

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25th APRIL 1983

PRESENT :- Mrs M Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Blundell and Trippier
Messrs Handley, Iddon and Trippier
Apologies were received from Mrs Birkby and Messrs Benson and Molyneux and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

160. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 1983 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

161. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Gas Supply A letter and plan had been received from North West Gas which showed the nearest supply points to the Parish, also account had been taken of the number of agricultural holdings but using past experience the Gas Board were of the opinion that the take up would be insufficient to make it viable. It was agreed to note the latest comments of North West Gas.

2. Casual Vacancy There were four candidates for the vacancy and the election would be held on the 5th May 1983.

3. Street Lighting The Chairman had reported the light outside 26 Moss Lane but it was still not working. The Chairman undertook to report that light again and in addition the light outside the Village Hall and the row of four lights to the west of 115 Chapel Road.

162. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual Meeting of the Good Neighbour Scheme was to be held on Friday the 29th April 1983 at 7-30 p m in the Village Hall and all members of the Council were welcome to attend. In addition to the normal business Mrs Green of Sidney Avenue was to give a talk on the work of Tarleton Health Centre.

2. West Lancashire District Council

(1) Local Enterprise Trust A letter had been received inviting the Council to be represented at a public meeting about the formation of a Local Enterprise Trust for West Lancashire. The Chairman had been consulted and decided that it would not be appropriate to send a representative.

(2) Committee Meetings The following items were noted :-

(a) Technical Services Committee - Control of Pollution Act 1974 - Site licence consultation procedures - Alty's Brickworks.

(b) Policy and Resources Committee - Parish Council Liaison Officer.

(3) District Council Estimates 1983/84 A copy had been received and was available for members to read.

3. Lancashire County Council A supply of tourist information literature had been received and the various items were available for members of the Council.

163. FINANCE

1. L D S Allocation A cheque for £1000 and copies of the mortgage deeds had been received.

2. Revenue Estimates 1981/82 and 1982/83 A letter and schedules had been received which showed the position in each parish with regard to revenue expenditure for the past two years. An account had been received from the District Council in respect of £65 overpayment in 1981/82 and £534 'clawback' in 1982/83.

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The Clerk commented on the correctness of the figures for both years and the right of the District Council to request payment of 'clawback' in 1982/83.

RESOLVED that the District Council be informed :-

- (1) that in the opinion of this Council the overpayment in 1981/82 is £35 not £65
- (2) that no action is being taken with regard to 1982/83 pending the audit of accounts for that year
- (3) that the Council would be obliged if a revised account could be prepared in respect of 1981/82 only.

3. Audit of Accounts 1982/83 The audit would take place on Monday the 23rd May at 11-00a m at Derby Street Ormskirk. The Clerk had arranged for the books to be taken and returned and Mrs Blundell agreed to hold the books on deposit between the hours of 4-30 p m and 5-30 p m from the 11th - 18th May inclusive.

4. Recreation Ground - Handyman

RESOLVED that with effect from the 1st April 1983 the rate of pay of Mr W Norris be £1-50 per hour.

5. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid :-

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| (1) Lancashire County Council - Stationery | £8 - 76 |
| (2) W Norris Esq. - Work at Recreation Ground - 8 hours at £1 - 50 | £12 - 00 |

165. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists

RESOLVED that no comments be made on the following application :-
No 8/83/300 Alteration to existing vehicular access at 25 Moss Lane

2. Planning Committee - 28th April 1983 The following items were noted :-

- (1) Applications approved - No 8/83/172 New access at 154 Chapel Road
- (2) Rossendale system of approvals - The Director of Planning was recommending that the system be made permanent subject to certain additions as follows :-
Renewal of previous permissions; approval of reserved matters; amended designs; proposals for single dwellings.

3. Hesketh Bank Marsh Concern was expressed about the use being made of an agricultural building adjacent to the new bank at Hundred End in that it appeared that it was being used for heavy haulage purposes.

RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be requested to investigate and report back to this Council.

166. MATTERS FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reported he had written to County Councillor Miss Taylor on the lines agreed at the meeting concerning the hedgerows, Chapel Road, and Station Road Bridge. A letter had been received from the County Surveyor in respect of Chapel Road which indicated that the owners of the hedge had been asked to cut back the growth, the field entrances would be made into bone fide crossings and the footway was to be surfaced in the current financial year.

167. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS 25 AND 26

The County Council had confirmed the Order for the permanent diversion on the 29th March and it would come into force on the 12th May 1983. A copy of the order and map had been received.

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168. TARLETON HIGH SCHOOL - SPORTS HALL

A letter had been received from the Headmaster, Mr D Winthrop, requesting the support of the Council in the school's efforts to obtain a Sports Hall.

RESOLVED that Mr Winthrop be informed that this Council support the proposals and wish him every success.

169. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

A letter had been received from the Community Council of Lancashire which enclosed an application form for the 1983 competition.

RESOLVED that no entry be made this year.

170. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that when he checked the file after the last meeting of the Council he found that Mr M H Baxter had applied for two allotments and been allocated one plot. In the circumstances Mr A Aughton was the only person on the waiting list without a plot. The Chairman had subsequently agreed that the vacant plot be offered to Mr Aughton. This course of action had been followed and Mr Aughton had been offered, accepted and paid for one plot.

RESOLVED (1) that the action of the Chairman in allocating the vacant plot to Mr A Aughton in lieu of Mr M Baxter be confirmed
(2) that Mr P Neary be repaid the £3 rent already paid for the current year
(3) that the £3 payment from Mr Aughton be noted.

171. RECREATION GROUND

1. General Maintenance

(1) It was reported that the side of the ground adjacent to the Delta Park Estate required tidying up and Mr Iddon agreed to inform Mr Norris. In addition concern was expressed about access to the ground from properties along that side of the ground. It was agreed to ask Mr Norris to monitor the situation with regard to the dumping of rubbish with a view to further consideration being given to possible action being taken at a future date.

(2) Concrete posts were required to stop cars entering the field from Delta Park Estate.

RESOLVED that Mr Iddon be authorised to arrange for concrete posts to be provided and set in the ground to prevent access from Delta Park Estate, the work to be undertaken by Mr Norris with help from Mr Ball if necessary.

(3) The netting for the Shore Road frontage had still not been received.

2. Completion of sewer connection The Headteacher and Managers of the school had informally agreed to the connection being made to the sewer in the school grounds. The Chairman reported that Mr P Watkinson had agreed to supervise the work, in addition he would submit a price for carrying out the work.

RESOLVED (1) that the Education Authority be formally requested to agree to the course of action as set out above subject to reinstatement to the satisfaction of the school.

(2) that the Boys Football Club be invited to meet representatives of the Council to discuss the provision of the extension to the hut and the completion of the sewer connection.

172. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS - WEST LANCS AREA COMMITTEE

Mr Handley had attended the meeting on the 15th April and reported as follows :-

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1. Liaison Officer - The District Council may appoint one if really needed, the work is currently being carried out by the various committee clerks.

2. District Council Attendance - As a result of there being no Liaison Officer no one was present from the District Council but it was hoped to remedy this for future meetings.

3. Street Lighting - It was claimed all requests had been erected but not necessarily connected by NORWEB. Future requests were to be included in a rolling programme.

4. L D S Funds - Tarleton had experienced difficulty this year due to a transfer of funds. Parishes were reminded to obtain prior approval to all transfers of funds.

5. Lancashire Association AGM - To be held at County Hall on Saturday the 12th November 1983.

6. Next Meeting - To be held on Friday the 8th July 1983, this would be the AGM of the Committee.

173. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 28th April 1983

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

(1) No 8/83/158 Outline for pair of semi-detached houses and new access on land adjacent to 178 Station Road

(2) No 8/83/213 Outline for agricultural workers bungalow at Brookfield Nurseries

(3) No 8/83/40 Outline for detached house and new access on land adjacent to 117a Chapel Road.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd MAY 1983

PRESENT :- Mesdames Baxter, Birkby, Blundell, Finnan and Trippier.
Messrs Aspinall, Handley, Iddon and Trippier.
Apologies were received from Messrs Benson and Molyneux and one member of the press was present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mrs M Baxter be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1983/84.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mr P J Handley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1983/84.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (N.B. The minute book was with the District Auditor and not available for signing.)

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Casual Vacancy The Chairman welcomed Mrs C Finnan to this her first meeting following her election on the 5th May, 1983. The Clerk reported that he had received an invitation to the count, but this had not been received until after the date. The Clerk also reported that he had received the official result and had subsequently written to Mrs Finnan inviting her to this meeting and giving her certain facts about the Council. Reference was made to confusion caused by a change in polling station for various electors and the lack of poll cards. The Chairman stated that poll cards are not issued for Parish Council elections unless they are combined with District Council elections. The Clerk was requested to raise the matters of concern with the Returning Officer.

2. Street Lighting The Chairman reported that the lights she had reported were now working. It was also reported that the lights were checked fortnightly and the new lights had been erected.

3. Good Neighbour Scheme Mrs D M Trippier reported that the Annual General Meeting had been a good meeting with the speaker giving an illuminating address on the work of the Health Centre at Tarleton. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts were handed to the Clerk for the Parish Council records.

6. APPOINTMENT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils - West Lancashire Area

RESOLVED that Mrs D M Trippier be appointed to the West Lancashire Area Committee.

2. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee

RESOLVED that Mrs D M Trippier be appointed as substitute representative on the Joint Liaison Committee.

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7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES - RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Mrs J Birkby be appointed to the vacancy on the Recreation Committee.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Chairman Councillor F Radford had written to express his sincere thanks for all the letters of concern he had received during his illness. The Chairman reported that Councillor D Bintcliffe of Banks had been elected Chairman of the District Council for 1983/84 and it was agreed that the Clerk should convey this Council's best wishes to him.

(b) British Aerospace A copy letter had been forwarded from the District Council concerning an open day at Warton and the possibility of increased noise.

(c) Chief Executive A letter of apology had been received about the wrong address being used and steps had been taken to correct the errors.

2. District Council Minutes The following decisions were noted :-

(a) Planning Committee

1. Application No 8/82/1037 One plot out of two at Belsfield Drive - Approved.
2. Application No 8/83/42 Retention of caravan at Shore Farm - Refused and enforcement noticed to be served.
3. Application No 8/83/158 Outline for pair of semi-detached houses adj. to 178 Station Road - Approved.
4. Application No 8/83/213 Outline for agricultural workers bungalow at Brookfield Nurseries - Withdrawn by the applicant.
5. Application No 8/83/40 Outline for detached house adj. to 117a Chapel Road - No objections.

(b) Technical Services Committee

No objection to waste disposal licence at Alty's Brickworks.

(c) Policy and Resources Committee

New arrangements to deal with Parish Councils.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

(a) Newsletter The latest newsletter included notification that the Annual General Meeting would be held at County Hall Preston on Saturday the 12th November, 1983, and a report on the Spring Conference.

(b) West Lancashire Area Committee An information evening for new councillors was to be held at Ormskirk on the 2nd June, 1983. Mrs Finnan said that she would attend and Mrs Blundell said that she may be able to attend.

4. Other Matters

(a) West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau The Bureau were requesting information about voluntary organisations and suggested that they could attend a future meeting for an exchange of views etc. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would draw up a list of organisations to be forwarded to the Bureau and that they be not invited to a future meeting.

(b) West Lancashire Health Authority The Council were invited to attend an open day at Wrightington Hospital on Saturday the 11th June, 1983.

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(c) Lancashire Playing Fields Association The Annual Report and notification of the Annual General Meeting had been received.

(d) Tarleton Parish Council An approach had been received requesting this Council's support for a permanent library in Hesketh Lane. It was agreed to offer support in principle subject to a site being found at the Hesketh Bank end of Hesketh Lane otherwise the Council would prefer not to lose the convenience of the mobile service and certain possibilities for a site were mentioned by various members.

9. FINANCE

1. Receipts The Clerk reported that the precept of £2,510 had been paid into the bank.

2. Payments

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid :-

- (a) Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils - Annual Subscription £91-50
- (b) W Norris - Work on Recreation Ground £12-00

3. Audit of Accounts The Clerk reported that the audit had taken place today and the books would be returned in due course.

4. Insurances The Annual Report of the Insurance Company had been received.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

11. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists The Clerk reported that the list for week ending the 12th May, 1983, had not been received.

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

- (a) No 8/83/389 Block of greenhouses at The Cottage, Boundary Meanygate.
- (b) No 8/83/431 Alterations and extensions at 11, Becconsall Lane.

2. Hoole Marsh Landfill Site A letter from the County Council concerning the approval of the planning application for an extension of the site was noted.

3. Hesketh Bank Marsh No reply had been received from the Director of Planning and the Clerk was asked to send a reminder.

12. RECREATION GROUND

1. Erection of concrete posts - Delta Park entrance This work was due to start tomorrow.

2. Netting on Shore Road frontage The netting was still not available.

3. Completion of sewer The Education Authority had not replied to the Clerk's letter and it was agreed that a reminder be sent. The Boys Football Club had agreed to meet the Recreation Committee and a date would be fixed by the committee after this meeting.

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Mr Watkinson had submitted an estimate for the work in the sum of £680-00 and it was agreed to ask the Boys Football Club, at the forthcoming meeting, if they could assist with the digging work to help to bring down the cost.

4. General Maintenance Mr Iddon reported that since the area near the hedge had been cleared no more rubbish had been dumped, and in addition appreciation had been expressed about the new flagged path.

13. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Divisional re-organisation It was noted that the Divisional County Surveyor had been redesignated Area County Surveyor and had moved to Bamber Bridge.

2. Station Road Bridge The Clerk had been informed by County Councillor Miss Taylor that the work had stopped whilst a manhole had been altered and the work should be restarting shortly.

3. Hedges County Councillor Miss Taylor had said that the owner of the hedge had been served with a second notice. It was agreed that as the footway was narrow and dangerous that the Area County Surveyor be asked to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

4. Chapel Road It was agreed that the Area County Surveyor be asked to remove the concrete bus stop post which was lying near the corner of Chapel Road and Charles Close.

5. Station Road It was agreed that the Area County Surveyor be asked to repair the footway outside no 83 Station Road.

6. Street nameplate It was agreed to ask the District Council to provide and fix a nameplate at The Brow.

14. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

There were no items under this heading.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 20th JUNE 1983

PRESENT :- Mrs M Baxter (Chairman).
Mesdames Finnan and Trippier.
Messrs Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier.
Apologies were received from Mr Benson and one member of the press was present.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd May, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (N.B. The Chairman also signed the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April, 1983).

16. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Parish Council Election The Chief Executive had apologised for the confusion which had been caused by correcting errors in the Register which had remained uncorrected for a number of years. Approximately 120 electors were involved but all electors were correctly notified prior to the Parliamentary Election. The cost of delivering poll cards was quoted as 8 pence per property.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils Mrs Finnan reported that she had attended the information evening for new Councillors and had felt that it was worthwhile.

3. West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau The preparation of the list of voluntary organisations was in hand.

4. Permanent Library In addition to the information given at the last meeting it had since been ascertained that the mobile library did not restrict the number of books borrowed, did not place a time limit on the return of books and had no system of fines. All these limitations were operative at permanent libraries.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Chairman of the District Council The Chairman's Secretary had requested the dates of future meetings of the Council to enable a visit by Councillor Bintliffe to be arranged. The Clerk was requested to supply the information.

2. District Council

(a) Licences for public or private entertainment Details of venues in the Parish had been requested and the Clerk was requested to forward the relevant information. It was also reported that the letter had again been sent to the wrong address and the Chief Executive had been asked to take steps to correct this error.

(b) Posting of notices A list of sites used for the posting of public notices had been received and the Clerk was requested to forward suggested amendments to the list.

(c) Committee agenda It was noted that the Technical Services Committee had been due to consider an item about refuse collection and members recounted their own experiences. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

3. Other Matters

(a) Local Enterprise Trust It was noted that the first meeting was likely to be held in the autumn.

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(b) Local Council Review The summer issue was available for members.

(c) Publicity material A supply of leaflets had been received from the County Council.

18. FINANCE

1. Audit The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed with only two minor points being raised by the Auditor.

2. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED (i) that the following accounts be paid :-

(a) B W Rimmer - Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£150-07
(b) Audit Commission - Audit Fee	£ 59-80
(c) L Tiffin - Work on Recreation Ground	£ 16-00
(d) J Ball - Work on Recreation Ground	£ 16-00

(ii) that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve the payment of the account, when received, from H Alty Ltd. for the supply of materials for the Recreation Ground.

3. Donation - North West Cancer Research Fund

RESOLVED that a donation be not made to this fund but that consideration be given at estimate time to the inclusion of a sum in the estimates for donations.

4. Parish Council Expenditure 1981/82 and 1982/83 The Clerk reported the contents of a letter from the Director of Finance which sought to answer the points raised in previous letters and the results of his investigations into this matter. It was noted that the new scheme for parish finance placed this Parish at a disadvantage because all expenditure could be met from a 1pence precept. Lengthy discussion took place on possible courses of action.

RESOLVED (i) that the Clerk be requested to ask the Director of Finance for details of the Parochial Account and inform him of the unfortunate position of the Parish Council and seek a meeting with the Director and the Leader of the District Council to see whether an amicable arrangement could be reached to meet the particular circumstances of this Council.

(ii) that a copy of the letter be sent to the Leader of the District Council, Councillor R Hodge.

(iii) that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be appointed to attend any meeting so arranged.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

20. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists

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

- (a) 8/83/406 - Extensions at Fylde View, Shore Road.
- (b) 8/83/448 - Conservatory at 3 Norwood Avenue.
- (c) 8/83/474 - Extensions etc. at 14 The Brow.
- (d) 8/83/480 - Extensions and garden wall at 21 Glenpark Drive.
- (e) 8/83/496 - Extensions at 59 Sidney Avenue.
- (f) 8/83/513 - Change of use of first floor rooms at 7/9 Station Road.

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2. Hesketh Bank Marsh It was reported that the owner had been requested to comply strictly with the agricultural use condition attached to the planning permission.

RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be informed that the haulage activity had increased with motorway contractors vehicles leaving the site between 6-45am and 7-15am and returning from 4-45pm onwards.

3. Planning Committee Agenda - 23rd June 1983 The following items were noted :-
- (i) Conversion of barn to dwelling - Shore Farm, Shore Road - Appeal withdrawn.
 - (ii) Application No 8/83/300 - Alteration of vehicle access at 25 Moss Lane - Approved.
 - (iii) Application No 8/83/406 - Extensions at Fylde View, Shore Road - Approved.
 - (iv) Application NO 8/83/389 - Greenhouses at The Cottage, Boundary Meanygate - Approved.

4. Other matters

Touring caravan in private garden Reference was made to complaints made about a touring caravan in a private garden and it was agreed to take no action.

21. RECREATION GROUND

1. Sewer connection The Vice - Chairman reported on a meeting with representatives of the Boys Football Club. The Club had agreed to erect the extension to the hut and to assist the contractor by taking up the flags as necessary prior to excavation work. The Clerk reported that the Trustees of the school would need to give their permission and this was being arranged by the Chief Education Officer. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter at the forthcoming meeting of the School Managers.

RESOLVED that the quotation from P T Watkinson, in the sum of ~~£500~~⁶⁸⁰, be provisionally accepted subject to final approval being given by the Trustees to the connection being made into the manhole on the School's land. *MS 12/9/83*

2. Other matters

1. Delta Park entrance Mr Iddon reported that the work had been carried out by Messrs Ball and Tiffin using materials purchased from H Alty Ltd.

2. Shore Road frontage Mr Iddon reported that the broken netting should have been repaired by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

3. Grass cutting It was reported that the gangmower had visited the ground but the additional areas near to the swings and on the slope had not been cut as agreed by the Playing Fields Service last year. The Clerk was requested to contact the Education Department about this matter.

4. Trees adjacent to Delta Park entrance Mrs Finnan had been asked to raise the matter of vandalism to the trees on this side of the ground. Mrs Finnan had also been told that the trees were to be removed in the near future. The Chairman assured Mrs Finnan that the trees would definitely remain whilst the problems of vandalism were not new but difficult if not impossible to control.

22. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street Lighting Mrs Finnan had been asked to raise the question of a street light being provided outside No 15 Delta Park Avenue. Mr Iddon pointed out that a light had been required in Marsh Road for a very long time.

RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be requested to provide highway lights outside No 15 Delta Park Avenue and to the west of Sunnydale Farm, Marsh Road.

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2. Street nameplate at The Brow The Director of Technical Services had indicated that attempts had been made to erect a free standing nameplate in 1980 but these had been stopped by the owner of the land. He would make further attempts but was not too hopeful of success.

3. Chapel Road County Councillor Miss Taylor had confirmed in writing that the re-surfacing would take place this year.

4. Station Road County Councillor Miss Taylor had confirmed in writing that the District Council were to move the manhole after which the County Council would complete the work on the Bridge.

It was not known whether the work outside No 83 Station Road had been carried out.

5. Hedges County Councillor Miss Taylor had confirmed in writing that the County Clerk would take action against New House Nurseries if they did not respond to the latest letter from the County Council.

The Clerk was requested to report the hedge in Chapel Road again and also the hedge in Shore Road between Belsfield Drive and the Recreation Ground.

6. Shore Road Mrs Finnan had been requested to suggest the provision of a 'Lollypop lady' on Shore Road following an accident when a little girl was knocked down but fortunately not seriously injured. The Chairman undertook to raise the matter at the forthcoming meeting of the School Managers.

23. FOOTPATHS

The County Council had sent a circular letter about Part 3 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act which introduced a new code for public footpaths. The County Council had also issued a Statement of Priorities for carrying out their various functions under the Act. The Clerk was requested to obtain copies of the prescribed forms to be used in conjunction with the various functions available to the County Council under the Act.

24. STREET CLEANSING

Mrs Finnan pointed out that it was the year of 'Beautiful Britain' and asked if the Council could do anything about the untidy state of the village. The Chairman explained the new system for street cleansing and indicated that complaints had already been made by Rufford Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Director of Technical Services be asked when the new system will be brought into operation and requested to pay particular attention to the inside of bus shelters which seem to attract a great deal of litter.

25. STANDING ORDERS

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.

26. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee Agenda - 23rd June 1983 There were no items on this agenda which affected this Parish.

2. 138 - 140 Moss Lane The Clerk informed the meeting of the history of planning applications on this site after it had been reported that building activity was taking place.

RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be requested to clarify the position with regard to the current building operations on this site.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH JULY, 1983

PRESENT:- Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Blundell, Finnan and Trippier
Messrs. Handley, Iddon and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr. Molyneux and the Chairman indicated that the Clerk had been delayed at work and would join the meeting as soon as possible.

Four members of the Press and public were present for part of the meeting.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

28. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Permanent Library. There had been no response to the letter sent to Tarleton Parish Council.
2. Street Cleansing. The Director of Technical Services had now indicated that Union agreement had been reached and teams would be injected into parish areas on a rota basis. The Parish would be contacted shortly to discuss the service provided in more detail.
3. Station Road. The footpath outside No. 83, Station Road had still not been repaired and it was agreed to contact NORWEB.

29. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Chairman's Office. A poster had been received advertising a Charity Garden Party on the 14th August, 1983, and Mrs. Finnan agreed to display the poster in her shop.
2. District Council - Personnel Department. A letter had been received concerning a Community Programme Scheme under the Manpower Services Commission asking for information on persons/organisations who may be interested and suggestions for communal type work. It was agreed to consider the matter at the next meeting.
3. District Council Agenda. It was noted that an item had been included on the Technical Services Committee Agenda about the Hesketh Bank Sewer Relief Scheme.
4. District Council - Minutes. The following were noted:-
 - (a) Council Meeting: 18th May. Mr. Benson had been appointed to the Leisure Services and Housing Services Committees.

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- (b) Leisure Services Committee: 24th May. The Committee had indicated support for a Sports Hall at Tarleton High School.
- (c) Health and General Services Committee: 25th May. Mr. Benson had been appointed as representative to the Council for the Protection of Rural England.
5. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils. A newsletter had been received and items about the cutting of grass verges and the adoption of sewers were noted. It was agreed to place the notices about Sub-Post Offices on a notice board and not to order a copy of the 1983 Lancashire Handbook.
6. West Lancashire Conservation Association. It was agreed to forward copies of Minutes to the Association for the information of Mr. K. Hind, M.P.

30. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment.

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- (a) Henry Alty Ltd., underpayment on Parish account due to amounts being at special nett rates and not subject to discount - £6.80
- (b) West Lancashire District Council - Loan charges - £418.90

2. Parish Council Finance. It was reported that the Director of Finance had responded to the points made by the Parish Council but had not agreed to a meeting, after consulting the Chairman the Clerk had replied to the effect that the Council would still like a meeting to discuss the situation. The meeting had since been convened and would be held on Wednesday, the 20th August, 1983.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the action of the Chairman be confirmed; and

(2) That the account in respect of the overpayment of concurrent expenditure in 1981/82 in the sum of £65.00 be paid.

31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Library Facilities. Mrs. Cohen of Becconsall Lane, suggested that the library at the High School should be open to the general public in an evening and on holidays. It was agreed to put an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

32. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists.

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

No. 8/83/548 - Extensions at 32, Moss Lane.

2. Planning Committee Agenda: 21st July, 1983

It was noted that the following applications had been determined since the last meeting of the Committee:-

- (a) No. 8/83/496 - Extensions at 59, Sidney Avenue.
- (b) No. 8/83/448 - Conservatory at 3, Norwood Avenue.
- (c) No. 8/83/548 - Extensions at 32, Moss Lane.
- (d) No. 8/83/474 - Extensions at 14, The Brow.

3. Agricultural Worker's House - Moss Lane

The Director of Planning had confirmed that the house at 138-140, Moss Lane was being erected in accordance with permission No. 8/80/1266 granted on the 29th May, 1981.

4. Other Matters. Mrs. Finnan mentioned the planning application for a house at 117a, Chapel Road and the site meeting held recently.

33. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Highway Lighting. The County Surveyor had turned down the requests for highway lighting outside 15, Delta Park Avenue and in Marsh Road. The need for an additional light adjacent to New House Farm, Boundary Lane was mentioned.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to include the following sites on the list of locations for footway lighting:-

- (1) Outside No. 15, Delta Park Avenue.
 - (2) Near New House Farm, Boundary Lane.
2. Hedges. No reply had been received to the last letter but it was reported that the builder had cut back the hedge in Chapel Road.
3. Shore Road. The Chairman had raised the problems of children crossing Shore Road at the recent meeting of the School Managers and had been told that the numbers involved did not warrant a 'lollypop lady'. The biggest problem was cars parking in the vicinity of the school and the headteacher was forever trying to educate parents not to park on the zig-zag markings.
4. Street Seats. RESOLVED:- That Mr. N. Marsden be asked to provide estimates for repairing the following seats:-
- (1) Opposite 196, Moss Lane.
 - (2) Corner of Becconsall Lane and Station Road.
 - (3) Recreation Ground.

34. RECREATION GROUND

1. Sewer Connection. The Chairman had raised the matter at the recent meeting of the School Managers and the Rector had subsequently replied to the Chief Education Officer.

RESOLVED:- That as soon as written clearance is received, the Clerk takes the necessary action to have the work carried out.

2. Shore Road frontage. The chain link fencing was not available and new rolls were expensive.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Iddon be authorised to ask Mr. Norris to tidy up the existing chain link fencing.

3. Grass cutting. No reply had been received from the Chief Education Officer and the Clerk was requested to send a reminder.

4. Swings etc. Mrs. Finnan reported that the swings and roundabouts were in need of repair, and discussion took place on the possibility of providing new equipment.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the members of the Recreation Committee be asked to inspect the equipment prior to the next meeting of the Council.

(2) That Mr. N. Marsden be asked to provide estimates for repairing the swings and the roundabout on the Recreation Ground

5. Car Park entrance. Arising from the discussion about car parking outside the school, Mrs. Finnan asked if anything could be done about the bump at the entrance to the car park.

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken for the time being but that the matter be borne in mind for the future.

35. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The Clerk had obtained the necessary forms for changing the classification of a public footpath.

RESOLVED:- That the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

36. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Mrs. Trippier reported on the Area Committee meeting held on the 8th July, 1983, as follows:-

The officers had been elected and although Scarisbrick Parish Council had opted out of the Committee, Mrs. Edwards had been invited to attend meetings.

Representatives had been appointed to serve on other bodies.

Street cleansing would be starting and comments would be welcome after September.

Suggestions were required for lighting points for 1984/85.

Capital allocation bids for 1984/85 and 1985/86 would be required by the end of the year.

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A speaker from the West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau would attend the October meeting.

The closure of uneconomic telephone kiosks had been mentioned as it affected Wrightington.

Mention was made of the scheme for Parish Council Finance and one or two representatives had indicated that changes may be required.

37. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II

There were no items under this heading.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH AUGUST, 1983

PRESENT:-

Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)

Mesdames Birkby, Blundell and Trippier

Messrs. Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mrs. Finnan and Mr. Benson and the Chairman indicated that Mrs. Blundell had been delayed and would join the meeting as soon as possible.

Six members of the Press and public were present.

38. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to Minute 31. being amended to read 'Mrs. Cohen' and not 'Mr. Cohen'.

39. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Station Road. The footpath outside No. 83, Station Road had still not been repaired.

40. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tarleton High School. The Headmaster had thanked the Council for their reply with regard to the Sports Hall and a detailed report would be submitted to the Governors in October.

2. West Lancashire District Council

(a) Hackney Carriage Byelaws. A copy of the amended byelaws had been received.

(b) Action Sport. This scheme which was being run in conjunction with the Sports Council and the Manpower Services Commission had been launched on the 15th August, 1983. Details were passed to Mrs. Birkby for possible inclusion in a newsletter.

(c) District Council Minutes - Technical Services Committee. It was noted that tenders were being invited for a manhole survey to be undertaken.

41. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment.

RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

W. Norris - Work on Recreation Ground - £24.00

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2. Bus Shelter. It was reported that the bus shelter near to Moss Lane had been damaged. The shelter had been in an unsafe condition and the Chairman had authorised N. Marsden to either carry out the necessary repairs or take down the shelter whichever was appropriate. Mr. Marsden had repaired the shelter and submitted an account for £42.10.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the action taken by the Chairman be confirmed.

(2) That the account from N. Marsden in the sum of £42.10 be paid.

(3) That the Clerk be authorised to make a claim on the Parish Council's Insurance Policy in respect of the damage to the shelter.

3. Parish Council Finance. A report was given on a meeting between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council and the Director of Finance and Leader of the District Council concerning Parish Council Finance. As a result it had been agreed that the West Lancashire Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils should be asked to agree to this Council increasing its concurrent expenditure in 1982/83 and 1983/84 to avoid the need for a "clawback" by the District Council on the basis that the money would be spent on a specific item of concurrent expenditure during the present financial year. The amount involved would be in the region of £900 to £1,000. At the same time the costs of the by-election could be met out of the Parochial Account.

In addition the Chairman of the Area Committee had called a special meeting on the 9th September, 1983, to discuss all aspects of Parish Finance. The Clerk would be on holiday on that date and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be attending the meeting.

42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Recreation Ground. Mr. Holden of Belsfield Drive supported by Mr. Trafford were concerned about the swings and the gang of teenagers who congregated each evening and who were responsible for most of the vandalism to the equipment. The police at Ormskirk were prepared to send an officer to the site but the local policeman was not prepared to come out to move them on. He suggested that the swings could be moved to a site adjacent to the school playground.

2. Street Cleansing. Mrs. McNair supported by Mr. McNair was concerned about the untidy state of the village. The new system of street cleansing was explained and the members of the public informed that the District Council would be inviting comments on the system in September. Mr. McNair mentioned the volunteers who had been tidying up the Church ground and suggested that more should be done to generate a similar enthusiasm throughout the whole village.

43. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

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

(a) No. 8/83/679 - Provision of pitched roof in place of a flat roof at 140 Moss Lane.

(b) No. 8/83/688 - Erection of two glasshouses at 127, Moss Lane.

2. Planning Committee Agenda - 18th August, 1983

It was noted that the following application had been approved since the last meeting of the Committee:-

No. 8/83/840 - Extensions and garden wall at 21, Glenpark Drive

3. Chapel Road. It was reported that a new advertising sign had been erected in Chapel Road. The Clerk was requested to ask the Director of Planning if permission had been granted for the sign.

44. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street Seats.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the following estimates from N. Marsden for the repair of street seats be accepted:-

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| (1) Recreation Ground | - £21.45 |
| (2) Becconsall Lane | - £26.80 |
| (3) Moss Lane | - £29.61 |

(b) That the question of repairing the seat in Station Road outside the Church be left over for the time being.

2. Street Nameplate.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Technical Services, West Lancashire District Council be informed that the Council are not pleased with the siting of the street nameplate at The Brow as it is not having the desired effect.

3. Dead Tree.

RESOLVED:- That the Highway Authority be requested to remove the dead tree outside the Midland Bank, Station Road, on the grounds that it is unsafe.

4. Footway Lighting.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that this Council wishes the next footway light to be sited in Marsh Road and not Guide Road due to the objections to the chosen site in Guide Road.

45. RECREATION GROUND

1. Completion of Sewer. Permission had now been received from the Trustees and Mr. Watkinson was intending to start work on the 22nd August.

2. Grass Cutting. The Playing Fields Department had now indicated that they were cutting all that could be cut with the gang mower. The Chairman undertook to ring the officer concerned and arrange a meeting if appropriate.

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3. Play Equipment.

(a) Repairs. Various Councillors confirmed that the equipment was in a bad state due to vandalism.

RESOLVED:- That the following estimates from N. Marsden for the repair of equipment be accepted:-

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| (1) Small swings | - | £22.49 |
| (2) Large swings | - | £30.20 |
| (3) Roundabout | - | £37.00 |

(b) Siting of Seats. Consideration was given to the siting of the seats and the attraction they had to the teenagers mentioned by Mr. Holden.

RESOLVED:- That as an experiment the two seats be moved away from the play equipment, one to The Brow and the other to the flagged area at the base of the slope.

(c) Vandalism to Equipment.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale about the vandalism pointing out that the Council would be prepared to prosecute anyone caught vandalising Council property.

46. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken with regard to a possible upgrading of Keepers Lane.

47. LIBRARY FACILITIES

1. Permanent Library. Tarleton Parish Council had now indicated that two sites in the centre of the village were under consideration.

RESOLVED:- That the County Librarian be informed that neither of the two sites could be supported by this Parish Council who would wish to retain the mobile library service

2. Use of Library at Tarleton High School. Mr. Iddon reported that Mr. Benson had told him that this matter was currently under discussion.

RESOLVED:- That the County Librarian be asked about the prospects of the library being used by members of the public and that Tarleton Parish Council be informed of the action being taken.

48. M.S.C. - COMMUNITY PROJECT

It had now been ascertained that smaller projects may be acceptable on the basis that the Scheme Manager could put a number together to form a package. Members were asked to give some thought to possible projects.

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49. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that annual rents had been received from J. Buck (£5) and A. Bond (£15) whilst E. Iddon had given notice of termination as from the 18th August, 1983. It was also reported that the plots of Mr. J. Whiteside and the late Mr. T. Cropper were being worked by their respective sons. Mr. J. Buck had also asked about the possibility of being granted a second plot.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be requested to ask for payment of all rents before the next meeting of the Council.

(2) That the Clerk be requested to write to Mr. Robert Cropper and Mr. J.A. Whiteside with regard to the plots allocated to their respective fathers asking for their intentions.

(3) That the allocation of plots for the next season be left to the next meeting of the Council.

At this point the members of the press and public were requested to leave the meeting.

50. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2.

Earthbank at Hundred End. It was asked whether a time limit had been put on the removal of the earthbanks and the Clerk undertook to look up the previous correspondence.

The question of the activities at the agricultural building at Hundred End would be the subject of a report to the September meeting of the Committee.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1983

PRESENT:-

Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan and Trippier.

Messrs. Aspinall, Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Trippier.

Apologies were received from Mr. Benson and one member of the Press was present.

51. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th August, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

52. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

It was reported that Mr. Benson had last attended a meeting on the 28th March, 1983, and would be disqualified from membership of the Council unless his reasons for absence were approved by the Council.

The Clerk was requested to inform Mr. Benson of his position and to ask for an explanation for his absence.

53. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Library Facilities. The County Librarian had responded to the Council's comments and indicated that these would be put before the Library and Leisure Committee at the appropriate time. The County Librarian also thought it unlikely that the mobile library service would be withdrawn even if a branch library was built in Tarleton.

54. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council

(a) Chairman's Office. The Chairman of the District Council was intending to visit the Council on Monday, the 7th November, 1983. The Clerk was requested to inform the Chairman's office that the date was acceptable to the Council and to place an item on the agenda for that meeting to enable the Chairman to address the Council.

(b) Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the District Council Year Book had been received.

(c) Committee Meeting Agendas. It was noted that the Technical Services Committee had considered an item concerning a waste disposal licence for Alty's Site.

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2. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

A newsletter had been received which included the following items:-

- (a) Annual General Meeting. It was noted that the meeting would be held at County Hall, Preston, on Saturday, 12th November, 1983.
- (b) Training Day. A training day was to be held at Preston Polytechnic on Saturday, 15th October, 1983, at a cost of £5.35 per person, but no Councillor wished to attend.
- (c) Spring Conference. The Conference was to be held in St. Annes from the 6th to the 8th April, 1984, but no Councillor wished to attend.
- (d) Expenditure 1984/85. It was noted that the Government expected increases in cash limits not to exceed 3%.
- (e) Election Rules. It was noted that from the 1st September, 1983, the number of electors required to requisition an election had been increased from 2 to 10 and the Saturdays would not be included in the calculations for determining the dates of the various stages of the election.
- (f) Allotments. It was noted that Clitheroe Town Council charged £6.25 per 300 square yard plot plus 1.5 pence per square yard water rates.
- (g) Gully Grates. The concern of the County Surveyor was noted and the Clerk was requested to report the grates along Station Road.
- (h) Financial Arrangements Parish/District Councils. A note setting out the arrangements in the various districts was available for members to read.
- (i) Strategy for Rural Lancashire. A questionnaire had been received about amenities etc. in the village which the Chairman undertook to complete in conjunction with the Clerk.
- (j) Charities. An information sheet containing facts about Registration of Charities was available for members to read.
- (k) Village Ventures. The next competition was to be launched in September.
- (l) Telecommunications. A leaflet explaining the Government's policy was available for members to read.
- (m) C.C.L. News. The latest edition was available for members to read.

55. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

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

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| (i) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription | - | £5.00 |
| (ii) B.W. Rimmer - Clerk's salary and expenses | - | £147.74 |

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(b) That the following account be not paid which would mean that the District Council will take the amount out of the Parochial Account:-

West Lancashire District Council - Expenses of election to fill casual vacancy - £294.61.

2. Insurance. The Insurance Company had not replied to the claim submitted for damage to the bus shelter and the Clerk was requested to contact them before the next meeting of the Council.

56. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

57. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

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

- (a) No. 8/83/723 - Details for agricultural bungalow at 157, Moss Lane.
- (b) No. 8/83/747 - Extensions at side of 44, Sidney Avenue.
- (c) No. 8/83/783 - Renewal of permission for temporary building for Youth Club at Station Road.

2. Planning Committee - 15th September, 1983

It was noted that an appeal had been made to the Department of the Environment in respect of application No. 8/82/593 - Outline for 78 houses at Sidney Avenue and an inquiry would be held.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to consider holding the inquiry in Hesketh Bank.

3. Advertising Signs

- (a) Chapel Road. No reply had been received to the letter sent following the previous meeting of the Council.
- (b) Becconsall Lane.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be requested to investigate the establishment of a cattery.

4. Hundred End. The Clerk reported that the work of removal ^{of the desalinated embankment} should have been completed by the 1st July, 1983, and the site restored within six months of that date. It was also noted that a report on the activities being undertaken in the agricultural building had not been submitted to the September meeting of the Planning Committee.

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58. RECREATION GROUND

1. Completion of Sewer. It was reported that the work had started and the Chairman pointed out a mistake in a previous minute concerning the contract price.

RESOLVED:- that minute 21(1) of June 1983 be amended to read '£680' and not '£580' as quoted.

2. Grass Cutting. The Chairman had spoken to the Playing Fields Department who had undertaken to tidy up the grassed areas prior to winter but thereafter it would be necessary for the Council to arrange for the work to be carried out. Members were requested to give thought as to a suitable person to undertake the work.

3. Seats. One seat had been moved and the other would be moved after repair.

4. Vandalism. The Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale was looking into the matter.

5. Equipment. The repairs had still to be carried out.

6. Boys Football Club. No application had been received for the use of the pitch and the Clerk was requested to write to the Club requesting details of the use required during the current season.

7. Netting on Shore Road Frontage. The Chairman agreed to deal with this matter.

59. ALLOTMENTS.

Payment had been received since the last meeting from W.J. Moss (1 plot), J. Ball (3 plots), M. Baxter (1 plot), F. Iddon (2 plots), A. Aughton (1 plot), and R. Aughton (1 plot). The remaining plots were free to be allocated to new tenants. Letters of application had been received from R. Cropper, W. Cropper, J.A. Whiteside, A.J. Whiteside and B. Watkinson, and J. Buck and M.H. Baxter had applied for second plots.

RESOLVED:- That the vacant plots be allocated as follows with effect from the 1st February, 1984:-

No. 2. R. Cropper	No. 3. W. Cropper
No. 16. J. Buck (2nd plot)	No. 17. M.H. Baxter (2nd plot)
No. 18. B. Watkinson	No. 19. J.A. Whiteside
No. 20. A.J. Whiteside	

In addition the Clerk was requested to suggest to Messrs. Buck and Baxter that if they wished to come to an arrangement concerning adjacent plots the Parish Council would not object as long as the Clerk was notified who was occupying which plots.

60. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road. The footway outside No. 83 had been repaired.

2. Seats. The repairs had still to be carried out.

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3. Street Cleansing. It was reported that the mobile gang had visited the Parish again and members were requested to bring comments on the system to the next meeting.

4. Street Nameplate. The District Council had written to explain the situation with regard to the nameplate for 'The Brow' and asking for suggestions.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to ask Mr. Skofic if he would allow a sign 'The Brow, Station Road' to be placed near his property.

5. Dead Tree. It was reported that the Midland Bank had agreed to remove the tree.

6. Street Lights.

(a) Footway Lights. It was reported that Mr. Benson had made representations to the District Council concerning the provision of a new light in Guide Road.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide the next light in the Parish in Marsh Road and then provide a light in Guide Road between the Old Bank and Westgate Farm.

(b) Highway Lights.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's concern about the maintenance service be brought to the attention of the County Surveyor.

7. Resurfacing. The state of the road surface on The Brow was mentioned and the Chairman indicated that the Parish was due for highways resurfacing work in the near future.

61. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS
WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chairman reported on the meeting attended by the Chairman and himself concerning Parish Council finance. The general consensus was that the present system should continue. The question of this Council's 'clawback' had been mentioned and general agreement given to the course of action agreed by the Director of Finance, Leader of the Council and representatives of this Council.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Committee requesting their approval to this Council increasing its concurrent expenditure this year to a level equivalent to the 'clawback' for 1982/83 and the anticipated 'clawback' for 1983/84 (approximately £900), the money to be spent on a permanent project in the village.

(2) That the Committee's officers be requested to take the necessary action to enable the request to be put before the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

(3) That the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council the latest position with regard to Glenpark Drive.

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62. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2.

1. Planning Committee - 15th September, 1983. There were no items concerning this Parish.

2. Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Director of Planning to investigate the building work being carried out at No. 140, Moss Lane.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH OCTOBER, 1983

PRESENT:-

Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Birkby, Finnan and Trippier
Messrs. Benson, Handley and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mrs. Blundell
and Messrs. Iddon and Molyneux and one
member of the Press was present.

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

Minute 57(4) Hundred End. After 'work of removal' add 'of the derelict embankment'.

64. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. J. Birkby agreed to attend the A.G.M. at County Hall, Preston, on Saturday, 12th November, 1983.
2. Play Area - Becconsall Hotel. Mr. Benson undertook to press the District Council in respect of this project.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council. The Committee minutes had been received and were noted.
2. Local Council Review. The Autumn edition was available for members to read.

66. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- (a) P.T. Watkinson, Esq. - Completion of foul water drain - £680.00
(Subject to Chairman and Vice-Chairman inspecting site)
- (b) W. Norris, Esq. - Work on Recreation Ground (16 hours) - £24.00
2. Insurance. The Clerk reported the receipt of a cheque for £42.10 in full and final settlement of claim for damaged bus shelter.
3. Parish Finances. A minute of the meeting held on the 9th September had been received and was noted. The Clerk was still awaiting the comments of the Director of Finance in relation to a letter to the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP and TC.

67. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

68. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

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

- (a) No. 8/83/858 - Extensions at Greenbank Farm, Marsh Road
- (b) No. 8/83/863 - Extensions at 44, Becconsall Lane.
- (c) No. 8/83/866 - Extensions at 150, Chapel Fold, off Chapel Road.

2. Application No. 8/82/593 - 78 houses at Sidney Avenue

The Director of Planning had agreed to the appeal being held in the village and asked for details of the venue.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that if the appeal is in the school holidays then the venue will be All Saints Church Hall, if in term time the venue will be the Methodist Church Hall, with the Youth Club premises being used if the others are unavailable.

3. Advertising Signs

(a) Chapel Road. The owner had been informed by the Director of Planning that planning permission was required for the business.

(b) Becconsall Lane. The sign was no longer in position but the Enforcement Officer would look again on his next visit to the Parish.

4. Hundred End. There was still no report on the situation with regard to the agricultural building at Hundred End.

5. Untidy Sites. A report to the Planning Committee about The Green, Hesketh Bank, which stated that the Council were pressing the owners to improve the appearance of the land, was noted.

69. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL

The Clerk outlined the steps taken since the last meeting regarding the non-attendance by Mr. Benson.

RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in approving the reasons for non-attendance at meetings by Mr. Benson, for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act, 1972, be confirmed.

70. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that letters of acceptance and rental fee of £5 per plot had been received from Messrs. W. Cropper, R. Cropper, B. Watkinson and J. Buck, and an application had been received from Mr. R. Green who would be placed on the waiting list.

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71. RECREATION GROUND

1. Grass Cutting. The Clerk had spoken to the Playing Fields Department who had promised to attend to the matter.
2. Seats. Mr. Handley agreed to contact Mr. Marsden on this matter.
3. Vandalism. The Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale had responded and was concerned about the criticism of Mr. Slater. It was agreed that the Council wished to work with Mr. Slater and the Clerk was asked to contact the Chief Superintendent with regard to co-operation.
4. Equipment. Mr. Handley agreed to contact Mr. Marsden on this matter.
5. Boys' Football. The Football Club had requested use of the facilities on every other Saturday morning for Under 11's and every Sunday for Under 14's and Under 16's teams. The Club also asked if the Senior Football Club could use the facilities on a Sunday with the Under 16's playing at Station Road

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Boys' Football Club be granted use of the Recreation Ground as requested but that the Club be asked to inform the Senior Club that they must not use the facilities until they have made written application to the Parish Council.

(2) That the Club be informed that the sewer connection has been completed and be asked when they propose to erect the extension to the changing rooms.

6. Netting - Shore Road. The Chairman reported that it would be possible to remove the broken netting and the work was in hand. It was agreed that the question of replacement would be decided nearer the end of the financial year.
7. Trees. It was reported that a child from the School had demolished a tree on the Recreation Ground and the parents and headteacher both felt that the child should be made to pay towards the cost of a replacement.

RESOLVED:- That the parents be approached with a request that the child replaces the tree and plants it under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

72. HIGHWAYS

1. Seats. Mr. Handley agreed to contact Mr. Marsden about this matter.
2. Street Nameplate. The Director of Technical Services had explained the reasons for putting the nameplate so far down The Brow, but he was prepared to send a representative to a site meeting. Mention was made of a spare piece of land opposite the entrance to The Brow.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet the representative from the District Council to discuss the position.

3. Road Surface.

RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be requested to attend to the surface of The Brow in view of its dangerous state.

4. Streetlights.

(a) Footway Lights. The Director of Technical Services had agreed to provide a light in the position requested.

(b) Highway Lights. The County Surveyor had described the current practice in respect of maintenance of highway lights.

5. Gully Grates. The County Surveyor had asked for assistance in identifying the dangerous gully grates.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk asks Mr. Aspinall for the location of the grates and informs the County Surveyor accordingly.

6. Bus Shelter. It was reported that children were climbing on the roof of the shelter outside the Methodist Chapel and the felt was ripped.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Handley be authorised to approach Mr. Marsden for ideas to make it harder for children to climb on the roof.

72. STREET CLEANSING

The performance of the street cleansing gang was discussed in detail.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Technical Services be informed that the Council is reasonably satisfied with work to the key spots but that the side roads should be visited in turn and work is required to remove rubbish from under hedges.

74. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

It was noted that the A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee would be held on Tuesday, the 1st November, 1983.

75. PLANNING COMMITTEE - PART II

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

No. 8/83/723 - Details for the erection of an agricultural worker's bungalow at 157, Moss Lane.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH NOVEMBER, 1983

PRESENT:-

Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Blundell, Finnan and Trippier
Messrs. Handley, Iddon, Molyneux and Tripper
Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Birkby
and Mr. H. Benson and five members of the
Press and public were present for part of the
meeting.

76. CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Councillor D. Bintcliffe, Chairman of West Lancashire District Council, who was visiting the Parish as part of a tour of all Parish Councils in the district during his year of office. Councillor Bintcliffe said he was pleased to attend the meeting and proceeded to share a few personal thoughts with the Council on the role to be played by Parish Councils in the modern system of local government. Councillor Bintcliffe also answered questions put by members of the Council.

The Chairman in thanking Councillor Bintcliffe for his attendance invited him to stay at the meeting for as long as he was able and Councillor Bintcliffe accepted but pointed out that he had another meeting later in the evening.

77. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October, 1983, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

78. MAGISTRATES

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Brian Molyneux on his appointment as a magistrate and other members of the Council signified how pleased they were that a local Parish Councillor was to serve on the West Lancashire Bench.

79. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Completion of sewer. The account from Mr. Watkinson had been paid following an inspection by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
2. Village Hall A.G.M. This had been held on the 1st November, 1983.

80. CORRESPONDENCE

1. North West Water Authority. An information sheet had been received and the Council were made aware of the emergency numbers in respect of water and effluent.

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2. District Council Agenda. The Council noted that the Policy and Resources Committee would be considering the Minutes of the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee and a report on Open Space Provision in Parished Areas.

3. Blackburn Diocese Board of Social Responsibility. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed to attend a meeting in Tarleton on Monday, the 28th November concerning the appointment of a Rural Community Visitor for Tarleton and Hesketh Bank.

4. Remembrance Sunday. The Council had been invited to attend the annual service at All Saints Church on Sunday, the 13th November, 1983. It was agreed that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman would place the wreath on behalf of the Council.

81. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment.

RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Royal British Legion - Poppy wreath - £7.20.

2. Audit Commission.

RESOLVED:- That no observations be made on the appointment of Coopers and Lybrand as auditors of the Council's accounts.

3. Burial Ground.

RESOLVED:- That a decision as to whether the Council should contribute towards seeding the new area for burials at All Saints Church be deferred until the Annual Estimates are considered later in the meeting.

82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Street Lighting. Mr. B. Holden referred to a letter he had sent to the District Council concerning the erection of a footway light in front of his property. Councillor Bintcliffe suggested that if the Council wished to support Mr. Holden then a letter should be sent to the District Council.

2. Recreation Ground. Mr. P. Sergeant spoke in support of the application by Hesketh Bank A.F.C. to use the Recreation Ground on alternate Sundays and indicated that he Club had been misled by the Boys Football Club. He apologised on behalf of the Club for not following the correct procedure.

83. PLANNING - PART I

1. Weekly Lists.

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

(a) No. 8/83/918 - Detached double garage - "West Dene", Boundary Lane.

(b) No. 8/83/936 - Greenhouse Block - 465, Moss Lane.

2. Applications Determined.

It was noted that the following applications had been approved:-

- (a) No. 8/83/679 - Pitched roof - 140 Moss Lane.
- (b) No. 8/83/688 - 2 Glasshouses - 127 Moss Lane.
- (c) No. 8/83/747 - Extensions - 44 Sidney Avenue.
- (d) No. 8/83/858 - Extensions - Greenbank Farm, Marsh Road.
- (e) No. 8/83/863 - Extensions - 44, Becconsall Lane.
- (f) No. 8/83/866 - Extensions - 150, Chapel Fold, off Chapel Road.

3. Planning Committee - 10th November, 1983. It was noted that the tree preservation order on trees at the Rectory was to be confirmed.

4. Agricultural Building, Hundred End. The Council noted that the Director of Planning did not consider that an enforcement notice would be upheld on appeal. Councillor Bintcliffe informed the Council that he believed the owner of the building had reduced his fleet from 3 wagons to 1.

5. Planning Appeal No. 8/82/593 - 78 houses at Sidney Avenue. The appeal would be heard in All Saint's Church Hall on Tuesday, the 10th January, 1983. The Clerk was asked to confirm the booking in writing.

84. RECREATION GROUND

1. Hesketh Bank A.F.C.

RESOLVED:- (1) That Hesketh Bank A.F.C. be granted use of the Recreation Ground on Sundays subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Permission be granted for one year only at a charge of £1 per annum.
- (b) The use should not increase the number of matches played on the ground and to achieve this the Club liaise with the Boys Football Club.
- (c) Application for use next season be made by the end of May.
- (d) The question of future maintenance be subject to discussions between all parties at the end of the current season.

(2) That the Boys Football Club be informed of the arrangements and requested to note the conditions especially in relation to the use of the ground, application for use next season and future maintenance and in the latter case be asked why no maintenance work had been carried out during the past summer.

2. Seats and play equipment. The repairs had been completed and Mr. Iddon was requested to arrange for the seat to be moved to the flagged area.

3. Netting. The netting had been removed and the Council wished to thank the Chairman and Mr. Baxter for their efforts.

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4. Vandalism.

RESOLVED:- That the Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale be requested to arrange for the local policeman and his sergeant to attend the next meeting of the Council.

5. Glenpark Drive. There was still no reply to the Clerk's latest letter.

85. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported the receipt of £5.00 and a letter from Mr. A.J. Whiteside concerning Plot No. 20 and the state of the ditch alongside the plot. It was reported that it was not possible to make seven ridges on the plot. Nothing had been received from Mr. J.A. Whiteside.

RESOLVED:- (1) That Mr. A.J. Whiteside be re-allocated Plot No. 19 in lieu of Plot No. 20.

(2) That Mr. J.A. Whiteside be asked to confirm in writing, prior to the next meeting, if he is interested in renting a reduced width of Plot No. 20 at a reduced rental.

(3) That the precise details with regard to Plot No. 20 be decided at the next meeting of the Council.

86. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. The Brow. The Council noted that it would be patched in the near future and that the County Surveyor did not consider the surface to be dangerous.

2. Street Nameplate.

(a) The Brow. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported on a meeting with an officer of the District Council concerning the nameplate for The Brow.

RESOLVED:- That the matter be left for the time being.

(b) Cropper Gardens.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to repair the broken nameplate at Cropper Gardens.

3. Gully Grates. The Clerk had ascertained that the grates in question were not of the type mentioned by the County Surveyor.

4. Seats. The seat previously reported had been repaired.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. N. Marsden be requested to repair the seat outside the Church.

5. Bus Shelter. The bus shelter at the Methodist Chapel had been repaired and Mr. Marsden was still thinking about ways of stopping children from climbing on the roof.

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6. Street Lighting.

(a) Belsfield Drive.

RESOLVED:- That a letter of support for Mr. Holden be sent to the District Council provided they would verify that the neighbour had no objection to siting the lamp post outside his property.

(b) Footway Lighting.

RESOLVED:- That the following sites be added to the list for new lights:-

(i) Extension of lighting west of 257, Moss Lane.

(ii) Extra lights on Shore Road.

7. Police Matters.

RESOLVED:- That the Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale be informed that the Council would like to discuss the problems of speeding on Shore Road and groups of youths in the village at the forthcoming meeting with Police Officers.

87. STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the item on Annual Estimates it was -

RESOLVED:- That the provision of Standing Order No. 17 be waived to enable the remaining items to be dealt with at this meeting.

88. ANNUAL ESTIMATES ETC.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk's salary be increased from £540 per annum to £560 per annum with effect the 1st April, 1984.

(2) That the forms from the District Council in respect of Actual Expenditure 1982/83, Revised Estimated Expenditure 1983/84 and Estimated Expenditure 1984/85 be completed as detailed in the annex to these Minutes and submitted to the Director of Finance.

(3) That the Parochial Church Council be informed that their request for assistance with seeding be considered near the end of the financial year.

(4) That no further action be taken in respect of the request to the Area Committee concerning the clawback, as the matter had already been considered by the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee.

89. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. West Lancashire Area Committee - 21st October, 1983. The Vice-Chairman reported on the meeting and said that bids for loans for next year were required by the December meeting.

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RESOLVED:- (1) That suggestions for bids for loans be put forward at the next meeting of the Council.

(2) That the Boys'Football Club be offered £70 towards the cost of the extension, being the surplus from this year's loan, provided the money is spent before the end of March, 1984.

2. Annual General Meeting - 12th November, 1983.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to vote on the resolutions in the light of the debate at the meeting.

90. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE - 3RD NOVEMBER, 1983

Mrs. D.M. Trippier reported on the meeting and indicated that it had been agreed that this Parish Council could spend an anticipated total clawback of £600 on a single project to benefit the Parish before the end of the financial year. Other matters discussed were the document on Open Space Provision in Parished Areas when it was decided to ask each parish to put its schemes in priority order, the need for a survey of indoor recreation facilities and a proposition for the District Council to put aside £10,000 for existing parishes for loans and an additional £10,000 for the four new parishes.

RESOLVED:- That the project for a play area south of the Bowling Green at the Becconsall Hotel be designated as the number one priority for the Parish.

91. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:- That the next meeting be held on the 5th December, 1983, and dates for future meetings be fixed at the next meeting in the light of the availability of the Village Hall.

92. STREET CLEANSING

The Clerk had nothing to report on this subject.

93. LAYFIELD CHARITY

Mrs. N. Blundell had attended a meeting of the Trustees on the 7th November and reported that after a long discussion it had been agreed that all parishes would receive £250 with the excess being paid into a central fund in case of emergencies.

RESOLVED:- That members give some thought, prior to the next meeting of the Council, as to how the money should be allocated.

94. PLANNING MATTERS - PART II

There were no matters under this heading.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH JANUARY, 1984

PRESENT:-

Mr. P.J. Handley (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)
Mesdames. Blundell, Finnan and Trippier
Messrs. Benson and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman),
Mr. S. Iddon and Mr. B. Molyneux and six members of
the Press and public were present for part of the meeting.

124. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January, 1984,
be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

125. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Annual Parish Assembly. County Councillor Miss S.R. Taylor had accepted
the invitation to the assembly.

2. Victim Support Scheme. Mrs. D. Trippier had attended the meeting in
Ormskirk and reported that a working group was to be set up to administer
the scheme. Mrs. Trippier agreed to act as a link with the parish.

3. Schoolchildren's Competition. Mr. A. Shackleton had replied that he was
hopeful the school may submit entries from one or more classes.

126. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council. Agendas for Committees and a Directory
of Events for the period January to March, 1984, had been received.

2. Lancashire County Council. A copy of the Annual Report for 1982/83
had been received.

3. Layfield Charity. Miss M. Biglands had thanked the Council for the
Layfield gift.

127. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| (a) N. Marsden, esq. - Repairs to seat outside the Church | - | £40.25 |
| (b) West Lancashire District Council - Repayment of loans | - | £441.22 |
| (c) Village Hall Committee - Hire of hall | - | £49.00 |

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2. Donations

RESOLVED:- That a donation of £5.00 be made towards the retirement of Mr. J.S. Jackson, Secretary of the Community Council of Lancashire.

3. Parish Council Finance

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the meeting held on the 25th January, 1984, between representatives of the Parish Council and District Council concerning financial arrangements for 1984/85.

RESOLVED: - That the LAP & TC be requested to agree to this Parish being allowed to increase the approved cash limits by a total of £250 to be financed within the 1 pence precept normally requested by the Council.

128. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Guide Road. Mr. Farrington drew the Council's attention to the state of the highway in Guide Road. Mr. Benson reported on his efforts to get the road widened and his opinion that the portion widened would be extended when the state of the road worsened to a sufficient degree.

2. New Sewer. A question was asked about the possibility of a new sewer on Shore Road to which it was said that the only information available was that contained in the newspapers.

129. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

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

(a) No. 8/84/48 - Extensions at 62, Chapel Road.

(b) No. 8/84/58 - Outline for agricultural worker's bungalow at Hesketh Old Marsh, Marsh Road.

2. Planning Appeal - 78 houses at Sidney Avenue

The Vice-Chairman reported on the appeal hearing, the result of which would not be known for some time.

3. Other Matters

The following applications had been approved since the last meeting of the Council:-

(a) No. 8/83/972 - Extensions at 107, Chapel Road.

(b) No. 8/83/1006 - Greenhouse block at 330 Moss Lane

130. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Area Committee meeting - 13th January, 1984

Mrs. D. Trippier reported on the meeting and the Clerk reported the contents of a letter from the Secretary of the Committee. It was noted that this Council's representations about detaching dwellings from horticultural holdings

were being forwarded to the National Association for advice. The items concerning financial cash limits and the priority list for capital schemes were also noted.

RESOLVED:- That the Council contribute £5.00 towards the cost of sending a delegate of the Area Committee to the National Conference in April, 1984.

131. RECREATION GROUND

1. Changing Hut. The Vice-Chairman reported on a meeting with representatives of the Boys Football Club who had now agreed to the conditions laid down for use of the ground and were preparing to erect the extension. It was noted that the Parish Council's £70 would be put towards the purchase of the equipment. A letter concerning long-term plans was briefly mentioned and would be considered in more detail at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Play Area - Glenpark Drive. The Chief Executive of the District Council was to let this Council know the latest position with regard to the ownership of the land.

3. Play Area - Beconsall Hotel Site. Mr. Benson said that the Council should be moving this project forward and it was agreed to consider the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

4. Play Equipment. The Council had agreed to spend the £900 'excess' revenue expenditure on play equipment.

RESOLVED:- That the Council be minded to purchase a slide subject to any comments made by the Director of Leisure Services of the District Council.

132. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street Lighting

(a) Belsfield Drive. The scheme had been amended and the Clerk undertook to report the cable sticking out of the ground.

(b) Marsh Road. The new column was awaiting NORWEB service and the Clerk undertook to report that it appeared unsafe.

(c) Station Road. The County Surveyor had indicated that a higher standard of lighting was desirable and serious consideration was to be given to including a scheme in the 1985/86 Programme.

(d) Shore Road. Upgrading of the lighting was not probable in the near future.

2. Stop Tap Covers. Those in Sidney Avenue had been repaired and the Clerk undertook to report a broken cover outside Nos. 30/32, Moss Lane.

3. Highway Cleansing. It was reported that main routes were swept every four weeks and estate roads on average twice a year. Gully emptying was done twice a year. The Clerk undertook to ask the County Surveyor to look at the gutters in Moss Lane.

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4. Moss Lane. A fence had now been erected at the bridge.
5. The Brow. A more durable solution was to be put in hand following a submission by County Councillor Miss S.R. Taylor.
6. Moss Lane/Taylor's Meanygate. A large pothole at this location was to be reported.
7. School signs - Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That a request be made to the appropriate authority for flashing lights to be placed on the school signs.

8. Bus Shelters

(a) Shore Road/Chapel Road

RESOLVED:- That Mr. N. Marsden be requested to repair the roof of the bus shelter which had been damaged by the high winds.

(b) Outside Church. The slabs had now been replaced.

133. PRECEPT

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to collect a precept of 1p for the expenses of running the Parish Council for 1984/85.

134. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee - 2nd February, 1984

(a) Application No. 8/83/1060 - Conversion of first floor office to two flats - 8/10, Station Road.

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

(b) Application No. 8/83/163 - Place of worship etc rear of 45, Moss Lane

The Clerk reported that it had been confirmed that comments on applications made by Parish Councils prior to the meeting of the Planning Committee would be reported verbally.

A letter had been received concerning the provision of bollards at the entrance from Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made and that the letter received by the Parish Council be forwarded to the Director of Planning.

2. Planning Appeal - 78 houses at Sidney Avenue

The Vice-Chairman reported on a conversation with Councillor R. Hodge of the District Council concerning the presentation of the respective cases at this inquiry.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 21st FEBRUARY, 1984

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies were received from Mr.M.Trippier.

135. PARISH PRECEPT 1984/85

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. Handley, reported on the Special Meeting of the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee when a further schedule had been circulated which outlined an alternative scheme for financing the parishes in 1984/85. It had been reported at the meeting that the existing scheme would have to end on the 31st March 1984 because it had been challenged and legal advice indicated that it may be thought to be illegal. There had not been enough time to devise a new scheme and so the District Council were to be recommended to finance the following items of Parish Council's expenditure:- 1) All loan charges, 2) All approved concurrent expenditure, and 3) An additional 20% of approved concurrent expenditure to offset the administrative costs of work in connection with such expenditure. The result of this would be that for the next year the rate bills would include three elements i.e. County precept, District rate and Parish precept.

The Director of Finance had estimated that this Parish Council would require a precept of 0.44 pence to produce the estimated requirement of £1,112. The Clerk pointed out that the District Council's figures were based on an approved amount of concurrent expenditure of £ 494 whereas the Parish Council had previously approved an amount of £ 775 for concurrent expenditure. The Clerk indicated that by precepting for $\frac{1}{2}$ p the Council would receive an additional £ 153 which could be vital to the needs of the parish during the next year. The Vice-Chairman indicated that the difference to an average ratepayer between 0.44 pence and $\frac{1}{2}$ pence was only coppers per annum.

RESOLVED That the District Council be requested to collect a precept of $\frac{1}{2}$ pence for the expenses of running the Parish Council for the financial year 1984/85.

136. FINANCE

RESOLVED That the following accounts be paid :-

(a) Lancashire County Council - Stationery	-	£34.50
(b) D J Printing Services - Letterheads	-	£13.38

137. ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH - ANNIVERSARY

The Chairman reported that a meeting would be held in connection with this event on Tuesday 28th February. It was further reported that the Chairman was to represent the Guides and that Mrs. Trippier was to represent the Luncheon Club. It was agreed that between them they would also represent the Parish Council.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH FEBRUARY, 1984

PRESENT:-

Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Blundell, Finnan & Trippier
Messrs. Handley, Iddon, Molyneux & Trippier

Apologies were received from Messrs. Aspinall
and Benson and one member of the Press was
present.

138. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th January, 1984,
and the Special Meeting held on the 21st February, 1984, be confirmed and signed
by the Chairman.

139. SCHOOL SIGNS - SHORE ROAD

(Sergeant K. Bridge, Traffic Department and P.C. A. Slater, local constable,
were present for this item.)

Sergeant Bridge indicated that there was no prospect of a school crossing patrol
being provided in the foreseeable future but he suggested a number of matters
which could assist in improving the situation. These included the provision of
flashing hazard lights on the school signs, to be operated by a member of the
teaching or caretaking staff; the illumination, siting and appearance of the
30 m.p.h. signs and the improvement of the street lighting within the 30 m.p.h.
zone. The police also undertook to continue to monitor the situation.

The Chairman thanked the Police for their attendance and assistance in this
matter.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the appropriate authority be requested to provide a larger
sized 30 m.p.h. sign on Shore Road, Hesketh Bank, that the sign be sited in a
position where it will not be lost to motorists amongst the background of
buildings and street furniture and that the sign be illuminated.

(2) That the position be monitored in the light of the improvements
mentioned in (1) above.

140. STATION ROAD BRIDGE

In response to an invitation by the Chairman, Sergeant Bridge mentioned the
current situation with regard to parking on Station Road Bridge. He indicated
that the police would like to see some action taken with regard to this matter
but would not wish to go against local opinion and feelings. He suggested that
double white lines in the centre of the roadway would be more self-enforcing
than double yellow lines at the edge of the carriageway.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Bridge for his observations and it was agreed to
discuss the matter at a future meeting of the Council.

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141. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tarleton High School - Sports Hall. The Council received a letter setting out the latest position with regard to the proposed Sports Hall and noted that there was no possibility of obtaining a fully equipped sports hall in the near future but that the County Council had been urged to improve the changing facilities and storage space in the area of the School Hall.

2. West Lancashire District Council

(a) Reception. It was noted that the Chairman and Clerk would be attending a reception to be given by the Chairman of the District Council on the 15th March, 1984.

(b) Committee Agendas. It was noted that the Leisure Services Committee had considered an item relating to Glenpark Drive Play Area, and the Health and General Services Committee had considered an item relating to the Mortuary.

(c) Electoral Register 1984/85. One copy of the Register had been received.

142. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid -

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| (a) B.W. Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's Salary and Expenses | - | £153.45 |
| (b) N. Marsden, Esq. - Repairs to bus shelter, Shore Road | - | £109.14 |
| (c) W. Norris, Esq. - Work at Recreation Ground | - | £12.00 |

2. Donation

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken with regard to the request from the Lancashire Youth Clubs Association.

3. Loan 1983/84. The Clerk reported that he had requested payment of the loan for £750.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to sign the Mortgage Deed on behalf of the Council.

143. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

144. PLANNING - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

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

- (a) No. 8/84/60 - Outline for the erection of a detached bungalow and garage - Land at Anchorage Avenue, Hundred End.

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(b) No. 8/84/62 - Use of building for vehicle repair shop - 6, Guide Road

(c) No. 8/84/69 - Conversion of two dwellings into one dwelling - 146/148 Chapel Fold, Chapel Road.

(d) No. 8/84/111 - Demolitions and extensions - 6, Guide Road

2. Agricultural holdings in rural areas. The Council noted that the Area Committee of the LAP & TC had referred the Council's representations to the National Association and the District Council.

3. Liverpool Polytechnic. The Clerk reported details of a seminar on planning matters being held at the Polytechnic on the 17th March, 1984.

4. Planning Committee Agenda - 1st March, 1984

(a) 78 houses at Sidney Avenue. The Council noted that the appeal had been dismissed and the comments of the Director of Planning with regard to local plan policies.

(b) Church Building - ~~Femor~~ ^{Femor} Road. It was noted that Tarleton Parish Council had requested that solid bollards be provided at the Moss Lane entrance to the site.

5. Applications Determined. It was noted that the following had been approved.

(a) No. 8/83/1056 - Extensions at 65, Moss Lane

(b) No. 8/83/1108 - Extensions at 88, Moss Lane

(c) No. 8/84/48 - Extensions at 62, Chapel Road

145. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Stop Tap Covers. The covers in Moss Lane were being repaired and future requests should be made to NWWA on Southport 30620.

2. Bus Shelters.

RESOLVED:- That the Council's Insurers be asked to quote for covering the shelters against destruction and damage under Section K of the policy.

3. Guide Road. It was reported that NWWA had effected tarmac repairs at the end of the footpath on the west side of Dib Drain which were not satisfactory. The Clerk was requested to ask NWWA to effect more satisfactory repairs.

4. Chapel Road. The Vice-Chairman reported action taken in respect of a footpath damaged by the builder currently erecting three houses in Chapel Road.

5. Street Lights. The Chairman undertook to report the broken light outside 124, Moss Lane.

6. Street nameplate. The Clerk undertook to request a street nameplate for Chapel Road to be fixed at the junction of Station Road

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146. RECREATION GROUND

1. Glenpark Drive. The District Council were now in ownership of the land forming the play area and two grassed areas at the junction with Chapel Road.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Director of Leisure Services be requested to be represented at a site meeting to discuss the future development of the play area.

(2) That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council would not wish to alter the previously approved agreement whereby the District Council are responsible for maintaining the two grassed areas at the junction of Chapel Road.

2. Play Equipment. The Chairman reported that the Director of Leisure Services preferred log type equipment to conventional play equipment. However, he did confirm the reliability of equipment from Hirst's of Halifax.

RESOLVED:- That a slide be purchased from Hirst's of Halifax and that the Company be requested to provide a quotation for the erection of the slide on the Shore Road Recreation Ground.

3. Maintenance. Mr. Mark Taylor was interested in carrying out maintenance to the grassed area of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Taylor be thanked for his interest, be informed of the requirements of the Council and requested to contact the Chairman if he was still interested.

4. Beaconsall Hotel Site. It was agreed to give further consideration to a play area on this site in conjunction with a possible parking restriction on the bridge at a future meeting of the Council.

5. Boys Football Club. Initial consideration was given to the long term plans of the Boys Football Club in the light of the recent meeting held on the site and the undertakings given by the Club at that meeting.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Boys Football Club be reminded that an account for the purchase of equipment had still not been received by the Council.

(2) That the Boys Football Club be informed that their long term plans were receiving consideration.

6. Area Behind Changing Hut. Mr. Iddon expressed his concern about children playing at the rear of the changing hut near to a barbed wire fence erected by a builder. It was agreed to take no action in this matter.

147. CLEANSING

1. Highways Cleansing. The County Surveyor was arranging to sweep the gutters in Moss Lane the next time the vehicle was in the area.

2. Land corner of Glenpark Drive and Shore Road. The Director of Environmental Health was keeping observations on this site with the possibility of legal action if conditions deteriorate.

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3. Dogs fouling footpaths. Mrs. Finnan outlined problems in front of her premises. It was agreed to seek advice from the Dog Warden employed by the District Council.

148. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

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

- (a) No. 8/83/1079 - Outline for agricultural worker's dwelling adjacent to 12, Boundary Lane.
- (b) No. 8/83/1086 - Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling at Shore Farm, Shore Road.
- (c) No. 8/83/1008 - Renewal of permission to retain residential caravan at Ribble Bank Farm, Guide Road.

149. STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of item 148 (b) above it was -

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.

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HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH MARCH, 1984

PRESENT:-

Mrs. M. Baxter (Chairman)
Mesdames Blundell, Finnan and Trippier
Messrs. Handley, Iddon and Trippier

Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Birkby,
Messrs. Benson and Molyneux and P.C. Slater
and one member of the Press was present for
part of the meeting.

150. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th February, 1984,
be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute 144.4(b) to read "Church Building - Fermor Road"

151. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Chairman's Reception. The Chairman and the Clerk had attended the
reception at Ormskirk.

2. 450th Anniversary of Christianity in Hesketh Bank. The Chairman had
attended a meeting at All Saints C.E. Church and reported that a steering
group had been formed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer
the use of the Parish Newsletter for advertising the events to be held in
connection with the anniversary in 1985.

152. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council

(a) Leisure Services Department. Notification had been received about
the 'Beautiful Britain in Bloom Competition' and events in
conjunction with the West Lancashire Spring Festival.

(b) Chief Executive's Department. Clerks and Councillors were requested
not to use the telephone answering machine at the Council's offices.

(c) Parish Council Election. A notice of election had been received and
copies had been posted in the Parish. The closing date for
nominations was Monday, the 2nd April, 1984, at noon.

(d) Committee Minutes

1. Leisure Services Committee. The scheme for a play area at
Glenpark Drive had been referred to the West Lancashire Area
Committee of LAP & TC for comment.

2. Health and General Services Committee. The lease of the mortuary was to be surrendered to the freeholder.
3. Policy and Resources Committee. The additional expenditure of £22,654 as a result of the change in Parish Council financing was to be met by a transfer of vote from the Housing Revenue Account.

2. Local Council Review. The latest issue had been received.

153. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid :-

- (a) Hesketh Bank Boys F.C. - Refund of expenditure on toilet, cistern and seat. - £69.00
- (b) Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. - Combined insurance policy premium 1984/85 - £50.22.

2. General Rate 1984/85. It was reported that the rate in the Parish would be 149.00 pence in the £, as compared with the lowest of 148.75 pence in Tarleton and the highest of 152.50 pence in Parbold.

3. L.D.S. Loan 1983/84. The Chairman reported that the mortgage deed had been received and required three signatures not two as previously advised. The deed had been signed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. M. Trippier and returned to the District Council.

RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman in obtaining a third signature for the mortgage deed be confirmed.

154. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

155. PLANNING MATTERS - PART I

1. Weekly Lists

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

- (a) No. 8/84/165. Extension to barn to provide agricultural packing shed at 255, Moss Lane.
- (b) No. 8/84/167. Estate manager's and farm manager's office/canteen and staff toilets at Hesketh Marsh, Hundred End.
- (c) No. 8/84/170. Extensions at rear of 15, Moss Lane.

2. Agricultural holdings in rural areas. The comments of the National Association of Local Councils and West Lancashire District Council were noted as was the support given by the National Farmers Union.

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3. Applications determined since the last meeting. The following approval was noted:-

No. 8/84/111 - Demolitions and extensions at 6, Guide Road.

4. Planning Committee - 29th March, 1984. There were no items affecting the Parish.

5. Application No. 8/83/1079 - Agricultural Worker's dwelling adjacent to 12 Boundary Lane. The applicant had approached Mr. S. Iddon who had advised him to visit the Planning Department at Ormskirk.

6. Application No. 8/83/1086 - Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling at Shore Farm, Shore Road. Mrs. Trippier visited the site and considered it was unsuitable for the proposed development.

156. RECREATION GROUND ETC.

1. Equipment. An order had been placed with Hirsts for the supply and erection of a slide at a total cost of £865 plus VAT but excluding the removal of soil and rubble.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in placing a firm order for a slide at a cost of £865 plus VAT be confirmed.

(ii) That arrangements be made for two or three members of the Council to be present when the slide is delivered and erected.

(iii) That suitable arrangements be made for the removal and disposal of soil and rubble.

2. Maintenance. The Chairman had met Mr. Mark Taylor and explained the work which was required. Mr. Taylor had submitted a quotation for £45 for the first cut and £23 for subsequent cuts and suggested a cut every three to four weeks.

RESOLVED:- (i) That a contract be offered to Mr. Mark Taylor on the following basis:-

(a) Immediate first cut for £45.00

(b) A maximum of six further cuts at approximately calendar monthly intervals for a total cost of £126.

(ii) That the question of maintenance of the hedges be discussed with Mr. Taylor at the appropriate time.

3. Boys Football Club. The toilet etc. had now been purchased.

4. Nuisances. Mrs. Trippier had received a complaint from a resident of Delta Park Drive about noise on Sundays. The complainant could not find any support and had decided not to pursue the matter.

5. Glenpark Drive. It was agreed to await the outcome of the consideration by the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP & TC.

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6. Becconsall Hotel Site. It was agreed to await the outcome of the consideration of open spaces and 'C' schemes by the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP & TC.

157. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Insurance of bus shelters. A reply was awaited.

2. 30 m.p.h. signs - Shore Road. A reply was awaited.

3. Guide Road - Repairs by NWWA. A reply was awaited.

4. Street Lights

(a) Moss Lane. The Chairman reported that a full replacement top was required but it would be repaired as soon as possible.

(b) Marsh Road. The Clerk was requested to report that the light was now working but still able to be easily moved from side to side.

5. Street Nameplates. The Clerk was requested to report the following:-

(a) 'Hesketh Bank' sign at Hundred End - posts bent.

(b) 'Greenfields' sign (outside No. 15 Greenfield) - Broken in half.

6. Station Road Bridge. It was agreed to leave this matter for the time being.

7. The Brow. The Clerk was requested to ask when the railings from The Brow would be replaced.

8. Footpaths. Concern was expressed at the position of the new stile at Hundred End which was adjacent to the ditch and also the fact that the access road had been moved.

RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked to investigate the position regarding the new line of the footpath, the positioning of the stile and the need for a fence adjacent to the ditch.

9. Litter Bins.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide, and empty when required, a new litter bin at the corner of Rankin Avenue and Station Road

10. Dog Warden. Mr. S. Iddon reported that the Dog Warden would be visiting the Parish in the near future.

158. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Newsletter. Items concerning the Spring Conference, Loan Sanction, A. & B. Garden Services and requests for information were noted. Details of the Best Kept Village Competition 1984 had also been received.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. and Mrs. Trippier be appointed to attend the Best Kept Village Competition Conference on Saturday, the 28th April at Slyne-with-Hest.

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2. Mr. J.S. Jackson. It was reported that Mr. Jackson would retire on the 30th March, 1984, but would attend the Spring Conference on the 7th April, 1984.

3. West Lancashire Area Committee - 30th March, 1984

The agenda for the meeting had been received and the representatives were requested to point out the differences between the schemes for play areas at Glenpark Drive, owned by the District Council, and Beconsall Hotel site, still to be purchased. They were also requested to press for further lights in Shore Road, Moss Lane, Boundary Lane and Marsh Road.

159. STANDING ORDERS

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.

160. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 29th March, 1984

1. Application No. 8/84/60. Detached bungalow and garage at Anchorage Avenue, Hundred End.

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

2. Application No. 8/84/62 - Use of building as vehicle repair shop at 6, Guide Road.

RESOLVED:- That the application be supported on the grounds of the contradiction of the recommendation to the advice given by the consultees.

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