

HESKETH-WITH-RECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday the 1st March 1982

PRESENT:

Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Iddon and Trippier

Apologies were received from Messrs Benson, Handley and Harding and four members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

160. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

161. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Guide Road The County Surveyor had confirmed that resurfacing would be carried out in March and passing bays would be formed.
2. Glenpark Drive The Clerk reported that he had written to the Director of Leisure Services concerning the play area on Glenpark Drive which had originally been offered to the Parish Council by the District Council. A reply was awaited.
3. Footpath 46 adjacent to Church The County Divisional Surveyor had written to the effect that this footpath was now clear and the foreman of the boat yard would not be burning rubbish near the trees. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the letter to the Parochial Church Council.
4. Repairs to seat, Hundred End The Clerk reported that the original estimate for the repair of the seat as agreed by the Insurance Company, was £42.25 and not £54.00 as reported to the last meeting. A claim had been made to the Insurance Company to refund that amount.
5. The Brow, Station Road A copy of the letter from the County Divisional Surveyor had been sent to the local policeman.
6. Tarleton County Primary School - Governors Reference was made to lack of communication concerning the new arrangements for appointing Governors of County Schools. It appeared that even the existing Governors were not aware of the changes and prior to re-organisation a meeting had been held to which at least two governors had not been invited one of which was the former Chairman who had been replaced without his knowledge. Two items from a local paper were handed to the Clerk who was asked to take the matter up with the Chief Education Officer
7. Station Road It was reported that the hole outside No 75 had been repaired by British Telecoms.

162. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Preparation of Minutes Mr Handley had written to the Chairman suggesting that a letter of thanks should be sent from the Council to the Office Service Bureau in Southport who had produced the minutes during the Clerk's illness. The Clerk was asked to write to the Bureau on behalf of the Council.

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2. Annual Parish Assembly A letter ~~had been~~ received from Miss S Taylor indicated that she hoped to be able to attend the Annual Assembly on the 29th March 1982.

3. Bus Shelter - Chapel Road The County Council had apologised for the delay in inspecting the site but the proposal was now in hand.

4. Correspondence from District Council The Clerk had notified the District Council that he had now taken over all correspondence again but unfortunately three letters had been incorrectly addressed during the past few weeks. The matter had once again been taken up with the District Council.

5. International Year of the Disabled Notification had been received about a seminar about transport for disabled persons to be held on the 6th March 1982 at the Day Centre, Derby Street, Ormskirk. No member was able to attend but the Clerk was asked to ascertain if a report on the Seminar could be sent to the Council.

6. Parish Councillors The Electoral Registration Department of the District had asked for the names and addresses of all Parish Councillors. The Clerk had supplied the information and at the same time commented on the fact that the information was already in the District Council's possession.

7. Street Lighting - Station Road The County Surveyor had reported that the street lamp at the top of the Brow had been re-sited clear of the footpath as requested.

8. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

A copy of the latest newsletter had been received and the following items were noted:-

(a) Alternatives to Domestic Rates The discussion paper issued by the Government had been considered by the National Association and their recommendations were noted.

(b) Gardening and Estates Maintenance A & B Services of Hindley were offering their services but it was agreed to take no action.

(c) Playground Equipment Maintenance Ace Playground (Services) Ltd of Liverpool provided a specialist service for playground maintenance etc. It was agreed to leave the letter on file.

163. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Committee meetings There were no items affecting the Parish.

2. Minutes of Committee meetings The following items from the Policy and Resources Committee on the 3rd March 1982 were noted:-

(a) Parish Council Finance - The Parishes could precept for a 1p rate for 1982/83

(b) Publication of agendas, reports and minutes - A charge was to be levied for the receipt of these papers and letters were to be sent out shortly.

(c) Rate estimates 1982/83 - The District Council rate to be 15.5 pence.

164. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

(a) Mowing at Recreation Ground It was reported that this work was originally

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to be carried out by Mr Benson at a cost of £20 but in the event he said that his equipment would not go behind the trees. Mr Iddon had spoken to Mr Trippier and it was decided to ask J & C Bond of Banks to do the work prior to the Country Market. Mr Bond had not been told of the originally agreed price of £20 and had now submitted an account in the sum of £28 plus £4.20 VAT.

RESOLVED: That the account of £32.20 from J & C Bond of Banks for mowing at the Recreation Ground be paid.

(b) Miscellaneous accounts

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid:-

1. D J Printing Services, Preston - Letterheads and envelopes - £21.33
2. Lancashire County Council - Stationery and photocopying - £12.26
3. P J Handley Esq - Expenses and Stationery incurred during Clerk's illness - £21.00
4. B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary and expenses - £116.28
5. Mrs J Birkby - Stationery for Parish Diary - £3.68

2. Receipts

Damaged Bus Shelter, Hundred End The Clerk reported the receipt of £390.50 from Barbican Motor Policies in respect of the removal of the damaged shelter and the erection of a new shelter.

3. L.D.S. Loan 1981/82

A mortgage deed had been received for completion following which the loan of £1,100 would be forwarded to the Council.

RESOLVED: (1) That authority be given for the mortgage deed to be completed and returned to the District Council, and

(2) That on receipt of the loan for £1,100 the Clerk be authorised to pay the outstanding account of P J Watkinson Esq for the work at the Recreation Ground in the sum of £1,464.

4. Parish Precept 1982/83

As previously mentioned the District Council had agreed that Parishes should precept for a 1p rate for 1982/83. A letter had been received asking for an official precept form and following the decision last month that the Council should precept for $\frac{1}{2}$ p or 1p whichever was decided by the District Council, the Chairman had authorised official application being made for the precept and this had been done.

The Clerk reported that he would ask the Bank to place £1,000 of the precept of £2,450 into the Council's Deposit Account.

5. Insurance Policy

The Insurance Company had asked that consideration be given to increasing the level of indemnity on the Third Party Insurance from £250,000 to £500,000. The current premium was £10 per annum and the new premium would be £15 per annum.

RESOLVED: That the level of indemnity on the Third Party Insurance be increased to £500,000 with effect from the 1st April 1982.

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165. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Planning Matters Mr Moyle of Station Road informed the Council that he had been visited by the Planning Department and had also received a letter from them concerning allegations that he was using his residence as business premises. He did leave a vehicle loaded with timber in his driveway most nights. The Chairman suggested that Mr Moyle should tell the Planning Department exactly what he was doing.

2. Allotments Mr Farrington asked when the Parish Council would be carrying out the work to the ditch that had been agreed some 11 months ago. He maintained that only 1 in 7 of his drains were running. The Chairman apologised to Mr Farrington for the delay and said that she certainly was not aware of how great the problem was. Mr Iddon explained why it had not been possible to carry out the work before now.

The Chairman assured Mr Farrington that the work would be put in hand as soon as possible and Mr Iddon was asked to obtain an estimate from Mr Bond. The Clerk was requested to inform the tenant of the adjoining plot, Mr Whiteside, that the Council intended to do the work before the end of April.

166. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Residential Caravans It was reported that two caravans were being used as residential property down Boundary Lane without planning permission. It was moved and seconded that the existence of the caravans be reported to the Planning Department.

To which an amendment was moved and seconded that enquiries be made from the Planning Department as to whether the caravans fulfilled the requirements for planning purposes.

Upon being put the amendment was carried and it was thereupon

RESOLVED: That enquiries be made from the Planning Department as to whether two caravans down Boundary Lane fulfilled the requirements for planning purposes.

2. Chemist Shop, Station Road It was reported that the shop ~~adjacent to~~ *on* the site of the telephone exchange had now opened as a chemist. *W/S*

RESOLVED: That a letter of thanks be sent from the Parish Council to Mr Fleming of Tarleton for his help in dealing with prescriptions from the village whilst the village had been without a chemist.

3. Belsfield Drive It was reported that the drainage work on Belsfield Drive had not been completed in that the section on Mr Taylor's land had been cleaned out but the drain was still open and liable to vandalism.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk asks the District Council for the latest position with regard to Belsfield Drive.

4. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made on applications concerning this Parish.

1. No. 8/82/73 Four detached bungalows with garages off Hazel Drive, Hesketh Bank

The Planning Department to be asked to confirm the address of this application.

2. No 8/82/109 Conversion of domestic garage to shop and use of existing garden shed for storage

The Parish Council object to the application on highway grounds as the location being near to two bends and a road junction would make it dangerous if vehicles parked in the vicinity.

5. Planning Committee 4th March 1982

1. Applications
No. 8/81/1336 - Extensions at 60 Station Road

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on this application.

2. Appeals

The following decisions were noted:-

- (a) Bungalow for horticultural worker at Boundary Meanygate - Dismissed.
- (b) Detached house, Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane - Intention of Inspector to allow development subject to conditions.

167. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr Harding, the Council's representative was not present at this meeting and so no report was given.

168. RECREATION GROUND

1. Installation of water supply Mr Watkinson had commented on the letter from the Water Authority and the Clerk had subsequently written further to the NWWA requesting a reduction in the charge.
2. Changing Room Details had been received from the Sports Council about grants.

169. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Mrs Trippier had spoken to a judge of this competition who had said that it was worthwhile entering and villages should do the best with what they had available. After discussion it was agreed that all Councillors should think about entering this competition and the Clerk was requested to put the item on a future agenda.

170. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the Parish Council owned ditch at the side of the allotments required cleaning.

RESOLVED: That Mr Iddon be requested to ask Mr Norris if he would clean out the ditch as soon as possible.

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171. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That future meetings be held on the following dates:-

26th April, 24th May (Annual Meeting), 21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 6th December, 1982.

172. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II
PLANNING COMMITTEE - 4TH MARCH 1982

RESOLVED: That the following comments be made on applications concerning this Parish:-

1. No 8/82/31 Outline for kennels for breeding and boarding of dogs
452 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

The Parish Council object on the grounds that the size of the site is too small for the erection of kennels and adequate car parking and that the number of dogs for breeding should be at least halved.

2. No 8/81/801 Retain garage building for repair and servicing of cars
and agricultural machinery - rear of 38 Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

No comments.

3. No 8/82/28 Outline for demolition of bungalow and erection of replacement
bungalow, Clover Dene Farm, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

No comments.

173 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs Baxter informed the Parish that as from the 8th March she would be moving to Mere Brow and would therefore be no longer a resident of the Parish. The Clerk indicated that Mrs Baxter was eligible to remain a Councillor to the end of her current term of office ie 1984 and as such was also eligible to remain as Chairman.

Mrs Baxter said she would stay as Chairman for the Annual Parish Meeting on the 29th March after which it would be for the Council to decide whether they wished her to continue as Chairman.

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Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Aspinall, Benson, Handley, Harding
Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

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

174. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That subject to the following amendments the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March 1982 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Minute No 162(2) the words 'had been' in the first line to be deleted.
- (b) Minute No 166(2) the words 'adjacent to' in the first line to be replaced by the word 'on'.

175. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II
PLANNING COMMITTEE - 1ST APRIL 1982

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

- (1) No 8/82/40 Outline for erection of agricultural workers bungalow, adjacent to New House Farm, Boundary Lane, Hundred End.
- (2) No 8/81/1126 Outline for erection of agricultural workers dwelling, 157 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (Mrs N Blundell declared an interest in this application).
- (3) No 8/82/109 Conversion of domestic garage into shop and use of garden shed for storage, 26 Glenpark Drive, Hesketh Bank.

176. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Planning Committee - 1st April 1982

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

No 8/82/176 Extensions at rear of 'Thorsdene', Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank.

2. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED: (1) That no comments be made on the following applications:-

(a) No 8/82/176 Extensions at rear of 'Thorsdene', Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank.

(b) No 8/82/231 Outline for erection of detached house and garage and new access at rear of 125 Chapel Road, Hesketh Bank.

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(2) That the Director of Planning be informed that the Parish Council believes that the following application is located in Banks :-
No 8/82/151 Outline for erection of agricultural workers bungalow and new access, Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank.

3. Planning Committee Decisions

It was noted that the following decisions had been taken by the Committee on the 4th March 1982:-

No 8/82/31 Erection of kennels etc 452 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank

Decision deferred to enable the Director of Planning to receive further information and report back to a future meeting.

No 8/81/801 Retention of garage for car repairs, 38 Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

Refused with enforcement notice to be served in 24 months time.

No 8/82/28 Replacement bungalow, Clover Dene Farm, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

Approved. In relation to application No 8/81/801 discussions took place on the length of time to be allowed before the enforcement notice was to be served and it was RESOLVED: That the Director of Planning be asked why the period to be allowed for the business to operate before service of the enforcement notice was extended from 12 months to 24 months.

4. Northern Parishes District Plan - Written Statement

A letter had been received from the Director of Planning concerning the comments made by the Council in connection with the written statement of the Northern Parishes District Plan. Reference was made to a play area south of the Beconsall Hotel and it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Information about access to the proposed industrial/storage site at Alty's Brickworks and about the new footpath on the west side of the former Railway Bridge were noted.

177. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area It was reported that the District Council had confirmed that they owned this area of land and a meeting had been held on the site between Mr Thomas and Mr Jackson of the Leisure Services Department and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council. Various ideas had been put forward by the officers of the District Council and whilst the meeting was in progress two adult residents and a number of children had approached the meeting and given their views on the current situation. The officers undertook to prepare plans for the development of the area together with costs and these would be forwarded to the Parish Council for comment.

2. Repairs to seat, Hundred End

A letter had been received from the Insurance Company to the effect that the balance of £45.25 would be paid when the excess on the policy of £35 had been received from the insured. The Clerk had discussed the matter with Mr Aspinall and had written to the Company pointing out that excesses did not apply to third party claims and requesting payment by return.

3. Tarleton County Primary School - Appointment of Governors

A letter had been received from the Chief Education Officer regretting the

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concern shown by the Parish Council but giving an assurance that no threat or discourtesy was intended. The letter concluded that now agreement had been reached the situation should not occur in the future.

4. Preparation of minutes

The Vice-Chairman reported that the girls working on the Manpower Services Commission scheme had been pleased to receive the letter of thanks sent by the Clerk.

5. Correspondence from District Council

The Clerk reported that a letter containing a cheque for £1,100 had been sent to the wrong address. The Clerk had once again brought the matter to the attention of the District Council and since then all letters had been correctly addressed.

6. International Year of the Disabled

A letter had been received about the recent seminar about local transport for the disabled. A report was being prepared and a copy sent to the Parish Council when available.

7. Parish Council Finance

A notice concerning the general rate for 1982/83 had been posted on the Moss Lane notice board.

8. L.D.S. Loan

The cheque for the loan had been received and Mr Watkinson's account had been paid.

9. Insurance Policies

The renewal notice had been received quoting the wrong amount. The Clerk had returned the notice for amendment.

10. Water Supply, Recreation Ground

No reply had been received from the NWWA.

11. Allotments Mr Iddon reported that Mr Bond had shored up the ditch adjacent to Mr Whiteside's plot and Mr Eastham the owner of the adjoining house had agreed to pay half the cost of the work. In the circumstances the Parish Council were only being charged £20 plus VAT instead of the full charge of £40 plus VAT. It was also reported that following completion of the work Mr Farrington's ditches had been running better.

Mr Iddon also reported that Mr Norris had cleaned out the Parish Council's ditch at the other side of the Allotments.

12. Chairman of the Parish Council

Mrs Baxter referred to her previous decision to remain as Chairman for the Annual Parish Meeting after which it was for the Council to decide whether they wished her to continue.

It was agreed that Mrs Baxter should remain as Chairman to the end of the current municipal year.

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178. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

A circular letter had been received together with an entry form and rules for the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

Also included with the circular were some notes prepared by the Clerk of Aughton Parish Council about Aughton's Playing field project. The Chairman undertook to study these notes to see if this Council could benefit from the experiences of Aughton.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils
- West Lancashire Area Committee

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary to the Committee concerning contributions to the cost of two persons who wished to attend the National Conference at Harrogate. The Council had already agreed not to make a contribution.

3. District Council Minutes

There were no items affecting this Parish.

4. District Council accounts to 31st March 1981

The Clerk reported receipt of the abstract of the accounts.

5. Local Council Review

The Clerk reported the receipt of the Spring issue of the review.

6. Mortuary

A letter had been received concerning the state of the mortuary in Marsh Road. The Clerk was requested to forward the complaint to the District Council.

179. FINANCE

RESOLVED: (1) That the following accounts be paid:-

- (a) W Norris - cleaning out ditch adjacent to allotments -
1 1/2 hours at £1.00 per hour - £14.00.
- (b) J & C Bond - shoring up ditch adjacent to allotments - £23.00.

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