items to report.
- b. Environmental Charter for West Lancashire A copy had been received.
- c. Budget for 1994/95 A copy of the Budget had been received.

2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

- a. Rural Viewpoint Magazine

6/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council do not subscribe to the Rural Viewpoint Magazine.

- b. Training Days

7/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be nominated to attend the Public Relations Day on the 12th November 1994 at a cost of £25.

c. Survey of Rural Services This was passed to Mrs L Kershaw for completion.

d. Almanac The Clerk undertook to complete the Form.

e. Centenary Yearbook It was noted that a copy had been received.

f. Centenary Dinner A response from the Association Secretary was noted.

g. Rural Action for the Environment Posters had been received.

h. Local Council Review The latest copy had been received.

3. County Council

a. Review of Local Government A leaflet explaining the County Council's submission had been received.

b. Planning Matters Details of buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in the Parish had been received alongwith details of Parks and Gardens with Special Historic Interest and Scheduled Monuments in the district.

A Lancashire Quarry Line to enable people to ring the County Council about Quarries and major Waste Disposal Sites was soon to be established.

4. Other Matters

a. Crossroads The AGM was to be held on the 11th July 1994 which was a night on which the Parish Council would meet.

b. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report had been received and copies would be given to all Parish Councillors.

8/94 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council places on record its sincere thanks and congratulations to Mrs D Trippier for her efforts in running the Good Neighbour Scheme.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

9/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Cornhill Insurance - Annual Premium	£ 199.72
b. LAP&TC - Annual Subscription	£ 181.56
c. Henry Alty Ltd - Mulch	£ 20.72
d. Village Hall Committee - Hire of Hall	£ 136.00

2. Audit for 1992/93 A letter from the Auditors explaining the increase over the previous year had been received. The fee for this year would be reduced by one hour to compensate for the large increase last year.

3. Audit for 1993/94 This would start on the 18th July 1994 with the date for electors to attend being set as 22nd July 1994. The notices would go up on the 8th June 1994 and the books would be at the Chairman's house from the 23rd June to the 13th July 1994.

4. Bank Mandate

10/94 RESOLVED:- That the Mandate remain unchanged with Mrs L Kershaw, Mr M Goodier and Mr S Trippier remaining as the three signatories for cheques.

5. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council

a.	Precept (1st payment)	£ 7500.00
b.	Cleansing (Final payment)	£ 446.70
c.	Concurrent expenditure (1st half)	£ 710.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported that the Moss Lane street sign had been knocked out of the ground and was currently at his house. He undertook to report the matter to the District Council.

Mr Foster also reported that the Hesketh Bank sign had now been put back up.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. Application No 08/94/0386 Certificate of lawfulness, use of land as wagon/goods storage yard - Old Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane

11/94 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to provide a definition of 'Certificate of lawfulness'.

b. Application No 08/94/0458 Single storey extension at rear, extension to garage at front - 4 Woodlee Road

12/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 19th May 1994

a. Applications for determination

1. No 08/94/0233 - O/L provision of all weather sports surface including changing facilities, members club house, community recreation hall and associated car parking in conjunction with existing football club and alteration to existing access - 140 Station Road (Recommendation Granted with conditions)

13/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Sub-Committee to defer a decision of this application until certain statements made by the Director of Development & Amenities and included in the Committee item are clarified, that the Clerk be also requested to ask the Director to supply a copy of the latest submitted plan and, that the Chairman be authorised to contact the Council's Solicitor, Mr Davies, regarding the Deed Plan for the land purchased by the Parish Council.

2. Other Applications

14/94 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

A. No 08/94/0313 - 9 detached dwellings with garages and access road - Land off Silverdale (Recommendation - Granted)

B. No 08/93/1114 - Off road Driver Training Park including conversion of existing building to provide reception/office, toilets and refreshment area - Hundred End Lane (Recommendation - Refused)

C. No 08/94/0200 - Use of part of outbuilding for the preparation of bonboneria and retention of use of additional living accommodation and repair of covered way - 1A Guide Road (Recommendation - Granted)

D. No 08/94/0349 - Retention of conservatory to rear elevation 36 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

E. Enforcement No E/94/29 - Deposit of hardcore and earth - Former Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane (Recommendation - Remove hardcore and re-instate land within 1 month)

b. Approved since last meeting The following were noted:-

A. No 08/94/0239 - Alterations to existing vehicular access - 21 Moss Lane

B. No 08/94/0265 - Extensions - 160 Moss Lane

C. No 08/94/0255 - Conservatory - 14 Beconsall Lane

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelter Grants The Clerk reported that last years grant had been lost but the County Council were increasing grants from 25% to 50% for the year 1994/95. A brochure and price list had been received from Autocross 2000.

15/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That application be made to the County Council for a 50% grant of the cost of a new shelter for Shore Road outside the allotments, and

2. That Mr P Handley be authorised to contact Mr Jones at Merseybus regarding a replacement shelter for this site.

2. Traffic Order - North Meols A Traffic Order relating to Banks whilst work is undertaken on the A565 was noted.

3. Road Safety Signs

16/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to contact the County Council regarding the possibility of obtaining certain road safety signs as follows:-

Entrance and exit to Parish - 'DRIVE CAREFULLY'

Cropper Gardens - 'DRIVE CAREFULLY - CHILDREN PLAYING'

School Fold - 'WATCH YOUR SPEED'

4. Dog Fouling It was indicated in answer to a question that the Graveyard behind the Church is private land and the matter should be raised with the PCC.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Grasscutting It was reported that the contract had commenced.
2. Glenpark Drive Play Area It was reported that the stones from around the trees had been dug out and replaced with mulch. It was also suggested that one tree had been virtually destroyed due to the bark being stripped off on one side.

A brochure had been received from Shelley Signs which was passed to Mr P Handley. It was suggested that some sort of children play area signs were required on Cropper Gardens and School Fold as well as at Glenpark Drive.

FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

There were no items under this heading.

ALLOTMENTS

There were no items under this heading.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Meeting with Sports Council The Clerk reported that a response had been received only today. The Clerk was requested to arrange for a meeting to be held on a Tuesday evening.

2. Painting of Sign Board Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Mr J Ball	- Gold Leaf on Green	£ 80.00
	White paint on Black	
	Gold paint on Black	£ 60.00
Sigma Signs	New Board with writing any colours	£ 298.00
	New 'Show Piece' Board with writing	£ 484.00

Sigma Signs had indicated that the Board was not capable of economic repair and required replacing.

17/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to inspect the Board and advise the Council on its condition, and

2. That, in the event that the Board needs replacing, Mr K Wareing be authorised to obtain prices from two Joiners for a New Board to be supplied.

3. Grasscutting on Football Pitch A complaint had been received from a resident of Station Road, who lived opposite the Football Pitch, complaining about the number of hours spent cutting the grass on the pitch to the annoyance of the local residents.

18/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Football Club be requested to advise the Parish Council why so much time needs to be spent cutting the grass on the pitch, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to ask Mr Mark Taylor for advice on the frequency a football pitch requires cutting both in Summer and Winter.

John Dyer
13/6/94.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th JUNE 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood; P Handley
and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and 2 members
of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

MINUTES

19/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th
May 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK PC M Thackery attended for this item.

PC Thackery reported on the recent re-organisation of the Constabulary
as a result of which Skelmersdale Division had been divorced from Chorley
and was under the command of Superintendent A Lincoln. A number of manpower
changes had been made with Sergeant Duke taking up duties at Skelmersdale
with Sergeant Wright taking charge of all Rural and Community Beats in
the Division. Inspector K Norris was the Inspector in charge on those
Beats.

PC Thackery had spoken to the Traffic Department about speeding on Moss
Lane and warning signs would be placed on the road in the near future with
enforcement to follow. PC Thackery was keeping an eye on children riding
cycles without lights and he undertook to speak to the Headteacher of the
High School about children acquiring alcohol and setting fire to the contents
of litter bins.

In response to a question about a reduction in Officers in the area, PC
Thackery confirmed that the 4 Rural Beat Officers, one in each Parish,
had been retained but the number of Officers working from Tarleton had
been reduced from 5 to 4 although 24 hour cover was being maintained.
Officers from Burscough were deployed to cover for the Tarleton Officers
when necessary. In addition, armed response officers and dog patrols were
available for use in all areas of the Division.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

20/94 RESOLVED:- Thank the Clerk be requested to pass on to Superintendent
Lincoln the Parish Council's concern at the loss of one Officer from the
Northern Parishes and to thank Sergeant Duke for all his co-operation during
his period at Tarleton.

RURAL HOUSING Katy Scivyer and Kate Astbury attended for this item.

Katy Scivyer apologized to the Council for the length of time taken to
return to the Council and circulated an analysis of the survey undertaken
in the Parish. The response rate in the Parish had been good and Katy
explained the analysis in detail.

The purchase of the necessary land would be undertaken by the Housing
Association chosen by the District Council to progress the scheme although
the Parish Council would have an input into choosing a site. If the Parish
Council wishes to proceed with a scheme, the major decision to be taken
is in regard to the number of homes to be built.

Katy explained the various stages in the process as follows:-

1. Find a piece of land. The Parish Council and the Planning Officers would list possible sites for discussion with all parties involved before the Parish Council makes application for Planning Permission.
2. Identify a Housing Association which will bid for the finance required for the scheme.
3. Undertake a second stage survey when possible applicants will need to submit their names and addresses.

The role of the District Council is one of having strategic responsibility for housing in the district. The West Lancashire District Council have adopted a Rural Housing Policy for the district and support the use of White Land and Exception Sites for village housing.

Katy answered a number of questions and indicated that there tended to be a low turn over rate in Housing Association properties and a low eviction rate. The Housing Association would not usually pay market value for sites but it must be borne in mind that permission to build on certain sites would only be given for Housing Association purposes and this would reduce the market value of such land. In addition it was possible to place a Section 106 Agreement on the site restricting the occupants to local people. The Government provided the capital finance by means of grants from the Housing Corporation to Housing Associations whilst revenue was provided through the rentals of the houses.

The Parish Council would need to decide if it wished to proceed with a scheme and if so, how big that scheme should be and the tenure of the properties. The Housing Department of the District Council would only be given a copy of the result of the survey if the Parish Council agreed to allow the District to see those results.

The Chairman thanked Katy Scivyer and Kate Astbury for attending the meeting and explaining the results in such detail.

21/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That agreement be given to the results of the survey being passed to the District Council's Housing Department, and

2. That consideration be given by the Council at a future meeting as to whether the matter should proceed and, if so, what size scheme should be undertaken and what tenure be placed on the properties to be constructed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas There were no items affecting the Parish.

b. West Lancashire Tapestry An informal meeting was to be held at Tarleton Library on the 17th June 1994.

2. Community Council of Lancashire A meeting about community care in Tarleton and Hesketh Bank was to be held at Tarleton Health Centre on the 27th June 1994. Mrs L-Kershaw would attend and report back to the Council.

D Tappin and Mr P Handley

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3. Other Matters

a. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish and Town Councils

1. West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting would be held on the 8th July 1994 at Ormskirk at 7.30 pm.

2. Local Government Review The Draft recommendations were due to be published on the 14th June 1994. The Commissioners had agreed to meet representatives of Parish Councils at the Swallow Trafalgar Hotel on the 4th July 1994 at 7.30 pm. The Council was entitled to nominate one representative.

22/94 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend the meeting with the Local Government Commissioners be not accepted.

3. Royal Visit to Blackpool The latest position was noted.

4. Best Kept Village Competition An entry had been made and judging would commence this month.

b. Lancashire Constabulary A letter from the Police regarding the revised arrangements for the Northern Parishes was noted. It was also noted that Inspector Norris and Sergeant Wright would attend Council meetings if necessary.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

23/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. North West Water - Water charges | £ 10.69 |
| b. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Subscription | £ 10.00 |
| c. B W Rimmer Esq. - Salary and expenses | £ 443.68 |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Street cleaning payment £ 1628.56

3. Audit of accounts The notices had been displayed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked if Parish Councils would have more responsibilities as a result of the Review being undertaken. Mrs L Kershaw indicated that some were trying hard to obtain more powers but 1/3rd of all Parish Councils did not want more powers.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

- a. No 08/94/0510 - Erection of one detached house and garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access Land adjacent 111 Chapel Road

24/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- b. No 08/94/0512 - Outline - Detached house Land adjacent
10 Moss Lane
No 08/94/0108 - Outline - 2 detached bungalows and garages
Rear of 10 Moss Lane

The latter application had been amended by repositioning the bungalows and the access and by the addition of a garage at No 10 Moss Lane.

The Council had already objected to the latter application on the grounds that the access was unsatisfactory and dangerous.

25/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the objection to application No 08/94/0108 be re-affirmed, and

2. That an objection be made to application No 08/94/0512 on the grounds that the access is unsatisfactory and dangerous.

c. No 08/94/0553 - Listed building consent - Alteration to existing first floor bathroom to increase ceiling height and extension to form larger kitchen at ground floor level Ferry Cottage, Beconsall Lane

Mr K Wareing, the applicant, declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision.

26/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee The date of this meeting had been changed from the 16th June to the 23rd June 1994.

27/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to make comments on the applications on the agenda if deemed necessary.

3. Application No 08/94/0233 A revised plan had been received which indicated that access for the development was over land owned by the Parish Council. A site meeting would be held for members of the Planning Committee on Tuesday, 21st June 1994 at 1.00 pm and members of the Parish Council would be attending.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters Mr P Handley reported that Mr Jones had left Merseybus and his successor had undertaken to erect a reconditioned shelter on Shore Road, by the Allotments, and replace the pane of glass in the Station Road shelter, by the Church, for a total cost of £600. In the event a reconditioned shelter was not available and a new shelter had been erected, together with the pane of glass, for £600. The pane of glass was still to be replaced but the new shelter was in place.

It was reported that the two shelters at the top of the Brow would last for a further 12 months or so although there was some deterioration in the shelter on the Preston bound side of the road.

2. Other Matters

a. Street lighting It was confirmed that the location for a light on the bend in Chapel Road, near to Greenfields, was on the list for new lights.

b. Moss Lane The Clerk was asked to report the development of a pot hole in Moss lane just around the corner from Hesketh Lane.

c. Street sign - The Brow This was being dealt with.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Grass cutting The Chairman reported that the original letter to Mr M Taylor had not been delivered and he had personally handed a copy to Mr Taylor. He had undertaken to commence work as soon as possible.

It was also reported that increased funds had been made available by the District Council to enable Brophy's to collect grass cuttings from work at sheltered housing sites. The grass in these areas would be cut every two weeks and the collection of the cuttings had already started.

2. Safety Surfacing Complaints had been received from parents about children falling off the roundabout and grazing their knees on the concrete surface.

28/94 RESOLVED:- That quotations be obtained from a number of firms for the following safety surfacing:-

- a. Around the roundabout on the recreation ground
- b. Extended surfacing at the bottom of the slide on the recreation ground
- c. At the foot of the steps to the slide on the recreation ground
- d. Around the equipment on Glenpark Drive

3. Footpath from Delta Park to the Recreation Ground Play Area

29/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J R Foster be requested to submit a price for cutting back the grass from over the footpath flags, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to agree to the quotation if he feels it to be reasonable.

4. Grant from District Council for 1994/95 The Clerk was requested to contact the District Council regarding the availability of the grant of £ 1500 for the current financial year.

FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was reported that Tarleton parish had received a grant from the Canal Corridor Fund for tree planting and the plants had been planted by the scouts and guides. It was agreed that members of the Council would try to identify likely sites in Hesketh Bank.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Grass cutting The Chairman of the Football Club had responded to the letter about excessive grass cutting and indicated that the Club would continue to cut the grass as they deemed necessary.

30/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the letter be noted and the club advised that the Council will continue to investigate complaints about activities on Council owned property, and

2. That the complainant be advised to continue monitoring the situation and try to persuade two other residents to complain to the Environmental Health Department which would investigate the problem.

2. Sign board Mr K Wareing reported that the board needed replacing and the Council considered the quotations received.

31/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to clarify with Mr N Marsden exactly what is included in his quotation of £127.50

3. Leases to Sports Clubs The Football Club had asked what was happening about the proposed long term lease.

32/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the letter from the Club be noted, and

2. That the Club be advised that the Council will process the new leases as soon as practicable.

4. Changing Facilities - Shore Road In the letter referred to above, the Club requested permission to undertake work to the inside of the changing hut on Shore Road and suggested that previous requests to rebuild the hut had been ignored.

33/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the request be acceded to, and

2. That the Football Club be advised that the Parish Council made a grant of £200 in July 1993 towards the cost of new facilities and it is still the intention of the Council to move the Boys Section of the Football Club from Shore Road to an alternative venue as soon as possible.

5. Access roads to Sports Field and Village Hall It was reported that some old tarmac had been obtained from the County Council to enable these access roads to be improved and Messrs Bannister, Wareing and Trippier undertook to lay the tarmac as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to write to the Officer concerned when he had been advised of his name.

6. Additional land for sports facilities

34/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to again write to the owner of the adjacent land, to the rear of the site, asking if he would be prepared to sell some of that land to the Council.

7. Meeting of 3 Sports Clubs Mr M ~~Trippier~~^{Cochran} reported that he had chaired a meeting of the 3 sports clubs, at the request of the Football Club and in his capacity as District Councillor, when the subject had been the possible dissolution of the 3 separate clubs and their reformation as one Club. He anticipated a second meeting to be held in about 3/4 weeks time.

8. Meeting with Sports Council representative The Clerk undertook to contact the Sports Council again about the proposed meeting which should be brought on before the next meeting of the Council.

35/94 RESOLVED:- That any discussion by the Council on new leases for the 3 sports clubs be undertaken after the exclusion of the press and members of the public in accordance with the usual procedures for excluding such persons from the meeting.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

In the light of the result of the recent District Council elections, the District Council had amended the Constitutions and Terms of Reference of the various Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council and had approved a new timetable for meetings for the current municipal year.

The Parish Council needed, therefore, to fix a revised timetable for meetings of the Council.

36/94 RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30 pm on the following dates:-

Monday, 25th July 1994
Tuesday, 30th August 1994
Monday, 26th-September 1994
Monday, 24th October 1994
Monday, 21st November 1994
Monday, 19th December 1994
Monday, 16th January 1995
Monday, 13th February 1995
Monday, 13th March 1995
Monday, 10th April 1995
Monday, 15th May 1995

Stephen Tippi
25-7-94

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25th JULY 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier and
J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood;
P Handley and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier and 1 member
of the public was present.

MINUTES

37/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes
of the meeting held on the 13th June 1994 be confirmed and signed by the
Chairman:-

Page 2 Line 13 'fo' to read 'of'

Penultimate line 'Mrs L Kershaw' to read 'Mrs D Trippier
and Mr P Handley

Page 6 Item 7 'Mr M Trippier' to read 'Mr M Goodier'.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (Inspector K Norris and Sergeant I Wright attended
for this item).

Inspector K Norris explained that the previous system of policing
in the Northern Parishes had worked very well but as a result of the re-
organisation of the Force, Skelmersdale Sub-Division had become a Division
in its own right with Superintendent A Lincoln as Commander and each of
the new Divisions were staffed in accordance with a Force-wide role model.
This entailed the re-allocation of duties of certain officers including
the Sergeant who had been responsible for the Northern Parishes. In future,
he would be responsible for policing in the Parishes assisted by Sergeant
Wright who was responsible for all community and rural beat officers. He
indicated that although the Northern parishes had lost 1 Sergeant and 1
PC, the Division had 7 Dog handlers for use throughout the Division and
an armed response team was also on call 24 hours a day. The Traffic Officers
were also now attached to the Division.

Inspector Norris was pleased to report that the Chief Constable was
committed to the provision of Rural Beat Officers throughout the County and
any such officers who were transferred, for whatever reason, would be replaced.

Mr M Goodier highlighted a number of recent incidents which had concerned
the residents of the area and asked if the crime figures had shown a reduction.
Inspector Norris confirmed that upto the 25th July 1993, there had been
375 crimes in the Northern parishes which, in the same period this year,
had reduced to 306. The reduction could be due to a number of factors
and it was too early to say whether the changes in personnel would have
an effect on these figures. He also confirmed that it was the intention
of the police to continue with the present system of maintaining a visible
presence in the Northern Parishes.

Mrs D Trippier felt that the crime rate depended on the behaviour
of the general public and Inspector Norris indicated that the modern view
was that the police should be taking action to prevent crime not just
reacting to crime.

Mr P Handley had the impression that crime in Hesketh Bank had reduced considerably and believed that residents were re-assured to see officers walking round the area. Mrs J Witter felt that crimes were becoming more violent and whilst Inspector Norris had heard similar statements made before, he indicated that the number of assaults in the area this year was only 2 more than in the same period last year. He also said that the problems were greater in other areas of the Division.

In response to further questions, Inspector Norris confirmed that the number of officers in the Division had been reduced slightly but Divisional establishments were fixed using a formula which took account of a number of factors including area, population, number of incidents etc. The priority was 24 hours a day operational policing and at no time at all was Hesketh Bank without police cover. Inspector Norris also indicated that Home Office leaflets on crime prevention were available at Police Station Enquiry Offices.

Mr Handley referred to problems on the Glenpark Drive Play Area which had necessitated a visit to residents by the Chairman of the Council and himself and Inspector Norris undertook to ask the local officers to give the area some attention. He also indicated that it was possible, in future, for the police to utilise a large number of officers in any particular area for short periods in order to deal with specific troublesome problems.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Norris and Sergeant Wright for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Community Care in Tarleton & Hesketh Bank Mrs Trippier and Mr Handley had attended a meeting in Tarleton. It was intended to send out a questionnaire about public or near public services in the area but no-one at the meeting seemed prepared to take the lead. A further meeting would be held on the 1st August 1994 but neither Mrs Trippier or Mr Handley could attend. No-one else volunteered to attend the meeting.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee This was held on the 8th July 1994 and Mrs L Kershaw reported on the items discussed.

A presentation had been given by Mr S Kent, Countryside Recreation Officer, and a roadshow was to be held in the school holidays. Mr Handley asked members to circulate posters in the Parish. A majority of the Councils present favoured the 8 Unitary Authority option in the Local Government Review. The Deputy Leader of the Labour group on the District Council had suggested that the A,B and C Scheme system for Parish Councils may be changed although nothing had yet been finalised. Simonswood was now a Parish in West Lancashire. A street lighting 'Hot Line' had been established for reporting faults. The Audit of Accounts had been completed. A suggestion for a celebration to mark the Centenary of Parish Councils was a possibility. The Secretary had written to NRA and NWWA about the pollution of rivers on Hoskê Moss. The Waste Disposal Tip at Burscough now had a facility for the disposal of oil. It had also been said that the majority of District Councils were not as generous as West Lancashire in that they did not make grants towards concurrent expenditure.

3. Royal Visit to Blackpool Mrs D Trippier and Mr P Bannister had attended and reported on the afternoon which had included a 2 hour cabaret show before the arrival of the Queen who spent about 10 minutes in the Tower Ballroom.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas etc. There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Timetable of Meetings The new timetable had now been received.
- c. Civic Service An invitation had been received but neither the Clerk nor the Chairman had been able to attend.

2. County Council

- a. Lancashire Quarries The Quarryline had now been established on Preston (0772) 264124.
- b. Street Lighting Hotline Faults should be reported on a Freephone number (0800) 132631.
- c. VAT A letter from the County Treasurer regarding Parish Councils and VAT had been received but it contained no new information.

3. Other Matters

- a. International News The latest edition was passed to Mr P Bannister.
- b. CCL News and Local Council Review The latest editions had been received.
- c. Skelmersdale Fun Day Details had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

38/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Mr N Marsden - Provision of new Sign Board at Centenary Sports Field including signwriting £ 152.60
(This was an increase of £ 25.00 over the submitted estimate and which had been approved by the Chairman under the authority given at the previous meeting)

CPRE - Annual Subscription	£ 15.00
Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Training Course for Chairman	£ 25.00

Mr D Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters	£ 72.00
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2. That in respect of the last item, Mr D Ward be requested to include the new shelter on Shore Road, outside the allotments, entrance in the list ~~of~~ shelters to be cleaned.

3. That, in respect of the account received from Zurich Municipal in the sum of £ 225.00 for the fragmentation insurance on the play equipment, the Clerk be requested to ask the Company for the reasons why the cost had increased from £ 144.00 last year and also be requested to approach Cornhill Insurance for an alternative quotation.

2. Annual Audit This had been completed and the Auditors required to see a copy of the contract for the purchase of the Centenary Sports Field.

3. Other Matters

West Lancashire Play Association The Association, following a meeting with Members of the District Council, had requested that consideration be given by Parish Councils to the making of a donation of £390 towards the cost of the employment of one member of staff and for free use of premises suitable for play days.

39/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Play Association be advised that the Parish Council does not own any premises suitable for play days, and

2. That the Association be advised that an amount of £390 was not included in this Council's budgetted estimates but that consideration will be given to including an amount in next years estimates, at the appropriate time, subject to the receipt by this Council of a copy of the latest accounts of the Association.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster referred to work done by a group of girls in cleaning up the garden at the Village Hall and the Clerk was asked to write to thank Mrs Cohen of Becconsall Lane for arranging for the work to be done.

Mr Foster also referred to vandalism of the trees next to the school and was asked to keep his eye on the situation. The Chairman would also keep a look out.

Mr Foster also passed an opinion that he felt that crime was becoming more violent.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

40/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/94/0603 Conversion of redundant farm building to detached dwelling - Farm building at Mount Farm, The Brow

No 08/94/0685 O/L for detached bungalow - Rear of 19 Shore Road

2. Development & Planning Committee - 23rd June 1994

41/94 RESOLVED:- That the following be noted:-

No 08/94/0233 O/L for development at 140 Station Road (This was deferred for one cycle to enable consultation between applicant and Parish Council and for further information)

No 08/94/0289 Removal of condition No 3 (Agricultural occupancy) on Planning Permission No 08/89/1507 - Land at Guide Road (This was refused - inadequate justification for removal of condition)

No 08/94/0259 Reserved matters new bungalow etc. rear of 163 Station Road (Approved by Director)

Enforcement No E93/57 Creation of vehicular access - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road (Appeal lodged to be dealt with by written representations)

No 08/93/0113 Detached dwelling at 198 Moss Lane (Appeal against non-determination had been allowed conditionally)

3. Development & Planning Committee - 28th July 1994

No 08/94/0233 O/L for development at 140 Station Road

A further letter from the applicant's agent had been reported that indicated that initial exploratory discussions had taken place with the Parish Council and further consultations would follow. The recommendation was still for approval.

42/94 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be advised that no approaches had been made to the Parish Council since the last meeting of the Committee by either the Football Club or the owner of the land.

Applications approved by the Director The following were noted:-

No 08/94/0267 Detached double garage and new vehicular access at 163 Station Road

No 08/94/0458 Extensions at 4 Woodlee Road

No 08/94/0553 Listed building consent at Ferry Cottage, Becconsall Lane

4. Publicity for Planning Applications The new system whereby Parish Councils would receive separate lists of applications in their Parish was noted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE

The Clerk reported receipt of a number of letters on this subject and the Council were asked to indicate their preference for forwarding to the Commission.

43/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council's preference for 8 Unitary Authorities be confirmed.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane The pot holes had been filled in by the County Council. It was also reported that the street light requested for Moss Lane had now been erected but on a different pole following concerns expressed by a lady who lived opposite the original pole.

2. Bus Shelters Application had been made to the County Council for a grant for the new shelter on Shore Road. The pane of glass had now been replaced in the shelter outside the Church on Station Road.

3. Other Matters

a. Grass verges A number of complaints had been made but it was indicated that this work was now undertaken by the County Council.

b. Nameplate at The Brow Two nameplates had been erected and one was to be removed.

c. Hesketh Bank Railway The Railway were seeking support for the provision of a sign on the A59. It was suggested that previous correspondence between the Railway and the County Council should be brought to the next meeting of the Council.

d. Road Safety Signs The Clerk undertook to remind the County Surveyor that an answer was still awaited and to add a further 'Children Playing' sign to the list to be sited in Glenpark Drive.

e. Street Seats

44/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact Mr N Marsden about necessary repairs to the seat in the Bus Shelter by the Church in Station Road and to authorise repairs if the cost is reasonable.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Additional Safety Surfacing The following estimates had been received:-

Mr I J Yates	Glenpark Drive - Climbing Frame	Min. Stand.	£ 612
		BS 5696	£ 1692
	Swings	Min. Stand.	£ 315
		BS 5696	£ 987
	Recreation Ground - Roundabout	Min. Stand.	£ 704
		BS 5696	£ 1472
	Slide		£ 80

Totals - Min. Stand. £ 1711 To BS 5696 £ 4231

Wicksteed Leisure Glenpark Drive to BS 5696 £ 3237

Recreation Ground to BS 5696 £ 3568

Total £ 6805

Russell Leisure To BS 5696

Total £ 4636

45/94 RESOLVED:- That subject to confirmation that the minimum standard can be extended to comply with BS 5696 in the future and that the gap between the bottom of the roundabout and the new safety surfacing will comply with BS 5696, the Minimum Standard Quotation of Mr I J Yates be accepted in the sum of £ 1711.00

2. Playground booklet An advice booklet had been received from Wicksteed Leisure and ROSPA.

3. Station Road Play Area

46/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach Mr Mark Taylor about cutting back the overgrown grass on the embankment.

4. Recreation Ground

47/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman and Mr P Bannister be authorised to arrange for the hedge alongside School Fold to be cut at the appropriate time, and

2. That Mr J R Foster be requested to supply an estimate for cutting the hedge behind the bus shelter on Shore Road.

5. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported on a meeting with residents of Glenpark Drive who had complained about youths playing football on this site and causing a nuisance when the ball went into the residents' gardens. It was suggested that the area needed to be broken up by additional items of equipment or obstacles to make it more difficult to play football on the site.

48/94 RESOLVED:- That steps be taken to try to secure two concrete sewer pipes for placing on the Glenpark Drive Play Area to act as a barrier to stop games of football being played on this site.

RURAL HOUSING

The Parish Council were asked to decide what action it wished to take, if any, in the light of the results of the Rural Housing Survey reported to the previous meeting of the Council.

49/94 RESOLVED:- That the Rural Housing Association be advised that the Parish Council would like to proceed to the next stage of the process required to secure the building of a Rural Housing Scheme in the Parish covering 16 homes for rent and 6 homes for sale on a shared ownership basis and that Ms Katy Scivyer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 30th August 1994 to discuss the next steps.

STANDING ORDERS

50/94 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.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Boundary Hedge with No 140 Station Road

51/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the hedge be discussed with representatives of the Football Club at the next meeting between the Council and the Club,

2. That the boundary hedge be laid in the winter months to fill in the current gaps, and

3. That the National Rivers Authority be requested to investigate the legality of the dividing ditch being filled in and so preventing the proper drainage of the cricket pitch and bowling green.

52/94 RESOLVED:- That the members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as there is likely to be a disclosure of confidential information.

2. Proposed Leases The Chairman had spoken to the Community Council of Lancashire and had been advised to contact the Sports Council regarding this issue and the possibility of grant aid. It was noted that Mr S Kent of the Development & Amenities Department would be visiting the site on Thursday, 4th August 1994 at 2.00pm with a view to issuing a Registration of Interest Card. It was agreed not to proceed further with the Leases until the present discussions had been held.

3. Additional Land It was reported that Mr T Whitehead had indicated that the Council may make a bid for a piece of land behind the land subject to the Planning Application at 140 Station Road. The land had been measured as 163 yards by 55 yards which equated to about 1.85 acres.

53/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to approach the owner of the land Mr T Whitehead and offer a sum agreed by the Parish Council for an area of land containing approximately 1.85 acres which is adjacent to the cricket pitch and behind the land currently the subject of a planning application.

Stephen Thorne
30-3-94.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 30th AUGUST 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier
and J Witter

Apologies were received from Messrs M Goodier; L Greenwood;
P Handley and K Wareing

One member of the public was present.

MINUTES

54/94 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th
July 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES There were no items under this heading.

RURAL HOUSING (Katy Scivyer and Kate Astbury attended for this item)

Katy Scivyer reported that 2 steps now needed to be taken as follows:-

1. A bid to be submitted for public funding and following a meeting with Mr Stratford, Housing Officer for West Lancashire District Council, English Rural Housing Association could go ahead with a bid to the Housing Corporation. The Corporation must make the best use of funds and are looking for value for money although the rules are not applied so strictly in respect of rural schemes.
2. A site needs to be identified although this was not essential before the bid is made. The application could benefit from planning concessions in that permission could be granted on a site which would not normally be available for private developers.

The Parish Council needed to come up with a short list of sites and the Planning Officer would do likewise. Hopefully between the two bodies a site would be indentified. The negotiations would be conducted by the Housing Association.

In answer to questions, it was said that one pitfall could be that no money was allocated for 1995 although a pre-allocation could be made for 1996; also a site may not have been bought. The size of site required was between 1 3/4 acre and 2 acres at a ratio of 12/15 homes per acre. The nearest English Rural Housing development was Tarporley, Cheshire and the number of current schemes did not justify a local Management Base at the present time although this could change as more schemes were developed in the North West of England. It was also suggested that the discussion of sites should be undertaken in closed session and that the Council should write to the Housing Corporation in support of the bid when it had been made.

The Chairman thanked Katy and Kate for attending the meeting and for their help and advice to date.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Future of Postal Services The District Council were seeking the support of Parish Councils to its views on a Consultation Paper.

55/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Consultation Paper on the Future of Postal Services.

2. County Council

- a. Lancashire Countryside Service Details were noted.
- b. A Tourism Strategy for Lancashire The Clerk was asked to notify the County Planning Officer of the error on Page 19 of the Appendices.
- c. Future of Local Government in Lancashire The response of the County Council was noted.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

- a. Annual General Meeting This would be held on Saturday, 19th November 1994 at County Hall, Preston at 10.30am.
- b. Training Course The Chairman had been booked into the Course to be held on the 12th November 1994.
- c. Energy Conservation Bill The Council's support was requested.

56/94 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support the introduction of an Energy Conservation Bill provided the Government are prepared to finance the additional 2 District Council Officers who will be required to implement the legislation.

- 4. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Details of the Trust were noted.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

57/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. North West Water - Water charges £ 11.25
- b. F & J Halsall - Recovering damaged bus shelter £ 70.50

2. Playground Inspection Insurance A response had been received from Cornhill but not from Zurich Municipal. The Clerk undertook to chase Zurich for a response.

- 3. Audit A copy of the conveyance had been sent to the Auditor.

4. West Lancashire Play Association No further response had been received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported an increase in empty beer bottles and cans which were being left by children who were under age as regarding the purchase of such items. The Chairman undertook to speak to the local Police Officer.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

- a. No 08/94/0726 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition
201 Moss Lane
- b. No 08/94/0730 - Change of use from private dwelling to
house for the elderly 224 Moss Lane
- c. No 08/94/0777 - Replacement dwelling and alterations to
existing access Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Hundred End
- d. No 08/94/0754 - Attached garage 427 Moss Lane
- e. No 08/94/0790 - O/L detached bungalow including details
of siting and means of access (resubmission of 08/93/1108) Land at rear
of 174/176 Station Road

58/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on applications a to e
as listed above.

- f. No 08/94/0762 - 6 detached houses with garages and new
vehicular/pedestrian access Land adjacent 77 Moss Lane

59/94 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made to this application on
the grounds of the number of houses on the site and the increased volume
of traffic generated by the development.

2. Development and Planning Committee - 1st September 1994

60/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following:-

Application No 08/94/0603 - Conversion of redundant farm building
to detached dwelling Mount Farm, The Brow (Delegated to Director subject
to consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committee and Section
106 Agreement)

Appeal No 08/93/1088 - O/L detached house and garage (including siting
and means of access) Land adjacent 148 Chapel Road (To be dealt with
by written representations)

2. That the following be noted:-

Approved since last meeting - Application No 08/94/0642 - Certificate
of lawfulness - Use of land for the siting of 4 residential caravans
Douglas Boatyard, Beconsall Lane

3. That the Director of Development and Amenities
be asked for a response to the Council's previous letter about the latter
application at The Boatyard.

3. Publicity for Planning Applications

61/94 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that this Council
do not propose to display application lists on Notice Boards in the Parish
and can see no benefit of having similar lists of approvals supplied on
a weekly basis.

4. Application No 08/94/0233 Development at 140 Station Road

Letters from the Director of Development & Amenities and the Chief Executive were noted as was the fact that permission had now been granted for this development.

5. Lancashire Structure Plan 1991-2006 A copy of the draft plan was noted.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Road Safety Signs The County Surveyor was looking at a standard policy for parish/village boundary signs with a road safety message and would write again. Permanent highways signs e.g. 'Drive carefully - Children playing' etc are not permitted under Traffic Signs Regulations.

2. Bus shelters The Clerk reported an accident which had severely damaged the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road (opposite the Village Hall). The Chairman had arranged for the shelter to be removed as it was in a dangerous state and the Clerk had made contact with the owners of the vehicle involved - Croston Conservatories.

The Clerk undertook to seek estimates for a new shelter for the next meeting of the Council.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Provision of Safety Surfacing The quotation of Yates Playgrounds had been accepted and because of the school holidays, the work would be commenced in early September. The Contractor had also confirmed that the gap between the underside of the roundabout and the new surfacing would comply with BS 5696 and that the surfacing could be extended at a later date to comply with the standards laid down in BS 5696.

2. Inspection of Equipment

a. Shore Road The clearance on the swings should be improved to comply with BS 5696. This had previously been checked by an Officer of the District Council who had confirmed that the clearance was acceptable. Mr M Goodier had previously made contact with the Inspector regarding this clearance and it was agreed to defer action until the matter had been clarified with Mr Goodier.

b. Station Road The suspension chains on the swings required replacing and the Chairman undertook to measure the length of the chains.

3. Station Road Area The Chairman reported that to cut the grass on the bridge would cost in the region of £100.

62/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr M Taylor for the grass on the bridge to be cut as soon as possible.

4. Recreation Ground

63/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister be requested to arrange for the hedge on the Delta Park side of the ground to be cut at the same time as the hedge on the School Fold side of the ground.

TREE WARDENS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOOTPATHS

A questionnaire had been passed to the Chairman alongwith details of future training courses. The Chairman indicated that Rural Action will pay upto 50% of the cost of having hedges laid.

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman, Mr S Trippier declared an interest in this item and took no part in the debate or vote.

64/94 RESOLVED:- That the Allotment Tenants be advised that as from February 1996 the rentals of the plots will be increased to £12.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Hesekth Bank Football Club A letter from the Chairman of the Club was considered by the Council.

65/94 RESOLVED:- That the Football Club be advised that the Parish Council is investigating the possibility, through Rural Action, of engaging Consultants to advise on the long term development of the whole site and would welcome consultations with the Football Club on the adjacent development when the results of the Council's consultations are known.

2. Boundary Ditch The Clerk undertook to contact the NRA regarding the previous letter for advice.

3. Development at Sports Ground The Clerk was asked to obtain advice from the Planning Department about football stands, hoardings and the sale of refreshments from a caravan.

4. Application to Rural Action The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr S Kemp of the District Council who had indicated that the Council had a case for a feasibility study. A Registration of Interest Card had been completed and sent to Rural Action who had then sent the Chairman an Application Form for Grant Aid.

66/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to complete the application form for submission to Rural Action.

5. Additional Land It was reported that the owner of the additional land was considering the Parish Council's offer.

6. Football Club Newsletter A copy of the latest newsletter was noted.

Stephen Trippier
26-9-94

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26th SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton and
D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister and P Handley

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter; Messrs M Goodier;
L Greenwood and K Wareing and Mr B Rimmer (Clerk)

One member of the press attended for part of the meeting
and one member of the public attended.

PC M Thackery also attended the first part of the meeting.

In the absence of the Clerk, Mrs L Kershaw took the Minutes.

MINUTES

67/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th
August 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following
amendments:-

Page 3 Minute 58/94 Remove additional 'e',

Page 5 Item 4 'Kemp' to read 'Kent'.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC Thackery was pleased to report that there had only been one crime
in the village in the past month. He referred to underage drinking and
indicated that he had spoken to all the Off-licenced premises and asked
them to be more vigilant about selling drinks to 18 year olds who were
said to be dispensing it to younger children. He also indicated that
he had been regularly monitoring the Village Hall around which young people
had been noisily congregating. He thought that with the approach of the
dark nights, the problem was tailing off. A resident who lived opposite
the Hall had suggested the removal of the two benches but PC Thackery did
not think this practicable or necessary.

PC Thackery also said that no problems had been reported at Glenspark Drive
and he asked the Council if it thought it practicable to erect a 'No Ball
Games' sign to prevent older boys from playing football on the area.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

Stephan

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Agendas There was nothing to report.

B. System of Grants to Parish Councils

Mrs L Kershaw reported receipt of an agenda for the newly formed 'Community Liaison Sub-Committee' in which it was mooted that the existing 'A', 'B' and 'C' grants system, whereby schemes had been scrutinised and put into order by the West Lancs. Area Committee of Parish and Town Councils, should be changed and that the Sub-Committee would take this process unto themselves. The suggested process to be as follows:-

1. Parish Councils to submit bids direct to the District Council no later than 15th November 1994,

2. Parish Councils invited to discuss bids with members of the Sub-Committee,

3. Parish Councils be notified of the new arrangements and requested to supply the District Council with a list of facilities/amenities within their parish area.

The Council felt this was inimical to the already low powers of Parish Councils.

68/94 RESOLVED:- That, in view of the deadline of 15th November 1994, the Clerk be requested to make a bid to the District Council for a grant of £3,000 for additional safety surfacing at the Council's play areas. (The above resolution was passed unanimously).

2. County Council There were no items under this heading.

3. Other Matters

A. West Lancs Area Committee of LAP&TC The Council had been reminded of the need to submit A,B and C Schemes. This had been covered in resolution 68/94 above.

B. Local Council Review The latest edition had been received.

C. Twinning The Clerk had completed a questionnaire and a booklet and newsletter were passed to Mr P Bannister.

D. Parish Montage Ashlee Partnership of Upholland had offered to come to the Council to explain how to design, execute and finance a montage of the Parish.

69/94 RESOLVED:- That the offer of Ashlee Partnership to visit the Council to explain about a montage be not accepted.

E. British Red Cross

70/94 RESOLVED:- The offer of Mrs L Kershaw to act as liaison between the Council and the British Red Cross be accepted.

F. Trees and Shrubs Catalogue A catalogue from Mahood Bros. was passed to the Chairman.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

71/94 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

B Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & expenses £ 477.66

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancs. District Council - Streetcleaning payment £ 1628.56

3. Insurance

The Clerk had still not received a reply from Zurich Insurance about the increase in premium for play equipment inspections from £ 144 to £225. A quotation had been received from Cornhill Insurance in the sum of £ 225 but for only one inspection per year as against two by Zurich.

72/94 RESOLVED:- (1) That the increased quotation of Zurich Insurance be accepted, and

(2) That the Clerk be requested to again ask Zurich Insurance for an explanation of the increase in premium.

4. Allotment Rentals Messrs S Bibby and M Baxter had paid the rentals for next year.

5. Safety Surfacing

73/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to arrange for the following account to be paid and for the receipt of the grant from the District Council:-

Mr I Yates - Safety Surfacing £ 2010.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked whether the Council had appointed Managers to look after the Sports Field, Financial Matters and Housing and was advised that the Council as a whole dealt with all those matters.

Mr Ball expressed concern about the new edifice said to be arising on the football field.

Mr Foster asked about the system of inspection for the bus shelters and was advised that the man who cleaned the shelters and Councillors kept an eye on them.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

A. Application No 08/94/0833 O/L 3 detached dormer bungalows and garages (including details of siting and means of access) Land at rear of 10 Moss Lane. (To Committee)

74/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application of the grounds of poor access and visibility on a dangerous bend.

B. Application No 08/94/0863 Application for approval as to whether prior approval is required for erection of packhouse Seven Oaks Nurseries, 222 Moss Lane (Non-controversial)

C. Application No 08/94/0877 Erection of 6 poly tunnels 36 Moss Lane (Non-controversial)

D. Application No 08/94/0878 Block of greenhouses and reservoir Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (Non-controversial)

E. Application No 08/94/0685 Detached bungalow Rear of 19 Shore Road (To Committee)

F. Application No 08/94/0894 Packing shed and alterations to existing vehicular access 255 Moss Lane (Non-controversial)

75/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on applications Nos B to F above.

2. Development and Planning Committee - 29th September 1994

Owing to the absence of Councillor M Goodier, this agenda was not available.

3. Other matters

Douglas Boatyard A reply to the request for information about a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' was still awaited.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Road Safety Signs The County Surveyor had indicated that signs at the entrance to the Parish would be allowed but must be paid for by the Parish Council at a cost of between £ 150 to £ 200 for each sign.

76/94 RESOLVED:- That a decision on the purchase of road safety be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

2. Bus Shelters There was still no word from the Insurers of the vehicle which demolished the shelter on Station Road opposite the Nursing Home. The Clerk has requested estimates from Merseybus and Autocross. The Chairman had received a catalogue and samples of material from Autocross. A rough order of cost was £ 999 for a shelter with a seat welded in, whilst 2 shelters without seats would cost £ 850 each. Erection costs for prepared sites amounted to £ 185. *with 1 seat included in 1 shelter*

77/94 RESOLVED:- That a decision on the erection of a new shelter be deferred until contact has been made with the Insurance Company concerned. *Def. Tip*

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground Mr I Yates had completed the new safety surfacing.

2. Glenpark Drive The safety surfacing was complete and the Chairman was still trying to obtain sewer pipes to break up the open area.

The Council considered the suggestion made by PC Thackery for 'No ball games' signs to be erected.

78/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Councillor P Handley be authorised to look at the area with a view to a sign 'Hesketh-with-Beaconsall Parish Council - Play Area - No Ball Games' being erected so that vehicles approaching from either direction could see it.

3. Station Road Area The Chairman undertook to measure the length of the chains on the swings to enable the Clerk to order replacements.

It was also reported that Mr M Taylor had partly completed the grasscutting at this site.

TREE WARDENS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOOTPATHS

A copy of 'Tree Warden News' was passed to the Chairman.

The Chairman had also received a 'Register of Interest' card from Mr S Kent, Leisure Officer of the District Council, to enable the Council to apply for a grant for hedge laying etc through Rural Action.

In addition, the Chairman suggested that trees might be planted along the footpath running downstream of the River Douglas and coming out at Marsh Road and that the footpath at Dib Road perhaps be considered for the same treatment.

79/94 RESOLVED:- That Mrs Kershaw and Messrs Handley and Trippier be authorised to walk the footpath on Sunday, 2nd October 1994 and suggest possible sites for trees.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Boundary Ditch The National Rivers Authority had inspected the ditch and assumed it had been culverted although the start of the culvert could not be found due to the overgrowth of the land. It was also felt that the work had been undertaken too long ago for action to be taken. If the free passage of water was impeded then action should be taken through the Local Authority although as the ditch was a boundary the Parish Council would be jointly responsible with the adjacent owner.

The following points were made by members of the Council:-

1. The present owner had filled it in over the past 3/4 years,
2. There is a 4" pipe at one end but it has been laid on soft clay,
3. It is thought that the drainage ditch belongs to the Council (having previously been owned by the Sports Company).

80/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Secretary of the Sports Company regarding the ownership of the northern boundary of the field and to Mr T Whitehead regarding the southern boundary of the field.

2. Application to Rural Action Mrs Kershaw was completing the form and would seek the help of Mr A Cunningham. The application would include details of the time spent by Councillors to fulfil Rural Action's criterion for 50% grant.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

81/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (CONT)

3. Purchase of Additional ^{Land} There was nothing to report.

4. Future Development The Chairman and Mrs Kershaw had met with Mr Wyn Sheryn, a Free-lance Consultant, Secretary to the Lancashire Playing Fields Association and formerly Leisure Officer of the West Lancs. District Council.

They had given Mr Sheryn all the facts and spent an hour with him at the Sports Ground. He had started to draw up a 'Mission Statement' at the site and would submit the finished statement to the Council in due course. They felt he was a man of great experience with innovative ideas and they had been greatly heartened by the meeting.

5. Correspondence from Hesketh Bank AFC A further letter had been received from the Chairman of the Club which intimated their dissatisfaction with the tardiness of the Council in granting leases. The Clerk had drafted a suggested reply setting out the Council's position and the constraints the Council had to work under and the Council warmly praised the Clerk's efforts and agreed with the contents of the reply.

PROVISION OF RURAL HOUSING - IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SITES

The Chairman, using the maps supplied by Rural Housing, identified two sites, on both of which planning applications for housing had been refused and appeals dismissed. Both sites were in the Green Belt.

82/94 RESOLVED:- That the two sites now identified be submitted to Rural Housing and the District Council for consideration as sites for the erection of Rural Housing in the Parish.

Steph Thp
24 Oct 94.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th OCTOBER 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P Handley
and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mr M Goodier and
two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

83/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the
Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September 1994 be confirmed and
signed by the Chairman:-

Page 4 Item 2. Bus shelters Line 6 After '£850 each' add
' with 1 seat included in one of the shelters.'

Page 6 Item 3 Heading to read 'Purchase of Additional Land'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Village Housing The Clerk had spoken to Kate Astbury at the Chester
Office who had indicated that the Chester Office was to close and all
correspondence should be directed to Skipton who would approach the District
Council about the sites identified by the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Affordable Homes in Rural Communities A new Advice Note
on this subject had been received.

c. Parish Council Capital Schemes Two further letters had
been received from the District Council regarding bids for Capital Schemes.
Mrs L Kershaw reported on a letter she had sent to the District Council
on behalf of the Area Committee of Parish Councils regarding the further
information requested by the District Council.

84/94 . RESOLVED:- 1. That the decision to submit a bid for a
grant of £3000 for additional safety surfacing at the Council's Play Areas
be confirmed,

2. That Representatives of the Council attend
the meeting of the Sub-Committee to put the Parish Council's case for a
grant, and

3. That a list of existing facilities be submitted
to the District Council once clarification has been received in answer
to the Area Committee's letter.

d. Citizens Guide The Clerk undertook to respond to the
questionnaire.

2. County Council

Tourism Strategy for Lancashire The Parish Council's comments had been noted.

3. Other Matters

a. Energy Conservation Bill Replies had been received from The Prime Minister, The Department of the Environment and Mr Colin Pickthall, Local Member of Parliament. A further letter from the Association of Conservation of Energy was also noted.

b. West Lancashire Play Association The original application for grant aid had been abandoned and other fund raising activities were being considered. Details of attendances at this years play schemes were noted.

85/94 RESOLVED:- That consideration be given when next years estimates are being prepared to a donation being given to the West Lancashire Play Association.

c. Home Energy Efficiency Scheme Details of a scheme being undertaken by the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan had been received. Mrs D Trippier undertook to arrange for the details to be publicised on the Council's Notice Boards, the Post Offices and at the Luncheon Club.

d. Campaign Against Stage Hypnosis (CASH) The Clerk undertook to pass a list of Councillor's names to this organisation.

e. Correspondence from Mr J R Foster

1. Bus Shelter opposite Beconsall Hotel Mr Foster had reported the dangerous state of the shelter to the District Council who had removed the panels which were now in the garden behind the shelter. The Chairman indicated that, after the previous meeting of the Council, he had spoken to Mr N Marsden who had estimated the repairs as costing between £30 and £40. It was agreed to deal with this issue under Highways Matters later in the meeting.

2. Management Responsibilities of Parish Councillors Mr Foster had asked a similar question at the previous meeting of the Council which had been answered by the Chairman.

f. Community Health Council The Clerk had received details of a review of health services in Southport and Formby and West Lancashire.

86/94 RESOLVED:- That the Review Team be advised that the Parish Council are opposed to the amalgamation of the Accident and Emergency Units at the Southport & Formby and Ormskirk Hospitals on the grounds that it would lead to the amalgamation of the Orthopaedic and Intensive Care Units which would cause difficulties for patients and visitors alike bearing in mind the heavy traffic on the Southport to Ormskirk road especially at weekends and also that not all ambulance drivers are paramedically trained which should be a requirement bearing in mind the distances involved.

g. MAMAA (Mothers Against Murder And Agression) The Organisation had written in support of the Council's efforts to provide increased facilities in the village through the purchase of the Sports Ground on Station Road.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

87/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Mark W Taylor - Grasscutting | £ 496.00 |
| b. | Zurich Municipal Insurance - Play Equipment Insurance | £ 175.00 |
| c. | Mr N Marsden - Repairs to seat | £ 52.57 |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

a. West Lancashire District Council

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| 1. | Concurrent Expenditure - 2nd payment | £ 710.00 |
| 2. | Precept - 2nd payment | £ 3900.00 |

b. Allotment rents. These had now all been received.

2. Other Matters

Estimates 1995/96 The District Council had indicated that concurrent expenditure levels for next year would remain the same as this year until an indication had been received on the settlement level for the Rate Support Grant.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster referred to speeding in the village especially in Station Road. It was indicated that the Police had recently been taking action against speeding in Moss Lane.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

88/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on any of the following applications:-

a. No 08/94/0510 Erection of one detached house and garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access Land adj to 111 Chapel Road

b. No 08/94/0972 Single storey front and rear extensions
118 Moss Lane

c. No 08/94/0991 Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for erection of Agricultural Storage Building Arch House Farm, Guide Road

2. Development & Planning Committee - 29th September 1994

The following was noted with the comment that the Government had directed that District Councils must provide land for housing needs and, in West Lancashire, areas other than Skelmersdale must be used to provide land for house building:-

No 08/94/0762 Six detached houses with garages and new vehicular/pedestrian access Land adj to 77 Moss Lane Recommendation - Granted

3. Development & Planning Committee - 27th October 1994

a. Applications The following were noted:-

1. No 08/94/0730 Change of use from private dwelling to Home for the Elderly 224 Moss Lane Recommendation - Granted
2. No 08/94/0685 Detached bungalow and new vehicular/pedestrian access Land at rear of 19 Shore Road Recommendation - Granted
3. No 08/94/0790 Detached bungalow including details of siting and means of access (Resubmission of 08/93/1108) Land at rear of 174/176 Station Road Recommendation - Delegated to Officers subject to Dept. of Environment having no objection to Planning Authority making a decision.

b. Approved since last meeting The following were noted:-

1. No 08/94/0754 Attached garage to side 427 Moss Lane
2. No 08/94/0863 Application to determine whether prior approval is required for erection of packhouse Seven Oaks Nurseries, 222 Moss Lane

c. Appeal Lodged The following was noted:-

No E/93/0057 Creation of vehicular access from the land affected on to Shore Road which is a classified road Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road Appeal hearing on Tuesday, 8th November 1994 at Ormskirk at 10.00 am

4. Other Matters

Certificate of lawfulness - Use of Residential Caravans - Douglas Boatyard

The Planning Officer had indicated that the use of the land was for 4 residential caravans only; that additional caravans would require planning permission; and the Enforcement Notice would now be withdrawn.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

Glenpark Drive

a. 'No Ball Games' sign The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had looked at the site and suggested that a sign on the boundary of the area, two sided to be seen from the roadway, would seem to meet the situation.

89/94 RESOLVED:- That Shelley Signs be requested to provide a price for a suitable sign, in metal reflective material if possible.

b. Sewer Pipes The Chairman reported that North West Water had undertaken to let the Parish Council have a couple of sewage pipes for this playing field.

c. Trees It was reported that the roots of the trees had been chopped too much.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelters

a. Station Road (Opposite Nursing Home) The Clerk had asked Autocross 2000 for a firm quotation for a replacement shelter and had written to the Insurance Brokers of the Company whose vehicle was responsible outlining the approximate cost of a replacement.

b. Station Road (Junction of Meadow Lane) The Clerk had asked Autocross 2000 for a firm quotation.

c. Station Road (Opposite Beconsall Hotel) As previously indicated, the Chairman had approached Mr N Marsden for a quotation for repairs although this was before the panels had been removed following the intervention of Mr J R Foster.

90/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the necessary repairs to be carried out by Mr N Marsden.

2. School Fold It was reported that School Fold was not included in the original Street Cleaning Contract although Mr Foster did undertake work in the street. In addition, the grids in School Fold had not been attended to when other grids in the area had been cleaned out.

91/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council to issue a Variation Order to the contract in respect of School Fold and also ask the District Council to arrange for the grids to be cleaned.

3. Glenpark Drive - Dog Fouling The Chairman undertook to contact the Dog Warden with regard to the actions of certain dog owners who persistently allow their dogs to foul the pavements in Glenpark Drive.

4. Bus Shelter Replacement Programme The County Council had now indicated that the Shore Road shelter (by the Allotments) had been included in the Replacement Programme and would attract a maximum grant of £450.

ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that a drainage problem existed on the allotments with a drain being exposed in the middle of Mr M Whiteside's allotment.

92/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister be authorised to arrange for the necessary work to be undertaken to cure the drainage problem on the Allotments.

TREE WARDENS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the footpath by the river was wide and would probably benefit from the provision of 2 board type seats, one near the bend in the river and the other near to the sewage works.

93/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek the views of English Nature on the proposal to site two seats on the footpath by the river.

CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

1. Boundaries The Sports Company would let the Parish Council see what information was available on the boundaries of the site and also the correspondence with the Football Club.

2. Application to Rural Action This was being made when the Form had been completed by the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw. The Draft Report had been received from Mr W Sheryn and this would be checked by the Chairman and Mrs Kershaw before a further meeting was held.

POLICE NEWSLETTER

During the meeting a Police Newsletter had been delivered to members of the Parish Council and this was noted.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

It was reported that this was to go ahead and all households in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton would receive a questionnaire early in November. The questionnaires would be collected two weeks later.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Arrangements would be made for the wreath to be delivered to the Parish Council and the Chairman indicated that he had asked Mrs Helen Sephton to lay the wreath as he would not be attending the Service. Councillors intending to attend should meet outside the Church at 10.20 am.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

94/94 RESOLVED:- That the Press and Members of the Public be excluded from the meeting on account of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Hesketh Bank Football Club A further letter had been received asking for information and answering the various points made by the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that the Minutes requested would be forwarded to the Football Club in due course but the Contract of Sale was classed as Exempt Information in accordance with paragraphs 8 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 and, as such, the Football Club or any member of the public, had no right to see the document.

It was suggested that a meeting be held with the Football Club at which the various concerns of the Council would be discussed as would the long term ambitions of the Club. The Parish Council considered its attitude to the various facilities on the site.

95/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Football Club be invited to attend a meeting with the Sports Ground Committee on Monday, 31st October 1994 at 7.30 pm,

2. That the Football Club be advised that the Covered Stand be allowed to remain, subject to the necessary planning consent being received; that the caravan be allowed to remain on site subject to planning and other necessary consents being received; that the advertising hoardings be allowed to remain on a temporary basis, during each match only, subject to planning consent being received; and that the Club be asked about the purpose of the new structure on the site; and

3. That the Football Club be advised that the Parish Council intends to lay the hedge and no access will be allowed across boundaries on any sides of the land; and that no extension of services will be allowed onto neighbouring plots of land.

2. Laying of Hedge The British Trust for Nature Conservateers would visit the site on the 4th November 1994 at 3.00 pm to discuss the work involved.

3. Ditch by Hedge The Chairman and Mr P Bannister undertook to investigate the filling in of this ditch.

4. Caravan on Adjacent Land The Chairman reported that the Enforcement Officer had written to the owner in September and if the caravan was not removed action would be taken.

Stephen Twigger
21-11-94.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 21st NOVEMBER 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs M Goodier; L Greenwood; P Handley and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs H Sephton.

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

MINUTES

96/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th October 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Capital Schemes It was reported that this Council had not yet decided who should attend the meeting of the District Council Sub-Committee to make the case for the Council's scheme. Mrs L Kershaw reported that the Chairman of the District Council had still not replied to questions asked by the Area Committee and she had written to the papers to refute the recent article regarding Parish Council Schemes.

2. Remembrance Sunday This had been attended by a number of Parish Councillors and Mrs H Sephton had retained the receipt for the Council's wreath.

3. Village Appraisal The forms were being delivered and collected by the ATC and the Chairman undertook to contact the organiser regarding the distribution of forms which did not appear to have been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Agendas and Minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

B. District Council Strategy Statement Copies had been received for all Parish Councillors and were handed out at the meeting.

2. County Council

Police Forum This would be held at St Stephen's Club, Banks on Monday, 28th November 1994 at 7.30pm and the Chief Constable, Mr Brian Johnson, would be in attendance.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

A. Newsletter The latest edition had been received.

B. Annual General Meeting - 19th November 1994 A brief report was given on the meeting which had included an address by the Chief Executive/Clerk of the County Council who had indicated that he anticipated that, following the completion of the Review of Local Government, the old relationships between the County Council and Parish Councils would be restored.

c. Training Course - 12th November 1994 Mr S Trippier gave a report on this Course which he had found very useful. Subjects covered included - relations with the press, functions which could be delegated to Parish Councils and Village Appraisals. On the latter subject, Parish Councils could seek a mandate for future plans and a grant could be obtained through Rural Action to offset the cost of the appraisal.

4. Local Government Commission A copy of the Commission's final recommendations had been received.

5. Local Government Review The latest edition, for November 1994, had been received.

6. Community Council of Lancashire

A. Rural Arts Touring Network Details of this new initiative had been received.

B. Finding Funds and Influencing People Details of a one-day Seminar in Chorley on 14th January 1995 had been received. It was agreed to ask for a Booking Form and decide on representation at the next meeting of the Council.

C. News Magazine and Annual Report 1993/94 Copies had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

97/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Village Hall Committee - Hall Rent - £168.00
- Donation - £ 80.00
- b. Ernst & Young - Audit Fee - £ 94.00

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - 'A' Scheme Grant - £ 1500.00
- Street Cleaning - £ 1628.55

3. Other Matters

A. Insurance A copy of the Insurance Certificate from Zurich Municipal had now been received.

B. Application for District Council Grant The Clerk reported that the Council was seeking to complete the safety surfacing, part of which had been undertaken this year, to bring it up to British Standards at a cost, at 1994 prices, of £ 2,520.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr R Ball raised an issue concerning a letter received from a Parish Councillor and indicated he would accept a written apology from the Councillor concerned. He also commented on bad feeling between the Council and Hesketh Bank FC and asked what was happening. The Chairman reported that planning permission had not been obtained for the advertising hoardings and that the Enforcement Officer had indicated that the caravan, which currently did not have planning permission, i.e. the one on the land adjacent to the Sports Ground, could be allowed to remain on the site. The other issue was for the persons concerned and not the Council.

Mr J R Foster asked about the Village Appraisal and was advised of the organisations involved. It had been sponsored by the Community Council of Lancashire who would collate the results and produce a report which would be available for anyone interested. The report would probably be presented at a Public Meeting in the Parish.

Mr Foster also reported that Lancashire County Council would be taking down the tree in Chapel Road and the tree at the corner of Station Road and Moss Lane, in front of the Spar shop, also had rotten cavities in the trunk.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

A. Application No 08/94/1056 - Use of building for use as vegetable and soft fruit packaging and distribution centre. Agricultural building, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

It was reported that this was at the premises of Mr G Crook and the applicant, Saphir North West, had written asking the Parish Council to support the proposal. It was also reported that 14 articulated vehicles and 20 ordinary vehicles would use the site every day.

98/94 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council opposes this application on the grounds that it is an inappropriate use of Green Belt land and on the grounds of traffic problems going to and from the site and an inadequate access and that the Clerk be requested to advise the County Surveyor of this decision and request his support to the objection on traffic grounds.

B. Application No 08/94/1045 - Raising roof height and provision of dormers at rear - Windy Ridge, Anchorage Avenue

Application No 08/94/1046 - Raising roof height and provision of dormers at rear - The Lilacs, Anchorage Avenue

99/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these two applications.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 24th November 1994

Applications

100/94 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on these two applications:-

No 08/94/0777 - O/L Replacement dwelling, Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate
(Recommendation - Granted)

No 08/94/0877 - Erection of polytunnels - 36 Moss Lane
(Recommendation - Granted)

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive A response was still awaited from the firm which produces signs.

It was also reported that no further progress had been made in respect of the sewer pipes for this area.

It was further reported that the 6 trees had not been taken and it was believed that the roots had been chopped back too much. The Clerk was requested to advise Mahood Bros of the situation and ask for their comments.

2. Recreation Ground Rubbish was being tipped out of the back gates of property adjacent to the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to advise the newspapers of the situation and that the Council would be carefully monitoring the situation in the next few months.

It was also agreed to ask Mr J R Foster to remove the rubbish from behind the changing hut.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelters A quotation had been received from Autocross 2000 for two shelters at a cost of £ 1167.50 each plus VAT. In addition the Company would supply one seat, valued at £85.00 in one of the shelters at no cost to the Council. The cost of removing the old shelter at Meadow Lane would be £ 275.00. The Clerk reported that approval to the replacement shelter by the Insurance Company of the vehicle which demolished the shelter had still not been received.

101/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That that Clerk be authorised to place an order with Autocross 2000 when approval has been received from the Insurance Company, and

2. That arrangements be made for the old shelter to be removed by a local contractor and not Autocross 2000.

It was also reported that the shelter by Rankin Avenue had been repaired but an account had not yet been received.

2. Street Cleaning It was reported that a Variation Order had been issued by the District Council for the cleaning of School Fold in the sum of £ 60.91 i.e. £15.23 per quarter. The question of the grids had been referred to the County Council.

Mr M Goodier agreed to take up with the District Council the question of the litter bin which had been flattened.

One or two complaints had been received about Moss Road, especially one place where the mud on the road was very bad. Mr Foster indicated that he had got behind schedule because of the number of leaves to be removed.

3. Street Lights The light in Station Road which had been out for some time was awaiting an electrical fault repair. Light No 18 in Moss Lane would be reported again.

4. Speeding in the Village Concern was expressed that vehicles, having reached the top of the brow in Station Road, then accelerate along Station Road in excess of the speed limit. The Chairman undertook to speak to the local PC about this problem.

5. School Bus Passes Mrs N Goodier reported that 12 school children had recently had their bus passes taken from them by an Inspector, without notice and leaving the parents to pay daily fares until new passes were issued at a cost of £5 each. It was alleged that the passes were made of thinner plastic than credit cards and for this reason they had not lasted very long. Re-imbursement could be obtained from the Education Department, but this usually took a couple of months during which time some families suffered hardship through having to pay the fares on a daily basis.

102/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advise the Chief Education Officer of the concerns of the Parish Council about the unsatisfactory situation with regard to school bus passes which appear to be not of strong enough construction to withstand normal daily usage.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

The application to Rural Action in respect of the Consultant's Report had been made and the report was expected by the end of the week.

It was also reported that the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers would now visit the site regarding the boundary hedge this Friday at 9.30 am.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

103/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on account of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (CONT) (Mr M Goodier declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item)

The Chairman reported on the the meeting between the Sports Ground Committee and members of Hesketh Bank AFC during which the Club had been advised of the issues which must be resolved before a Lease could be offered.

The Club maintained that everything was in order and pressed the Councillors for a lease to enable them to proceed with maintenance work etc.

104/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Ground Committee be requested to prepare a draft of Heads of Lease for consideration at the next meeting of the Council,

2. That the Consultant's Report be circulated to all Members of the Council, on receipt, to enable discussion to take place at the next meeting of the Council, and

3. That the three Sports Clubs be requested to forward to the Council information relating to Insurance, relevant permissions for structures and buildings and safety certificates in respect of electrical installations and fire regulations.

The Clerk was requested to advise the Council's Insurer's of the purchase of the Sports Ground and to write to the Football Club to compliment them of the work undertaken to the changing hut on the Recreation Ground.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

The Chairman briefly advised the Council of changes in policing in the Northern Parishes as outlined to him and the Clerk by the local Police Officers for Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

105/94 RESOLVED:- That the Police be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council, towards the end of the meeting, to explain the proposed changes in policing in the Northern Parishes.

HESKETH BANK CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Mr P Bannister about the rubbish situated by the Bowling Club at the Sports Ground.

Stephen Tippier
19-12-94.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 19th DECEMBER 1994

PRESENT

Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; H Sephton and D Trippier

Messrs M Goodier; L Greenwood and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mesdames N Goodier and J Witter and 2 members of the public were present.

RESIGNATION

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of resignation from Mr P J Handley who was moving to the Isle of Skye.

106/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Council place on record its sincere appreciation for all the work undertaken by Mr P J Handley during his terms of office as Chairman and Member of the Parish Council and District Councillor for the Parish,

2. That the Clerk be requested to write a letter of thanks from the Council to Mr P J Handley for all the service he has given on behalf of the residents of the Parish, and

3. That the Clerk be authorised to advertise the resultant vacancy for a Parish Councillor in accordance with the regulations governing the filling of casual vacancies on Parish Councils.

MINUTES

107/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Agendas and Minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

2. County Council

Public Transport A policy statement on 'Public Transport in Lancashire' had been received.

3. LAP&TC Area Committee This meeting would be held on the 13th January 1995.

4. Other Matters

a. Tree News The latest edition was passed to the Chairman.

b. Association for Conservation of Energy A Private Members Bill was to be sponsored in Parliament with the Second Reading set for the 20th January 1995.

The Clerk was requested to ask Mr C Pickthall MP and Mr R Atkins MP to support the Bill in the Second Reading stage.

c. West Lancashire Play Association The Association had now decided not to continue on the lines previously outlined to Parish Councils and to seek alternative forms of funding.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

108/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | North West Water - Water charges | £ 12.35 |
| b. | D Ward Esq. - Cleaning bus shelters | £ 90.00 |
| c. | B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary & expenses | £ 448.08 |
| d. | N Marsden Esq. - Repairs to bus shelter | £ 52.11 |
| e. | Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath | £ 15.00 |
| f. | Community Council of Lancashire - Seminar Fee | £ 25.00 |
- (It was agreed that Mr S Trippier should attend the Seminar on funding for village halls etc.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster indicated that he had written to the Home Office, the House of Commons and the LAP&TC regarding the Management of the Centenary Sports Field by the Parish Council and copies of the replies were available for the Parish Council to see.

Mr Foster had also written to North West Water about the use of sewer pipes on play areas and passed a copy of the reply to the Chairman. He also said that an adjoining parish, Tarleton, had removed a similar pipe after the receipt of a Solicitor's letter. The Chairman undertook to make enquiries into the circumstances surrounding this decision and to speak to his contact at North West Water regarding the provision of pipes for this Parish.

Mr Foster further reported that the fence adjoining Station Road Bridge, by the Council's play area, was in a bad state of repair. It was agreed to discuss this issue later in the meeting.

Mr R Ball reported that a manhole at the end of Moss Lane was very low, ~~and causing flooding in the road~~. In addition, the road and side of the path of Station Road, by Alty's car park was sinking and required attention. It was suggested that Mill Farm ditch was not taking water away from this area of the village.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

109/94 RESOLVED:- That, in respect of the following application, the Planning Department be advised that the site lies within the Green Belt:-

No 08/94/0670 O/L Detached dwelling, land adjacent to Long Acres, Guide Road (This would be determined by the Committee)

2. Development & Planning Committee

a. Planning Applications

110/94 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/94/0877 Erection of polytunnels - 36 Moss Lane (This was deferred at the last meeting, the recommendation was Granted)

No 08/94/1056 Development at Shore Road, Hundred End (Recommendation - Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities, in consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committee, subject to no more objections being received prior to the expiry of the neighbour notification period on 3rd January 1995. Mr M Goodier indicated that he understood that a similar site at Halsall was of more interest to the developer)

b. Old Church of All Saints, Hesketh Bank

The Committee were being asked to agree to making a grant of £800 towards the cost of a feasibility study on the means of funding the restoration of the church and the viability of new uses for the building. Mrs D Trippier had attended a meeting at the Church and was hopeful that the church would be developed in the future to the benefit of the parish.

c. Appeal Lodged The following was noted:-

No 08/94/0386 Certificate of lawfulness for use of land as wagon/goods storage yard - Old Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane (To be dealt with by Public Inquiry).

d. Appeal Decision The following was noted:-

No E93/57 Creation of vehicular access on to Shore Road - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road - Appeal allowed - Enforcement Notice quashed.

e. Applications approved since last meeting The following was noted:-

No 08/94/0972 Single storey front and rear extensions - 118 Moss Lane

3. Other Matters

a. Rural Housing The District Council was seeking the Council's views on an application, No 08/93/0103 for outline permission for low-cost affordable residential development at Fermor Road, Tarleton. The application covered 38 properties and was said to fully meet the needs of Hesketh Bank and Tarleton as identified by the Rural Housing Association.

111/94 RESOLVED:- That, before making comments on this application, the Parish Council invites Ms Katy Scivyer of the Rural Housing Trust to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the implications of the application in relation to the work which had been undertaken in Hesketh Bank to identify a site for similar development.

b. Development at Greaves Hall, Banks It was noted that the District Council would be contacting the Parish Council about future developments at Greaves Hall to provide recreational facilities for the Northern Parishes and the Clerk undertook to advise the Chairman when contact was made.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School Bus Passes The Chief Education Officer had responded that the County Surveyor was responsible for providing the bus passes for scholars but a batch had been returned to the manufacturer for further testing. If a problem was discovered, the £5 replacement charge, already levied, would need to be re-considered. The Clerk was requested to ask the Chief Education Officer to advise the Council of the result of the testing by the manufacturer.

2. Public Footpath Seats English Nature had agreed in principle to the siting of 2 seats on the footpath but required a map showing the proposed locations. In addition, as part of the land was owned by the National Rivers Authority, the Parish Council are advised to contact that Authority. The Chairman undertook to provide the maps to enable the Clerk to respond to English Nature and write to the NRA. 2.

3. Other Matters

a. School Fold The County Surveyor had confirmed that School Fold was on the gully emptying schedule and the drainage system would be checked.

b. Chapel Road c/o Cropper Gardens It was reported that some time ago the wooden seat on the right hand side of this junction had been repaired and it was now necessary to replace the wood in the seat on the left hand side of the junction.

The Chairman undertook to ask Mr N Marsden to provide an estimate for replacing the wood in the seat with hard wood.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Capital Scheme Application Mr S Trippier had attended the District Council Sub-Committee and had answered questions on the Parish Council's application. The Parish Council had been placed at Number 7 on the priority list but the final decision would not be made until April 1995.

In response to a question as to why a list of facilities had been provided notwithstanding that the Parish Council had decided not to supply such a list, the Clerk indicated that, on receipt of the Agenda for the Sub-Committee meeting which contained lists of facilities supplied by each of the other Parish Councils applying for grants, he had discussed the situation with the Chairman and they had decided to provide a basic list of Parish Council owned facilities in the parish.

2. Glenpark Drive - Trees Mahood Brothers had undertaken to replace the trees, free of charge, and had suggested that 8/10cm standard trees be supplied. The Chairman undertook to arrange for the replacement trees to be collected and planted.

3. Station Road Play Area The Council noted the letter sent by Mr J R Foster to the District Council and the response received and considered the issue of the dangerous fence adjacent to Station Road Bridge. In addition, it was said that there were worn pins and bushes on two of the swings. The Chairman undertook to look at these matters and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION OF QUESTIONS

In the absence of Mrs J Witter, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND, STATION ROAD

1. Rural Action Grant The Grant had now been paid, direct to the Council's Consultant with the balance being forwarded to the Parish Council.

2. Information from Sports Clubs The Clerk confirmed that the 3 Sports Clubs had been asked to supply the information identified at the last meeting of the Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

112/94 RESOLVED:- That the Press and Members of the Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND, STATION ROAD

1. Leases for Sports Clubs Mrs L Kershaw had circulated a paper agreed at a meeting attended by Herself, the Chairman and Messrs Handley and Wareing, which detailed a number of headings which should be included in the leases to be offered to the Sports Clubs.

The Clerk reported on letters received from the Parish Council's Insurer's, Cornhill Insurance, and the Development & Amenities Department of the District Council which needed to be taken into account in the proposed draft leases. The paper submitted to the Council included a number of pre-conditions to be met by the Football Club.

113/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Members involved in drawing up the list of lease headings be congratulated for providing such a comprehensive list,

2. That the Clerk be requested to advise the Football Club of the pre-conditions which must be met before the Parish Council will sign the proposed lease with the Football Club, and

3. That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to request Mr Davies, the Parish Council's Solicitor, to draw up draft leases for consideration by the Parish Council prior to their submission to the 3 Sports Clubs.

2. Consultant's Report

114/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council place on record its appreciation to Mr Wyn Sheryn for providing such a comprehensive report on how the Centenary Sports Ground may be developed in the future and that the contents of the Report be noted.

At this point in time, 9.10pm, the meeting was adjourned pending the arrival of the Police Officers who were to address the Council on Policing in the Northern Parishes.

The meeting reconvened at 9.30pm.

POLICING IN THE NORTHERN PARISHES (Inspector K Norris and Sergeant I Wright attended for this item)

Inspector K Norris reported that Tarleton had never been a Section in its own right having always been covered from Burscough Section. The Section House at Tarleton had been utilised as an office as a means of securing financial savings in travelling costs to and from Burscough.

Inspector Norris indicated that existing resources would not allow for a Sergeant to be stationed at Tarleton and changes were being suggested which would bring all the Officers in the Northern Parishes, including those to be based at Tarleton, under the control of himself and Sergeant Wright.

At the present time 14 PC's were based at Burscough deployed as follows:-

- 24 hour cover at Burscough (4)
- 24 hour cover at Tarleton (4)
- Rural Beats (4)
- Community Beats in Burscough (2)

As from the 1st January 1995, the following would comprise the Burscough Section:-

- 24 hour cover at Burscough (8)
- Community PC's for Northern Parishes(based at Tarleton - 3)
- Rural Beats (4)
- Community Beat at Burscough (1)

This revised cover would provide 16 PC's on the Section as against 14 at present. The Community PC's at Tarleton would provide cover from 8.00am to Midnight with Officers from Burscough covering Tarleton when required. The Officers to be based at Tarleton would have a feeling for the type of work required in the rural areas and be under the same supervision as the Rural Beat Officers, which was not the case at present.

In response to questions and comments, Inspector Norris assured the Council that supervision would be improved, that the Officers concerned would be working in the area because they wished to, that Special Constables would still be deployed in the area as at present and the same number of Traffic Cars would be available to work in the area as at present.

In response to another question, Inspector Norris indicated that, in any emergency, the 999 system should be utilised whilst the nearest Police Station manned on a 24 hour basis was at Ormskirk. He also indicated that in cases of traffic accidents, the nearest available officers to the scene would be initially deployed with specialist officers attending as soon as possible, if necessary.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for attending the meeting and explaining the new arrangements.

115/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council accept the suggestions of the Police for re-organising the resources and cover in the Northern Parishes of the District and the Clerk be authorised to advise the Divisional Commander accordingly.

Stephen Thwait
16/1/95

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 16th JANUARY 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier for her late arrival and from Mr M Goodier. Five members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

116/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th December, 1994, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 4th Paragraph Second line

Delete 'and causing flooding in the road.'

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC M Thackery reported that the next Newsletter had been delayed due to New Year but would be circulated shortly.

He was pleased to report that in 1994, crime had dropped by about 35% whilst the detection rate had increased from 44% to 46%. He was hoping that this trend would continue. This Parish had fared very well when compared with Tarleton and Banks. He also reported that he had spoken to pupils at the High School about riding cycles without lights.

In response question about speeding in the Parish, PC Thackery indicated that he was aware that the Traffic Police had been in the area on one occasion and warning signs had been erected. He felt a blitz was required using radar and also indicated that, because he used his own car for policing purposes, he was not able to stop vehicles who were speeding.

The Chairman thanked PC M Thackery for attending the meeting.

117/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Divisional Police Commander to arrange for the Traffic Department to undertake regular radar checks in this Parish.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Casual Vacancy The Clerk reported that the vacancy had been advertised on the 7th January 1995.

2. Seminar - Funding for Village Halls The Chairman reported on the Seminar he had attended and which gave an indication of various methods of funding open to Village/Community Halls. He indicated that he had learnt quite a bit as a result of attending this event.

3. School Bus Passes The Chief Education Officer had undertaken to advise the Parish Council of the result of the tests on the bus passes.

4. Footpath Seats The maps had been prepared and would be sent to the appropriate authorities this week.

5. Glenpark Drive - Trees Negotiations were currently in hand with the Scouts and the Guides for assistance in planting the replacement trees.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Greaves Hall Recreation Facility A meeting between Officers of the District Council and representatives of the Parish Councils in the area would be held on Tuesday, 7th February 1995 at the Over 60's Club, Tarleton at 7.30pm. It was indicated that the recent Village Appraisal was appearing to identify a need for sporting facilities in Hesketh Bank including Badminton although the results would not be published until March 1995. The Council were also reminded of the need to organise a public meeting utilising funds from the Rural Action Grant.

118/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to represent the Parish Council at the meeting being held on the 7th February 1995.

b. Parish Council Charter A copy of the District Council's proposed Parish Council Charter had been received for comment. Mrs L Kershaw indicated that the Area Committee were writing to the District Council about the lack of consultation envisaged with the Area Committee.

119/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk advises the District Council of the Parish Council's concern that the Area Committee of the Parish Councils would appear not to have a role in future consultation machinery.

c. Revenue Budget 1995/96 The District Council had requested information on Parish Council's Balances to enable the Council to consider their support for Parish Councils in 1995/96. The Clerk reported that, if the Parish Council had to precept for all expenditure, this Council would not be as badly off as the majority of Councils in West Lancashire.

120/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk forwards the necessary information to the District Council and points out that current balances have already been earmarked for specific projects and that the Auditor does not allow the Council to keep large balances.

2. Lancashire Constabulary - Local Policing Plan The Divisional Commander at Skelmersdale was seeking the views of Parish Councils on issues which should be included in the Local Policing Plan for 1995/96.

121/94 RESOLVED:- That the Divisional Commander be urged to include action against speeding vehicles and a maintenance of response times in accordance with the Constabulary Charter in the Policing Plan for 1995/96.

3. LANCS. ASSOC. OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

a. Area Committee Apart from the proposed Charter, dealt with in the previous item, the meeting had received a letter from the Enforcement Officer asking Parish Councils to report breaches of planning regulations so that action could be taken.

The meeting also felt that the Capital Grants System was in a shambles as a result of 14 projects being identified and prioritised by the Community Liaison Sub-Committee.

The meeting had further agreed to write to the District Council about Parish Council balances and to ask that Councils with large balances for specific projects should not be penalised in future.

122/94 RESOLVED:- That the Enforcement Officer be reminded of the breach of planning regulations in the field adjacent to the Council's own Sports Field and asked why he is asking for information on new breaches when action has not been taken on cases already reported.

b. Newsletter There were no items to note.

c. Local Council Review The latest edition had been received.

4. Other Matters

a. International News The latest edition was passed to Mr P Bannister.

b. Ribble Estuary Consultation Report This had been received and Mr K Wareing had also received a copy.

FINANCE

a. Receipts The following had been received:-

NORWEB - Wayleave £ 64.92

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported that he had received a letter from the Health and Safety Executive which indicated that the use of large pipes on play areas was not recommended. The Chairman had spoken to Mr P Cooley who was of the same opinion.

Mr R Ball referred to a report in a local paper which indicated that Councillor M Goodier was in favour of the Football Club's development whilst the rest of the Parish Council had reservations. The Parish Council had voted against the development and Councillor Goodier should abide by that decision or resign from the Council. The Football Club were saying that local residents were in favour of the development but he felt that residents were against the scheme. He also pointed out that floodlights were already being used on the site by the Football Club.

Mrs K Taylor asked who was in breach of planning regulations and what reservations the Council had regarding the development. In response it was indicated that Mr Wignall had been served with an Enforcement Order and was liable for a fine if the case was taken to Court whilst the development would appear to involve public finance and a private individual. The Council was also concerned about the access, which was across Parish Council land, increased traffic and cross boundary passage.

Mrs L Kershaw outlined the meetings held between the Parish Council and the 3 Sports Clubs which had been attended by representatives of the Sports Council and the Community Council of Lancashire under an independent Chairman. It had been felt that the 3 Clubs would join with the Parish Council in making application for a large grant for future development and it was a shock when the Football Club decided to go it alone. The Parish Council were still hoping for a joint approach but possible funding from the Sports Council was a low priority due to a proposed ELM development at Tarleton High School and the proposals for Greaves Hall. The Council did have £10,000 in the Bank for the purchase of extra land for sports facilities.

It was suggested from the public gallery that Mrs J Witter should not be a member of the Parish Council because she lived in Tarleton, but it was pointed out that Mr and Mrs Witter had a business in Hesketh Bank and she qualified on the 3 mile rule for Parish Councillors.

In response to a question about the vacancy, it was indicated that if ten electors write to the District Council an election will be held otherwise the Parish Council could co-opt. In the latter case, the Proposer and Secunder must be members of the Council.

The publicity for meetings and the rules of public participation were also explained.

Finally Mr R Ball put out a challenge to Councillors to find a Proposer and Secunder to nominate him for the vacancy.

PLANNING MATTERS

a. Weekly Lists

123/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/94/1181 Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details - Erection of agricultural building including office, wc and store - 416 Moss Lane

2. No 08/94/1183 Implement store - Rose Park Nurseries, Guide Road

3. No 08/94/1202 Reserved matters - Detached dormer bungalow - Aughton's Farm, 465 Moss Lane

b. Planning Committee - 19th January 1995

1. Application

No 08/94/1056 Agricultural building, Shore Road for Saphir NW

This had been deferred at the previous meeting to allow members to look at road safety, access and the effect on the residential amenity. It was pointed out that all the local Parish Councils were against the development whilst the County Surveyor did not raise objections. Once again the District Council appeared not to take notice of local opinion from the elected representatives.

124/94 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

2. Appeal Decision The following was noted:-

No 08/93/1088 Land adjacent to 148 Chapel Fold - Detached two storey dwelling house and detached garage - Appeal Dismissed.

3. Applications Approved The following were noted:-

- a. No 08/94/1045 - Windy Ridge, Anchorage Avenue
- b. No 08/94/1046 The Lilacs, Anchorage Avenue

In both cases, application was for raising of roof height and provision of dormers at rear and both had been approved.

c. Lancashire Structure Plan A report on Rural Economy in Lancashire had been received.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Station Road Play Area The Chairman had removed the chains from the flat seat swings.

The Chairman also reported that he felt that a hole should be made in the fence by the Bridge to create a gap for pedestrians. A barrier would be needed to stop people going straight onto the carriageway.

A report was also made that a big hole in the ground had appeared alongside the seat on the play area which could be dealt with by laying a couple of flags where people put their feet when using the seat.

125/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr I J Yates be asked to replace the chains on the flat swing seats,

2. That a decision on the fence alongside the bridge be taken at the next meeting of the Council, and

3. That the Chairman and Mr K Wareing be authorised to undertake remedial work to the ground by the seat.

2. Glenpark Drive It was questioned whether the trees should be replaced & durable shrubs planted or whether the area should be covered in tarmac. A suggestion was also made that perhaps raised beds should be built to break up the area and stop football being played on the area.

It was also mentioned that the area was untidy due to the dropping of litter.

126/94 RESOLVED:- That further discussion be deferred until the next meeting to enable members to give some thought on possible solutions to the problems.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street Lights The County Council were to place two additional lighting columns on the bend in Chapel Road and remove one of the existing columns.

It was also reported that a light at the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road had recently been fitted with a new lantern but was now out again.

2. Street Seat The Chairman reported the receipt of an estimate from Mr N Marsden for repairs in hard wood at a cost of £ 94.20. It was suggested that a second estimate should be obtained or alternatively that just the one damaged rail be repaired.

127/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for one rail to be replaced at a cost not exceeding £ 20.00.

3. Hedges A hedge on the right hand side of Chapel Road was overhanging the footpath and it was agreed that details of the exact hedge concerned be obtained for the next meeting.

LOW COST AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Katy Scivyer attended for this item)

Katy Scivyer explained the process so far and indicated that she had discussed the project with the District Council and been advised that approval would be given for English Rural Housing Association to build a scheme in the village and an allocation of funds had been allocated for the financial year 1995/96 to enable the first phase, consisting of 2 houses for rent and 6 for shared ownership to be built. She was hopeful that further finance would be available in 1996/97 and 1997/98 to complete the scheme perhaps by means of a pre-allocation of resources.

As a result of discussions with the Planning Department she had been advised that white land sites, which could only be used for such schemes, should be exhausted before green belt sites were considered. The Planning Department had identified two such sites for consideration by the Parish Council and the Housing Association.

The scheme in Tarleton was discussed but Katy considered that the density was too great, the units were too small and the Association may have difficulty in purchasing such a large site. The Council needed to satisfy itself that the size of the scheme was acceptable bearing in mind that it was a departure from the agreed way forward of two schemes, one for Hesketh Bank and one for Tarleton.

Katy answered a number of questions about the purchase of the necessary land and a second housing needs survey. She also suggested a way forward for the Council.

128/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the English Rural Housing Trust/Association be authorised to enter into talks with the owners of the land in Hesketh Bank identified by the Planning Department,

2. That the Trust/Association be authorised to enter into discussions with the owners of the land in Tarleton for which planning permission had been applied, and

3. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council gives qualified support to the application in Tarleton but is concerned about the density of the dwellings on the site, which is too great, the size of the individual units, which are too small, and the access and egress onto Hesketh Lane, which will exacerbate the traffic problems on that road.

The Chairman thanked Katy Scivyer for attending the meeting.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

The Clerk reported the receipt of information from the Cricket Club which confirmed that all buildings on the cricket field had been erected in accordance with planning permission and with the approval of the Hesketh Bank Sports Company. The other information requested would be forwarded in the near future. The Club also requested a meeting with the Parish Council.

The Chairman had made a plan of the ground on which he suggested that the areas to be leased should be defined.

129/94 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining business to be completed at this meeting.

Mrs L Kershaw indicated that a meeting with the Council's Solicitor would be held next week.

A discussion ensued on the boundary hedge and Mr P Bannister said he would make some enquiries regarding whether the hedge could be laid or not. Mr Bannister also indicated the willingness of some people to sign affidavits to the effect that the ditch was filled in after the date stated in the correspondence from the National Rivers Authority.

130/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That arrangements be made for a meeting to be held between the Sports Ground Committee and representatives of the Cricket Club,

2. That the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to consult with the Council's Solicitor and to discuss the leases and the possible affidavits,

3. That Mr P Bannister be authorised to contact appropriate persons about the hedge and the ditch, and

4. That the Clerk informs the National Rivers Authority of the current situation and the Council's view that the NRA should take action to secure the unblocking of the ditch.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

131/94 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year 1994/95.

As a consequence of the above appointment, a vacancy had arisen on the Sports Ground Committee as Mrs Kershaw was already a member of that Committee.

132/94 RESOLVED:- That Mrs N Goodier be appointed to serve on the Sports Ground Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 1994/95.

Louise Kershaw

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th FEBRUARY 1995

PRESENT:- Mrs L Kershaw (Vice-Chairman in the chair)
Mesdames N Goodier; H Sephton and D Trippier
Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood and K Wareing
Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and Mr S Trippier
10 members of the press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman explained the rules governing the Public Participation part of the meeting which would last for a total period of 15 minutes.

MINUTES

133/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Policing in Hesketh Bank (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery reported that Superintendent A Lincoln had received the Council's response regarding the local Policing Plan and was currently formulating the plan.

PC Thackery further reported that action was being taken this week in respect of speeding vehicles in the village. With regard to lights on cycles, he had visited the schools in the area to offer advice. A campaign was being undertaken aimed at issuing suitable notices to offenders and it was likely that persistent offenders would be prosecuted.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Superintendent Lincoln which indicated that in 1994, of 480 Injury Road Accidents in West Lancashire, only 3 (0.625%) were in Hesketh Bank. The Traffic Department had undertaken speed enforcement on 8 occasions in recent months as a result of which, 21 offenders had been prosecuted or cautioned. Enforcement would continue commensurate with the level of the problem as and when resources allow.

2. Casual Vacancy An election would be held on the 9th March 1995 and there was likely to be 3 candidates. A new Register of Electors had been received.

3. Greaves Hall Recreation Facility The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended a meeting on the 7th February 1995 with representatives of other Parishes and Officers of the District Council. The latest position had been outlined with the Capital Cost required some £420,000 and Annual Running Costs in excess of £60,000. Various means of raising the necessary finance were explained. The District Council had included an amount in the draft capital programme of £145,000 for the initial conversion and North Meols Parish Council were taking out a 25 year loan for £50,000 which would increase the precept by about £4 per year for a Band D property. There was now little prospect of Tarleton High School receiving Sports Council grant aid. Rufford Parish Council were not keen on the proposal as Burscough was nearer to that Parish. Both Tarleton and Hesketh Bank had been non-committal at the meeting.

In answer to a question, it was indicated that the Health Authority would remain as owners of the property as long as it was used as a Sports Centre otherwise the building would be demolished and the ground utilised for housing etc.

134/94 RESOLVED:- That North Meols Parish Council be advised that whilst this Council wishes them every success in their endeavours, it is not possible to offer financial assistance due to the existing commitments within the Parish.

4. Parish Council Charter This would be considered further by the District Council on the 21st March 1995.

5. Public Participation Mr M Goodier responded to the allegations made at the last meeting by a member of the public and indicated that the comments reported had been made in his capacity as a District Councillor and at no time had the Parish Council been mentioned. A democracy allowed for people to hold different views on issues. He had been amazed to discover that Mr R Ball had not been put forward as a candidate in the forthcoming election.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas The Transport & Amenities Committee had been advised of flooding in School Fold. Remedial works had been undertaken by the Church Trustees and no further problems had arisen.

b. Tree Warden Scheme A meeting would be held at Beacon Park next Monday at 7.00pm. The Clerk would give details to the Chairman and Mr R Foster.

c. West Lancashire Design Awards Details were noted.

d. Statement of Accounts 1993/94 This had been received.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. Spring Conference 24th/26th March 1995 Mrs N Goodier wished to attend on the Saturday.

b. Environment Challenge Conference Details were noted.

c. VE Day 50th Anniversary Celebrations - 8th May 1995 A letter from the Royal British Legion was noted.

d. Buckingham Palace Garden Party The Clerk would speak to the Chairman about this item.

3. Other Matters

a. Community Development Service The Service wished to visit the Council to give a presentation. The Clerk was asked to decline the offer but ask if any literature was available.

b. Home Energy Conservation Bill A letter from Robert Atkins MP indicated that the Government would participate in constructive passage of the Bill and would bring forward amendments to improve it further.

c. Hesketh - with - Becconsall CE School - Representative Governor

Mrs H Sephton had resigned as a Governor.

135/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Goodier be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Governing Body in addition to his existing responsibility.

d. Winegro - 4/6 Station Road - Transfer of Licence

136/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the application.

e. West Lancashire Play Association - Family Day Details were noted.

FINANCE MATTERS

1. Account for Payment

137/94 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Mrs L Kershaw - Photocopying £ 3.60

2. Annual Audit This would be held in July 1995.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs P Stables referred to the recent article in the Ormskirk Advertiser which suggested her nomination was sponsored by the Football Club. She wished to make it clear that this was totally untrue with her nominations coming from a cross-section of residents. The Chairman apologised to Mrs Stables for the incorrect statement and thanked her for clarifying the situation.

Mr J R Foster asked why the Parish tax was the highest in the district, was the Council speculating and asked about access to the land the subject of a recent planning application. The Chairman indicated that the Council were putting money aside for future sports facilities, this was not speculation as the funds were for a specific project and planning permission had been granted to the applicants following an organised site visit.

Mr R Ball again raised the question of the stance taken by Mr M Goodier on the issue of the sports facilities adjacent to the Sport Field. The Council had voted unanimously against the application but Mr Goodier was on record as saying the general principle was good. Mr Goodier repeated that he endorsed the general principle of increased sports facilities in the Parish.

Hodge St.
Mr Taylor asked if the Council would arrange a visit to Greaves Hall to see the proposed site as he felt the Council may be more impressed if they saw what was on offer. He also indicated that Greaves Hall was only 10 minutes away by cycle. It was indicated that the Council had no plans to visit the site. It was also said that the Council took account of local opposition to all development in the village including the plans of Hesketh Banks FC.

Miss Taylor referred to the Council's opposition to the Saphir development on traffic grounds even though 24 jobs would be created. She believed additional sports facilities in the village would generate more traffic than the Saphir application.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

138/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/94/1181 Consideration of details for prior approval - Erection of agricultural building including office, wc and store. 416 Moss Lane

No 08/95/0026 Reserved matters - Detached house and new vehicular/pedestrian access. Land adj. 143 Moss Lane

No 08/95/0083 Conservatory to rear. Arch House Farm, Guide Road

No 08/95/0090 New shop front and external cash machine. Midland Bank, 2 Station Road

2. Planning Committee - 16th February 1995

a. Applications

139/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/94/0670 O/L Agricultural workers' dwelling. Land adj. Long Acres, Guide Road (Recommendation - Refused)

No 08/94/0726 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition. 201 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

b. Approvals The following was noted:-

No 08/94/1183 Implement store. Rose Park Nurseries, Guide Road

c. Alleged Breach of Planning Control The following was noted:-

Land at Cabin Road, Hesketh Bank Residential use of caravan/storage of caravans.

d. Planning Appeal The following was noted:-

Old Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane Certificate of lawfulness for use of land as wagon/goods storage yard.

e. Other Matters

Breach of Planning Regulations, Land adjacent to Sports Field

It was understood that this would reach Court in April. The Planning Department had been awaiting a Planning Application which was not forthcoming.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpath Seats English Nature had indicated that their main concern was the maintenance of vehicular access along the bank. No response had been received from the NRA.

2. Drainage Problems

a. Manhole at Junction of Station Road and Moss Lane This was with the District Council.

b. Footpath adjacent Alty's Car park
Mill Farm Ditch
Mill Lane/Station Road

These had been cured today.

- c. Sreet seat at Cropper Gardens This was with the Chairman.
- d. Hedges in Chapel Road This was still in abeyance.
- e. Other matters

1. Bus shelters

Damaged shelter - Station Road The Insurance Assessor had no objection to the salvaged shelter being disposed of.

Hundred End Lane shelter This had been damaged by a vehicle. The Vice-Chairman undertook to look at the shelter.

140/94 RESOLVED:- That the Vice-Chairman be authorised to take any action necessary to secure the repair of this shelter.

2. Shore Road - flooding The Clerk was asked to advise the County Surveyor that, the problem outside No 45 which had been attended to, had now moved nearer to Banks.

3. Street Lights Mr M Goodier had reported 8 lights to the County Surveyor and at least one required a new part.

4. Ribble Drive The Clerk was asked to write to a resident in Ribble Drive asking him to remove the soil outside his property.

5. Hundred End Lane - Pot holes The Clerk was asked to report these to the County Surveyor.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Station Road Area

- a. Renewal of Chains The new chains had been ordered.
- b. Remedial work by seat This was with the Chairman.
- c. Fence by Bridge It was decided to leave this until the next meeting.
- d. Other matters

Fence behind play area The slats required replacing and it was decided to leave the issue until the next meeting.

2. Glenpark Drive

a. Breaking up of area The Scouts and Guides were willing to plant replacement trees or shrubs. It was suggested that the residents should be asked for their views.

141/94 RESOLVED:- That Mrs H Sephton be authorised to undertake a survey of residents of Glenpark Drive about the play area.

3. Recreation Ground

- a. Height of swings

142/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek clarification from the Insurance Company's Inspector.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

a. Information from Sports Clubs Information had been received from the Bowling and Cricket clubs but no reply had been received from the Football Club.

b. Boundary Hedge and Ditch There had been no progress with regard to the hedge and Mr P Bannister was trying to find correspondence with either the Bowling Club or the Sports Company. It was suggested that the Local Authority should be approached regarding this issue as suggested by the NRA.

c. Letter from MP The Vice-Chairman, after consultation with the Chairman, had responded to the local MP.

REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1994/95 AND ESTIMATES FOR 1995/96

1. Revised Estimates 1994/95

143/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the revised estimates for 1994/95, as now presented be approved, (a copy appears in the Minute Book),

2. That a donation of £25 be made to the Victim Support Scheme,

3. That the various Sports Clubs be requested to pay the annual rentals for the Recreation Ground and the Centenary Sports Ground

2. Estimates 1995/96

In considering the estimates for next year the Council gave consideration to putting additional finance on one side for additional sports facilities and also a suggestion that some assistance should be given to the restoration of the Old Church in Becconsall Lane.

144/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk's salary be increased by 1½% to £1608 per annum,

2. That Mr J R Foster's payment in respect of street cleaning be increased by 1½% in respect of wages to £621.12 per month and 2% in respect of expenses to £24.04 per month, giving a new total of £645.16 per month,

3. That finance be not made available towards the restoration of the Old Becconsall Church,

4. That an amount of £5,000 be included in the estimates towards the provision of additional sports facilities in the Parish, (This was the subject of a vote of 3 For, 1 Against and 3 Abstained),

5. That the Estimates for 1995/96 as now presented and subject to 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, be approved, (a copy appears in the Minute Book),

6. That a precept of £12,166 be requested for the expenditure of the Parish Council for 1995/96.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

145/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the remaining business to be transacted.

As the public were leaving the meeting, a petition was handed to Mr M Goodier.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Before the meeting continued, the Chairman was congratulated on the way she had handled the Public Participation item earlier in the meeting.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (CONT)

1. Draft Leases The Chairman reported on the meeting with the Solicitor. The draft leases had now been received by Mr S Trippier and it was suggested that they should be considered at the next meeting.

146/94 RESOLVED:- That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to look at the draft leases and bring recommendations to the next meeting of the Council.

2. Additional Sports Facilities A discussion took place on the possibility of obtaining additional land and also what the finance could be utilised for in the future. The Clerk confirmed that the money in the Sports Facilities Account could only be used for that purpose and not for other projects however commendable.

147/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to make a further approach to the landowner regarding additional land for purchase by the Parish Council,

2. That, if no progress has been made within 4 months, the Parish Council gives consideration to alternative sports facilities in the Parish.

3. Petition Mr M Goodier advised the Council that the petition, which had been handed to him earlier, did not refer to him by name.

Stephen Duffin
13/3/95.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th MARCH 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier
and J Witter

Messrs M Goodier; L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mr P Bannister and 5 members
of the press and public were present.

RESULT OF ELECTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

The Chairman announced the result of the election which had resulted in
Mr R Iddon being elected to the Council.

MINUTES

148/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th
February, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following
amendment:-

Page 3 penultimate paragraph 'Mr Taylor' to read 'Mr Hodge'.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas It was noted that the Council Tax for Hesketh
- with - Becconsall residents for a Band D property would be £679.64 against
an average in the parishes of £676.03.

b. Conservation Roadshow The District Council were seeking
a venue for an event to be held on the 31st July, 1995. It was suggested
that the Primary School on Shore Road may be a suitable venue.

c. Other matters A magazine on Economic Development had been
received.

2. County Council

a. School Bus Passes The problem had been identified in the
manufacturing process although the blame was the subject of a dispute.
Passes would be re-issued between the middle of March and the Easter holiday.
Mrs N Goodier indicated that the £5 replacement costs were to be refunded.

3. Community Council of Lancashire

a. Tarleton & Hesketh Bank Village Questionnaire The launch
of the results would take place on Tuesday, 28th March, 1995 at Our Lady's
Catholic Church Hall, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. Mrs J Witter and the Chairman
undertook to attend.

b. Best Kept Village Competition It was agreed that Mr M Goodier
would again co-ordinate the Parish entry. Mrs L Kershaw undertook to
co-ordinate the clearing up of the Village Hall garden.

c. Arts Groups Information on touring groups in the rural areas was noted.

d. Rural Action Newsletter The latest edition had been received which highlighted this Council's grant in connection with the future development of the Centenary Sports Ground.

e. Spring Conference An acknowledgement had been received.

f. Agency Agreements A survey had been received which would be completed by the Clerk.

g. Lancashire Handbook A new edition was to be published at a cost of £6 plus £5 for the update service.

149/94 RESOLVED:- That the new Handbook be ordered together with the update service.

h. Publications Latest editions of the Local Council Review and CCL News had been received.

4. Other Matters

a. Home Energy Conservation Bill The Report and Third Reading Stage would be held on the 24th March, 1995 and a Lobby of Parliament was to be held on the 16th March, 1995.

b. Red Squirrel Conservation Partnership A meeting was to be held at the Banquet Hall, Botanic Gardens, Southport on Thursday, 23rd March, 1995 at 7.30pm. No-one was interested in attending.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

150/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

North West Water - Water charges	£ 64.23
CCL - Handbook and update service	£ 11.00
B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses	£450.23
Best Kept Village Competition - Entry fee	£ 7.50
LAP&TC - Annual Subscription	£197.49
MTL Environmental Services - New bus shelter	£705.00

2. That Hesketh Bank FC be advised that the Parish Council will pay the Standing Charge for the water service subject to the Club paying for water used.

2. Receipts The following was noted:-

West Lancashire District Council - Street cleaning	£1643.02
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3. Other matters

a. Donations The Victim Support Scheme had thanked the Council for the donation.

151/94 RESOLVED:- That the following additional donations be made:-

a. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme	£ 12.50
b. All Saints Church PCC - Towards north face clock	£ 12.50

b. Burial Ground Grant

152/94 RESOLVED:- That grants be made, in the sum of £50.00, to the All Saints Church Burial Ground and the Old Beconsall Church Burial Ground.

c. Precept The Clerk reported that the District Council had revised the Concurrent Expenditure to be paid to the Parish from £1390 to £1420.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster had handed a broken sign from the Station Road Play Area to the Chairmen. He also reported signs of young people using lighter fuel and an empty canister of insecticide which had been found on the Recreation Ground.

Mr Foster further reported a blocked drain in Newarth Lane and flooding in Cropper Gardens. Also drain problems near the Beconsall Hotel and in Glenpark Drive.

Mr R Ball asked about the recording of votes at Council meetings and was advised that a Councillor could ask for a recorded vote before the vote was taken.

In response to a number of questions from Miss Taylor, the Chairman indicated that the Leases for the Sports Clubs were still under consultation with the Council's Solicitor, that the Football Club had not yet fulfilled the conditions for the offering of a lease by the Parish Council, that the use of the adjacent land depended on the Parish Council agreeing to access across Council owned land, and that no response had been received from the Football Club about the hedge and the hoardings.

The Vice-Chairman said the Council were hoping that when the Football Club required the lease it would comply with the Council's requirements.

Mr Hodge suggested that short term leases would enable the Council to control the use of the Ground more easily. The Chairman said the Council were looking very carefully at the leases.

Mr Forshaw felt that the sum granted to the PCC for the clock was a small sum and he felt that the Church should be self-supporting in repairs of that nature.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

153/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/95/0118 Application for determination as whether prior approval is required for details Dobson's Salads, New House Farm, Boundary Lane, Hundred End

No 08/95/0120 Erection of barn Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road

No 08/95/0152 Retention of 1.2m diameter satellite dish 87 Station Road

The Council also noted that Saphir had made an application for the change of use of premises at Digmoor, Skelmersdale adjacent to the M58 motorway.

154/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/95/0164 Extension to existing greenhouses Briarcroft Nurseries,
115 Moss Lane

No 08/95/0179 Erection of detached dwelling and new vehicular/pedestrian
access to existing bungalow 77 Moss Lane

No 08/95/0195 Side extension to rear single storey outrigger
38 Shore Road

No 08/95/0203 2 storey side extension Hesketh Cottage, Shore Road

2. Development & Planning Committee - 16th March 1995

a. Planning Applications

155/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/95/0090 New shop front and external cash machine Midland
Bank, Station Road (Recommendation - Granted)

3. Enforcement Action - 140 Station Road

Mr M Goodier indicated that he had visited Mr L Abernethy along with County Councillor R Hodge and had been assured that Court Proceedings would commence on the 15th April, 1995 and that action would be taken immediately the Court's decision had been made.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Drainage Problems and Carriageway Repairs

a. Manhole junction Station Road/Moss Lane The cover had
now been adjusted.

b. Flooding - Shore Road Remedial action was in hand by the
County Council but could not be carried out until April.

c. Hundred End Lane - Potholes These would be attended to
in the near future.

d. Station Road by Alty's The problem was still there and
the Clerk undertook to again contact the County Council.

2. Seats by River Douglas The NRA had suggested a site visit which
was to be arranged by the Chairman.

3. Footpaths The County Council were asking about ownership
of land adjacent to a claimed footpath from Shore Road to ~~Chapel Road~~ Moss Lane. *10/4/95.*
It was agreed to advise the County Council that Messrs Sephton and Jones
owned land on the North side, Messrs Forshaw, Robinson and Holding on the
South side and L O Jeffs owned the width of the railway embankment. It
was also indicated that the proposed footpath had always been used for
access only with a gate located on the railway embankment kept locked although
the landowners did have keys.

4. Street Cleaning The removal of the carcass had been assessed at £3.60.

5. Bus Shelters

a. Station Road/Chapel Road This was still with the Insurance Assessor and the Clerk undertook to write to them again.

It was suggested that the new shelter to be provided should be sited on the other side of Chapel Road so that it could be used by all buses. The Clerk undertook to place an item on the next agenda to discuss this suggestion.

b. Shore Road, Hundred End The Vice-Chairman had been to look at the shelter and had asked Mr N Marsden to undertake the necessary repairs.

6. Other Matters

a. The Brow Wall, Station Road The Chairman reported that gaps were appearing under the coping stones at the top of the wall.

15/6/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to undertake an urgent survey of the Brow Wall, Station Road, Hesketh Bank, and

2. That the Conservation Officer be contacted about the possibility of conserving this artifact.

b. Hedge in Chapel Road The Clerk undertook to write to the owner with a request that the hedge be cut back.

c. Street Lighting A number of lights were reported to be out, some of which were awaiting repair by NORWEB. The Clerk undertook to write a letter of complaint to the County Council about the long delays by NORWEB in repairing street lights.

d. Street Seats Mr N Marsden was to repair the seat at the junction of Chapel Road and Cropper Gardens and be asked to sand down the other seats.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mrs H Sephton had undertaken a survey of the houses in the vicinity of the Play Area, including Glenpark Drive, Langdale Avenue and Fairwinds. The results showed that the vast majority of residents believed that to replant trees would be a waste of money and they accepted that vandalism is inevitable and would re-occur; that, if more trees were available they should be planted elsewhere in the Parish where, hopefully, they would thrive; that the general unkempt appearance of the play area gave a distinct air of neglect of the site and that much of the mud on the area was due to bad management not the season of the year; that dog fouling was a particular problem; and that the idea of placing an obstacle in the tarmaced part of the area to prevent football was not met with approval with no-one in favour of ball games being stopped. In this latter respect the residents accepted that it was a children's play area and noise and disturbance was accepted although some weeks it was worse than others. In respect of dog fouling, Mrs Sephton had contacted the District Council who would maintain vigilance in the area. She had also given a number of residents her telephone number so that they could report patterns of walking dogs in the vicinity of the play area.

As a consequence, Mrs Sephton posed the following questions:- Who owns the area? What is covered by the maintenance contract? How much is designated per annum towards the upkeep of the site? She also suggested that replacement trees be planted elsewhere in the parish before it is too late for this season, the planting to be done by the Uniformed Organisations; that the Council consider allowing a volunteer resident, one had come forward, to undertake the maintenance of the site, not the mowing, if it can be arranged satisfactorily within an identified budget; and that, if the trees are not to be replanted then the stakes and deadtrees should be removed.

15 7/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs H Sephton be thanked most sincerely for undertaking the survey on behalf of the Council,

2. That the Recreation Committee be authorised to discuss the various suggestions put forward by Mrs Sephton and bring recommendations to a future meeting of the Council,

3. That Mr J R Foster be asked to spend a day on the Play Area to clean and tidy up the site,

4. That consideration be given, at a future meeting of the Council, to a regular weedspraying programme being carried out at the Play Area, and

5. That Mrs Sephton be authorised to negotiate suitable replacement shrubs with Mahood's for the trees which did not take at Glenpark Drive.

TARLETON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR

The Council had been asked to nominate a replacement Governor in place of former Councillor P J Handley.

158/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr R Iddon be nominated to represent the Council on the Governing Body of Tarleton County Primary School.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Clerk asked the Council to fix the date of the Annual Assembly. It was also reported that a letter had been received which gave answers to a number of questions without actually giving the questions. The answers had been supplied by the Honorary Secretary of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils. It was suggested that the writer may wish to consider putting a resolution before the Annual Assembly.

159/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Annual Assembly for the Parish of Hesketh-with-Becconsall be held on Monday, 10th April, 1995 at 8.00pm, and

2. That the Parish Council already fixed for that day now commences at 7.00pm and continues after the Annual Assembly if necessary.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Meeting with MP Arrangements had been made for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council to meet the local MP at Tarleton Library on the 18th March, 1995 immediately after his usual surgery at that location.

2. Petition The Clerk reported the receipt of a copy of the petition handed to Mr M Goodier at the end of the last meeting of the Council but no covering letter was enclosed and there was no indication as to the identity of the sender.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

160/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the remaining items of business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (CONT)

3. Leases for Sports Clubs Copies of the draft leases had been circulated to members of the Council at the start of the meeting.

161/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That consideration of the draft leases be deferred to a future meeting of the Council after members had been able to study the document in detail,

2. That the legal position of a member of the Council who was receiving an honorarium from one of the Clubs be taken up with the Legal Adviser to the District Council, and

3. That consideration be given at a future meeting of the Council to setting a date for a public meeting in the Parish to ascertain the views of residents to the future development of the land in Station Road in the ownership of the Parish Council and to persons to be invited to attend the meeting and to a possible Chairman for the meeting.

4. Newspaper Articles about Future Development Concern was expressed about inferences in the original article that the Football Club had the support of residents to their proposals for development. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council had responded to the points raised in a letter to the appropriate newspapers and this had been published in full. It was felt, however, that the Football Club may not have the support indicated in the article.

Stephen Tupper
10-4-95.