

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th APRIL 1984

PRESENT:-

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

Apologies were received from Messrs. Benson and Iddon and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

161. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

162. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee Agenda - 26th April, 1984

(a) Application No. 8/83/783 - Full application for retention of building for use as a Youth Club at the Village Hall, Station Road.

RESOLVED:- (i) That no comments be made on this application,

(ii) That the Clerk notifies the Village Hall Committee of the circumstances that could arise following the granting of permission.

(b) Non-compliance with condition attached to permission No. 8/83/163 - Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship, rear of 45, Moss Lane. It was reported that complaints had been made about the bollards, access roads and car park.

RESOLVED:- That the recommendation of the Director of Planning, that an Enforcement Notice be issued, be supported.

2. Representations made by the Parish Council Concern was expressed that it appeared that letters containing comments on applications were not always read to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek an assurance from the Director of Planning that comments on applications will be read to the Planning Committee.

163. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Parish Council Election It was reported that only six candidates had been nominated and a by-election would need to be held after the May elections.

2. Recreation Ground

(a) New slide Notification of the erection date was still awaited.

(b) Maintenance The first cut had been completed and the Clerk was requested to confirm with Mr. M. Taylor that the Council's terms were acceptable.

(c) Boys Football Club Letters had been received from Mr. R. Gautrey, Secretary, and Mr. S. H. Markland. The club were awaiting estimates for the construction of the extension and had asked about the Council's reaction to their plans for a new pavilion.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Boys Football Club be informed that in future all correspondence must be sent through the Club Secretary,

(ii) That the Club be asked why they were not carrying out the extension work using volunteer labour as originally intended,

(iii) That consideration will be given to a new pavilion following the completion of the extension and the election of a new Parish Council in May, 1984.

3. Highways matters

(a) 30 m.p.h. signs The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

(b) Guide Road The Clerk undertook to ask NWA if the work had been completed.

(c) Street Lighting The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about the new light in Marsh Road.

(d) Railings at The Brow The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

(e) Nameplates The 'Hesketh Bank' sign at Hundred End had been reported to the County Council, whilst the District Council would order a new sign for 'Greenfields' in the next batch. The Clerk was asked to report that the sign for 'Meadway' currently read 'M adway'.

(f) Footpath at Hundred End The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

(g) Litter Bins New bins were on order and one would be placed at the junction of Station Road and Rankin Avenue.

(h) Dog Warden The Clerk undertook to send a reminder about this matter.

4. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

(a) Best Kept Village Conference Mr. & Mrs. Trippier had received details direct from the Association.

(b) Area Committee - 30th March, 1984

(i) Street Lighting The supply of additional lights was reasonably up to date and further requests should be made direct to the Director of Technical Services.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to consider installing additional lighting on Moss Lane and Shore Road, at the most appropriate locations, and at Boundary Lane, Hundred End adjacent to New House Farm.

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(ii) Play Areas All parish schemes were to be incorporated in the list of 'C' Schemes.

(iii) L.D.S.Loan 1984/85 The loan of £900 for play equipment at Glenpark Drive had been agreed.

(iv) National Conference Mr. G. Parker would send a copy of his report to those Councils who had contributed to the cost of sending a delegate.

(v) Fragmentation of agricultural holdings The Parish Council's representations had been supported and cases coming to light should be reported to the Agricultural Valuation Office.

(vi) Secretary Mrs. S. Watkinson had indicated that she would be resigning from the position of Secretary to the Area Committee.

164. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council The Chairman's Lady's Committee were to hold a Brass Band Concert on Friday 27th April, 1984, at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

2. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust The Trust had now been incorporated as a Limited Company and a final public meeting of the Steering Group would be held on Tuesday 1st May, 1984.

165. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

M.W. Taylor Esq. Mowing grass at Recreation Ground - £45.00

2. Receipts The loan for 1983/84 for £750 and the precept for 1984/85 for £1265 had both been received and banked.

3. Insurance

(a) Combined policy The Employers Liability Certificate had been received.

(b) Extension of policy

RESOLVED:- That the policy be extended to include the bus shelters and street seats under Section K of the policy at an additional premium of £12.40 per annum.

4. Audit of Accounts The audit of the accounts for 1983/84 would be undertaken by Coopers & Lybrand at the District Council Offices, Ormskirk on Monday 4th June, 1984.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements with Mrs. N. Blundell for the accounts to be on deposit for the requisite period prior to the audit.

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5. Estimates and Capital Programme A copy of the District Council's estimates and capital programme for 1984/85 had been received.

166. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No. 8/84/274 Conversion of first floor offices/strong room to residential use at 4 & 6 Station Road.
- (b) No. 8/84/302 Outline for agricultural worker's bungalow at 177 Moss Lane.

2. Planning Committee - 26th April, 1984

Conversion of offices to flats at 4, 6, 8 and 10 Station Road The Council noted that the Director of Planning was recommending a relaxation of the building regulations in respect of this conversion.

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

- (a) No. 8/84/169 Conversion of two dwellings into one at 146/148, Chapel Fold, Chapel Road.
- (b) No. 8/84/170 Extensions at rear of 15 Moss Lane.
- (c) No. 8/84/167 Offices, canteen and staff toilets at Hesketh Marsh, Hundred End.

167. MEMBERSHIP OF PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman informed the Council that she had decided not to stand in the forthcoming election in order to let local residents manage their own affairs but she was disappointed that only six nominations had been received by the Returning Officer. She thanked everyone for their help during the past four years and paid special thanks to Mr. M. Trippier for his help and assistance to the Parish during his 20 years service on the Council. She wished the new Council every success in the future.

Mrs. D. M. Trippier thanked the Chairman on behalf of the members of the Council for all the hard work undertaken during her Chairmanship and her work for the Council during her 10 years service as a Councillor. Mrs. Trippier hoped that the Chairman would reconsider her decision not to seek re-election and put her name forward for the by-election.

P. J. Handley
14 May 1984

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MAY 1984

PRESENT :-

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan and Trippier.
Messrs. Griffiths, Handley and Iddon.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1984/85.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mrs.N.H.Blundell be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1984/85.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April 1984 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Parish Council Elections It was reported that the by-election in respect of the five vacancies would be held on Thursday 14th June 1984 (European Election Day) with the closing date for nominations being noon on Tuesday 22nd May 1984.

2. District Council Election It was reported that a number of comments had been made in the parish about a statement in the election address of one of the candidates which stated, 'I was recently successful in getting the District Council to agree to providing funds for the provision of a much needed children's play area and car park near the Becconsall Hotel but this was refused by the Parish Council....'. The Clerk reported on possible courses of action open to the Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That no public statement be made about the inaccuracy of the election address referred to, and

(ii) That it be placed on record that the District Council have never agreed to provide funds for a play area and car park near to the Becconsall Hotel and therefore the Parish Council have never been in a position to refuse such an offer.

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6. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGERS

1. Hesketh - with - Becconsall C.E.School The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the existing representative, Mrs.M.Baxter, concerning proposals to amend the Constitution of the Governing Body to provide for 2 Representative Governors appointed by the County Council and 1 by the Parish Council. Mrs.Baxter had expressed the view that the appointments should be reversed i.e. 1 by the County Council and 2 by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the views of Mrs. M. Baxter on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Governing Body be supported and the Education Authority informed accordingly, and

(ii) That the appointment of a Representative Governor for the coming year be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

2. Tarleton County Primary School It was reported that Mr.S.Iddon's appointment did not expire until 1985 at which time the Parish Council would be entitled to appoint 2 Representative Governors for a period of 4 years.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley, Mrs.N.H.Blundell and Mrs.D.M.Trippier be appointed to represent the Parish Council for the year 1984/85.

2. Parish Council Liaison Joint Committee

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley be appointed to represent the Parish Council for the year 1984/85 and that Mrs.D.M.Trippier be appointed as substitute representative.

3. Layfield Charity It was noted that Mrs.N.H.Blundell's appointment as Trustee did not expire until 1985.

4. Other Bodies

RESOLVED:- That the appointment of representatives to the following bodies be deferred to a future meeting of the Council:-

- (a) Village Hall Committee
- (b) Council for Protection of Rural England
- (c) Lancashire Playing Fields Association

8. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:- (i) That the following appointments be made to Standing Committees for the year 1984/85:-

(a) Recreation Chairman (Ex-officio), Mr.S.Iddon, Mr.P.Griffiths, 2 vacancies.

(b) Allotments Chairman (Ex-officio), Mr.S.Iddon, Mr.P.Griffiths, Mrs.C.Finnan.

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(c) Layfield Chairman (Ex-officio), Mrs.N.Blundell, Mrs.D.M.Trippier, 1 vacancy, and

(ii) That the vacancies be filled at a future meeting of the Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council A copy of the minutes of recent committee meetings had been received and would be referred to later in the meeting.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

(a) Newsletter The following items were noted:-

- (i) Kate Holden was the new Secretary.
- (ii) Applications for loan sanctions were required as soon as possible.
- (iii) A leaflet entitled 'Paths for People' had been received and the Clerk undertook to obtain copies for each member of the Council.
- (iv) A leaflet on how to make byelaws was available.
- (v) A charities information sheet was available.

(b) Best Kept Village Competition Mr. and Mrs. Trippier had attended the Conference and Mrs. Trippier reported on the proceedings which had been to enable the judges to go through the list of points to be taken into consideration when judging the entries. Mrs. Trippier thought it was worthwhile to enter even at the risk of getting a bad report. It appeared that the village and not the whole parish was entered and judged and there were also categories for individual amenities. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the time the Annual Estimates for 1985/86 were being prepared.

3. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme Members of the Council were invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Scheme to be held on Thursday 17th May 1984 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

10. FINANCE

1. Bank Mandate

RESOLVED:- That Mr.P.J.Handley, Mrs.N.H.Blundell and Mrs.C.W.Finnan be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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3. Work on the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:- That Mr.W.Norris be paid a rate of £2 per hour for work on the Recreation Ground with effect from the 1st April 1984.

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4. West Lancashire District Council A copy of the Abstract of Accounts for the year 1982/83 had been received.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present and Mr.Griffiths commented on the lack of support given to the Council by the public although the press did usually attend each meeting. Mr.Griffiths felt the Council should publicise their achievements more possibly by reviving the Newsletter. It was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda of the Council.

12. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

No.8/84/417 Extensions to existing greenhouse block - Hesketh Old Marsh, Marsh Road.

2. Application No.8/84/62 - Vehicle repair shop at 6,Guide Road As a result of the Parish Council's representations the application had been approved subject to conditions.

3. Permission No.8/83/163 - Church at rear of 45 Moss Lane Consideration of enforcement action had been deferred pending receipt of information on rights of access to the site from Moss Lane and consideration being given to a revised siting of the bollards. Mrs.Trippier had ~~ascertained~~ that Mr.J. Goddard of 15, Moss Lane, Mr.P.Whiteside, the Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship and Mrs.Edmondson(Mr.Whiteside's mother-in-law) all had rights of access from Moss Lane. The Chairman had arranged to meet Mr.D.Taylor, one of the Church Elders, on Friday evening whilst the Planning Department were awaiting legal advice.

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13. RECREATION GROUND

1. Maintenance of grassed areas Mr.M.Taylor had confirmed acceptance of the Parish Council's terms.

2. New slide The slide had been delivered and erected on Monday 14th May and was already being well used. The Chairman agreed to inform the Ormskirk Advertiser and the Southport Visiter of the new amenity in the Parish.

3. Use by organisations The Boys Football Club had not replied to the Council's latest letter but a letter had been received from Hesketh Bank AFC thanking the Council for the use of the facilities, requesting use for next season and informing the Council of a forthcoming meeting between the two clubs about summer maintenance. The club had also sent a donation of £25 to the Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Hesketh Bank AFC be thanked for their generous donation,

(ii) That Hesketh Bank AFC's request for the use of the facilities next season be considered at a future meeting of the Council, and

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(iii) That Hesketh Bank AFC and Hesketh Bank Boys FC be informed that the Parish Council wish to be represented at any joint meeting about summer maintenance.

4. General maintenance It was reported that now the edges of the grassed areas had been cut various pieces of brick, concrete and wood had been revealed. Mr. Griffiths agreed to ask the Scouts if they would assist with cleaning up the rubbish.

5. Play equipment

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr. N. Marsden to carry out repairs to a broken baby swing at the Recreation Ground.

14. 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.

15. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. 30 m.p.h. signs, Shore Road The County Surveyor had indicated that the speed limit signs could not be moved without the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for enforcement purposes. In addition that to consider moving them further west would be unlikely to be effective in reducing vehicle speeds. Illumination was not provided on signs unless required by law but he would arrange for new signs to replace the old and damaged signs.

2. Bus shelter, Shore Road It was agreed that it was not possible to set back the bus shelter at the corner of Shore Road and Chapel Road (Southport side).

3. Guide Road N.W.W.A. had completed the repairs in Guide Road. The Clerk was requested to report a hole in the carriageway near to the junction with Shore Road.

4. Street lighting No reply had been received concerning the new light in Marsh Road.

5. Railings at The Brow The railings would be replaced on this occasion but not if further damage occurred in the future.

6. Footpaths 25 & 26, Hundred End Further complaints had been received and the Clerk was requested to ask the County Surveyor for an urgent reply.

7. Dog Warden Mrs. C. Finnan reported on a meeting with the District Council's Dog Warden concerning fouling of footpaths etc. The Dog Warden indicated she believed in persuasion and education and said that posters could be obtained at a cost of £43.70 per 100 inc. VAT and postage. These posters were currently being used in an experiment in Ormskirk.

RESOLVED:- That Tarleton and North Meols Parish Councils be asked if they would share the cost of purchasing 100 posters to be displayed in the 3 parishes in an attempt to alleviate the problems caused by dogs fouling footways.

8. Footpath 46 The Clerk was requested to report to the County Council that the first two stiles on this footpath, when walking towards Tarleton from the Boatyard, have disappeared, and to ask the County Council for the names and addresses of the owners of the stiles.

9. Bus shelter, Station Road

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr.N.Marsden to replace the felt on the roof of the bus shelter at the corner of Station Road and Moss Lane.

10. School Fold Mr.Griffiths agreed to look at an old map of the parish to try and ascertain the status of School Fold.

16. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to cancel the Council meeting to be held on Monday 21st May 1984 if there were no items on the Planning Committee Agenda affecting this Parish.

P. J. Hardy
16 July '84.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 18th JUNE 1984

PRESENT :-

Mr. P. J. Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames Baxter, Pinnan, Kershaw and Trippier
Messrs. Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs. N. Blundell and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute 12(3) The second sentence to read - "Mrs. Trippier had been informed by Mr. P. Whiteside that....."

18. MATTERS ARISING MINUTES

1. Parish Council Election - 14th June 1984 The Clerk reported the result of the election as follows:-

1. Mrs. M. Baxter	291 votes
2. Mr. J. A. Whiteside	256 votes
3. Mrs. L. Kershaw	222 votes
4. Mr. B. Molyneux	216 votes
5. Mr. B. Birkby	162 votes
6. Mrs. J. Birkby	152 votes
7. Mrs. J. A. Glover	150 votes
8. Mrs. P. J. Roberts	108 votes

As a result the first five named above were elected.

2. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme Mrs. D. M. Trippier reported that 20 people had attended the Annual General Meeting but there were only 9 volunteers to serve on the Committee which left 3 vacancies. Mrs. Walker, Community Visitor, addressed the meeting on her work in the Parish. The Parish Council were pleased to receive the report.

19. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGER

RESOLVED:- That Mrs. M. Baxter be appointed as a Manager of Hesketh - with - Becconsall C.E. School (Aided).

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20. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:- That the following members be appointed for the year 1984/85:-

- (i) Village Hall Committee - Mrs. N. Blundell
- (ii) Council for Protection of Rural England - Mr. P. Griffiths
- (iii) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Mrs. D. M. Trippier

21. LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Trippier reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Association which was held at County Hall, Preston. She said that the meeting was only a rubber stamping exercise but the Annual Report contained a lot of useful information about loans and grants.

22. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:- That (i) the Constitution of the Allotments Committee be increased from four members to five members;
and (ii) the following appointments be made to fill vacancies on the Committees for the year 1984/85:-

- (a) Recreation Committee Mrs. M. Baxter and Mr. J. A. Whiteside
- (b) Allotments Committee Mr. B. Birkby
- (c) Layfield Committee Mrs. L. Kershaw

23. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk outlined the position of Mr. J. A. Whiteside, who as an allotment tenant would not be able to vote on any items affecting the allotments. Mr. Whiteside should, therefore, declare an interest everytime the matter was discussed.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Lancashire Holiday Bus It was agreed to send details of the availability of the bus to the Youth Club.

(b) Public Transport in Lancashire It was noted that matters of general transport interest and policy should be brought to the attention of the Transport Working Group via the District Council.

It was agreed to ask Ribble Motors to supply timetables at the following stops:- Preston to Southport side - Chapel Road/Charles Close
Southport to Preston side - Shore Road/Chapel Road and Greenfields in Chapel Road.

The Company also to be asked to indicate at the stops which route serves the stop.

(c) Parish Chairman The Clerk had sent details of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the District Council's Chairman's Secretary.

(d) Chairman's Lady's Charities Details of charity events were noted.

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(e) District Council Committees

Technical Services Committee The Chairman reported that Alty's had requested a change in the site licence for the tip to allow for rolling after every 300 cubic metres of waste instead of daily. The Committee had recommended rolling after every 300 cubic metres of waste or in any event once per week. Regarding a complaint about the dumping of waste produce, it was agreed to monitor the situation.

(f) Civic Sunday The Chairman had received two invitations and proposed to ask the Vice-Chairman if she would care to attend.

2. West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau It was agreed to suggest to the Bureau that they approach the Rector for a list of organisations and either the Village Hall Committee or Rawsthorn & Edelstons for permission to park the mobile caravan. If neither site was available then permission would be given to use the Recreation Ground car park.

3. Governors of Voluntary Schools The Chief Education Officer had indicated that representations regarding the new Instruments of Government should be made to the Blackburn Diocesan Education Council. It was agreed to write to the Council and to send a copy to County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

4. Allotments It was agreed to place Mrs. J. Riding on the waiting list for allotments.

5. Finney's Gutter Three written and a number of verbal complaints had been received about a smell coming from Finney's Gutter. It was agreed to acknowledge the letters and ask the Director of Technical Services to investigate as a matter of urgency.

25. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a)	B. Hirst & Sons Ltd.	New slide	£994.75
(b)	Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils.	Handbooks	£ 3.60
(c)	W. Norris Esq.	Work at Recreation Ground	£ 22.00
(d)	B. W. Rimmer Esq.	Clerks salary & expenses	£160.73

2. Audit The accounts were still with the Auditor.

3. VAT The clerk had received a cheque from H. M. Customs & Excise for £117.40 in respect of VAT paid from 1st April 1980 to 31st March 1984.

26. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No.8/84/437 - Single storey extension to bungalow, 1 Ribble Drive
- (b) No.8/84/439 - 11Kv overhead electric line, Guide Road
- (c) No.8/84/548 - Outline for agricultural workers dwelling, adj 12 Boundary Lane
- (d) No.8/84/552 - Single storey extension to bungalow, 189 Moss Lane

and (ii) That objections be made to application No.8/84/432 - Change of use of agricultural store to seasonal chicken slaughter house, 138 & 140 Moss Lane on the following grounds :- Infringement of green belt; nuisances from smell etc. ; no facilities for disposal of waste products.

2. Comments on Planning Applications The Director of Planning was not able to give an assurance that late comments would be presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED:- (i) That representations be made to the West Lancashire Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils and subsequently the Parish Councils Joint Liaison Committee
and (ii) That the Director of Planning be informed of the action being taken.

3. Permission No.8/83/163 - Church at rear of 45 Moss Lane The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mr. D. Taylor and Mr. R. Farrington of the Fellowship which had been inconclusive. Some members were of the opinion that the rights of way referred to by the Fellowship were for agricultural purposes only. The District Council, however, were still investigating the legal position.

4. Committee Agenda - 24th May 1984 There were no items affecting this Parish.

5. Committee Agenda - 21st June 1984 A copy of the model wording for conditions and reasons had been received with the Agenda.

The following applications had been approved:-

- (a) No.8/84/165 - Extension to barn to provide agricultural packing shed, 255 Moss Lane.
- (b) No.8/84/344A - Display of illuminated fascia and projected signs, 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.
- (c) No.8/84/417 - Extension to existing greenhouse block, Marsh Road.

RESOLVED:- That in relation to permission No.8/84/344A, the Bradford and Bingley Building Society be asked, through their Head Office, to subdue the fascia light which is causing a nuisance to cars leaving Mill Lane.

27. RECREATION GROUND

1. New slide - publicity A small item had appeared in the Ormskirk Advertiser.

2. Use by organisations The Chairman reported on the meeting between members of the Council, Hesketh Bank AFC and the Boys Football Club. The Senior club had one team playing once per fortnight on a Sunday morning, whilst the Junior club would use the pitch once per week and the agreement made between the two clubs last season would stand. The Boys Club would take up the goal posts and re-seed the goalmouths. They also undertook to repair the broken pane of glass in the hut. It was hoped that the extension would be completed by the end of August. The Parish Councillors at the meeting agreed to give consideration to the applications for the use of the ground at this meeting of the Council and to the long term plans for a new pavilion when the extension is completed.

RESOLVED:- That Hesketh Bank AFC and the Boys Football Club be granted use of the Recreation Ground for football matches on the same terms as last season.

PJH

3. General maintenance Mr. Griffiths could get the use of a trailer at any time and it was agreed to clear up the bricks etc. on Thursday 28th June 1984 starting at 7.00 pm.

4. Repairs to equipment It was reported that the swing had been repaired.

28. 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.

29. MR. R. BLAXALL

RESOLVED:- That the best wishes of the Council be extended to Mr. Roger Blaxall of the Ormskirk Advertiser on his leaving the paper for a new post with the Greater Manchester Police.

30. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Guide Road It was reported that the work had been done.

2. Street Lighting The Council noted that the Association of Parish and Town Councils would be notified when further funds were available.

3. Footpaths As no replies had been received, the Clerk was asked to send copies of the correspondence to County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

4. The Brow The railings had still not been replaced.

5. Footways The Clerk was asked to report the poor state of the footway at the Brow and the hedge overhanging the footway in the vicinity of 56 Station Road.

6. Dog fouling signs Both Tarleton and North Meols Parish Councils had agreed to join with this Council in purchasing signs. The Clerk reported that Mrs. S. Watkinson had been quoted 21 pence each for a minimum order of 1000 signs which was half the price quoted to this Council. The Clerk was requested to contact Mrs. Watkinson about this matter.

7. Bus shelter Mr. N. Marsden had agreed to repair the shelter at the junction of ~~Shore Road~~ and ~~Chapel Road~~.
Station Road and Moss Lane P J H

8. School Fold Mr. Griffiths reported that the first ordnance map of 1894 did not show School Fold by name. Mrs. Baxter recounted the past history of the road and informed the Council that the County Council had offered to make up the road but the residents did not want the work to be carried out.

9. Titmouse Brow The Clerk was requested to report the broken handrail to the County Council.

10. Chapel Road It was reported that regular obstruction of the footway was taking place outside No. 184 Chapel Road. It was agreed that the residents who wished to complain should be advised to complain to the local police in the first instance.

31. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. National Conference A report had been received from Geoff Parker who had attended on behalf of the Parishes in the district.
2. St. Michael's on Wyre Disaster Fund A circular letter about the fund was noted.
3. Capital Bids Confirmation had been received that £900 had been allocated to the Council for play equipment. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Council.
4. West Lancashire Area Committee A circular letter, which included advice on the confidentiality of Planning Committee agendas, was noted.

32. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mr. Griffiths outlined his ideas for a parish newsletter/magazine which would contain articles and letters in addition to information on future events and on the work of the Parish Council. He had obtained a quotation for £44 for printing 600 copies of three sheets printed on both sides in a booklet form. He suggested that the cost could be offset by advertisers which should be sufficient to make the magazine self-financing. In view of the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to defer consideration to the next meeting of the Council.

33. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 21st June 1984

Application No. 8/84/274 - Conversion of offices to residential use, 4 & 6 Station Road

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

34. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 1984 be forwarded to Mr. H. Benson.

P. J. Handley
16 July '84

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 16th JULY, 1984

PRESENT:- Mr. P. Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier
Messrs Griffiths, Iddon and Whiteside

Apologies were received from Messrs Birkby and Molyneux and two members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute 30(7) to read, "..... junction of Station Road and Moss Lane."

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport A letter had been received from Ribble Motors Ltd. and the District Superintendent would be contacting the Parish Council shortly.

2. Governors of Voluntary Schools The Blackburn Diocesan Education Council had noted the Parish Council's comments and would pass them on. No reply had been received from County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

3. Council Minutes Mr. H. Benson had not responded to the Clerk's letter.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

1. County Council A Waste Recycling Directory had been received.

2. District Council

(a) Official Guide One complimentary copy of the new guide had been received.

(b) District Council Minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

(c) District Council Agenda The Health and General Purposes Committee had been informed of efforts undertaken to remove caravans from two sites in the parish which did not have the benefit of a site licence. The Director of Environmental Health had been given authority to prosecute under the appropriate legislation.

3. Village Hall Committee Mrs. N. Blundell reported that the work required to comply with the recent planning permission in respect of the Youth Club was in hand.

4. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils It was noted that contributions to the Abbeystead Disaster Fund could now be financed from the 'Free Two Pence'.

5. Tarleton County Primary School Mr. S. Iddon had prepared his annual report as a Manager of the school and the Chairman read the important points to the meeting. It was agreed to place the report in the Council's records.

38. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) West Lancashire District Council - Loan charges	£462.80
(b) M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting on Recreation Ground	£ 42.00
(c) North West Water - Water charges	£ 6.55
(d) Coopers & Lybrand - Audit fee	£ 64.40
(e) N.Marsden Esq. - Repairs to bus shelter and swing	£ 48.90

2. Receipts A cheque for £765 had been received in respect of the half-yearly contribution by the District Council to concurrent expenditure.

3. Audit of accounts The annual audit had been satisfactorily completed.

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Kidd raised the question of the making up of School Fold from Shore Road to the end of the cottages, which she maintained the County Council had accepted responsibility for some years ago. Mrs. Kidd also referred to the state of the hedgerows in Station Road.

The Chairman undertook to look through the Parish Council records to ascertain what had been said regarding School Fold and to visit Mrs. Kidd regarding the other matter.

40. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists

(a) Application No. 8/84/626 - Extensions at 6 Guide Road.

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

(b) Application No. 8/84/630A - Illuminated fascia sign and two non-illuminated wall board signs at 313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed of the problems being experienced with the sign at the property next door to this address and that Tarleton Parish Council be informed of the action being taken by this Council.

2. Permission No. 8/84/344A - Signs at 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton
No reply had been received from the Bradford and Bingley Building Society.

3. Planning Committee - 19th July, 1984 The following application had been approved since the last meeting of the Committee:-

No. 8/84/437 - Extensions to bungalow at 1 Ribble Drive.

41. PLAY AREA, GLENPARK DRIVE

The loan of £900 for the provision of play facilities had been approved and the project should be started as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Chairman be authorised to contact the Director of Leisure Services to arrange a meeting on site to discuss the project,

(ii) That Mr. N. Marsden be requested to make a sign to be erected on the site, and

(iii) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve the payment for the sign and approve application being made for the loan of £900.

42. NEWSLETTER

Mr. P. Griffiths outlined his proposal for a Parish Newsletter based on a magazine format with the Council financing the first edition and the subsequent ones being financed by advertisers. A number of members preferred the re-introduction of the former news sheet as a first step with possible expansion at a later date.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Griffiths be authorised to produce a single news sheet in the old format as soon as possible.

43. APPLICATION FOR OFF LICENCE - 85 STATION ROAD, HESKETH BANK

(Mrs. C. Finnan declared an interest in this item and did not vote thereon).

The application and the previous history regarding similar applications in respect of this property were read to the Council. The Clerk reported that in 1980 the Parish Council had not objected but had pointed out to the Justices the presence of licensed premises at 87, Station Road.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that a similar letter be sent on this occasion.

To which an amendment was MOVED and SECONDED that the Council object to this application.

Upon being put, the amendment was CARRIED, whereupon it was

RESOLVED:- That the Council object to the application for an off licence at 85, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

44. FINNEY'S GUTTER

The Clerk had not received a reply to his letter and Mr. P Griffiths reported that Mrs. Riding had told him that no progress had been made.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to speak to the appropriate officer of the District Council and that the Clerk be requested to write again to the Director of Technical Services asking for notification of progress.

45. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had attended the Annual General Meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee and the following matters were noted:-

Officers There had been an election for Vice-Chairman which had been won by Mr. S. Williams of North Meols.

Planning comments A verbal guarantee had been received that all relevant items in letters received before the meeting of the Committee would be reported to the Committee at the meeting. It was felt that this was the best the Council could hope for in the circumstances.

Volunteer Bureau The trailer owned by the Bureau would be in the Parish on Tuesday 11th September, 1984 from 12.15 pm to 2.00 pm and Tuesday 13th November, 1984 from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

NJB

46. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr. F. Iddon was now working his allotments satisfactorily.

RESOLVED:- That the Allotments Committee undertake an inspection on Monday 23rd July, 1984 at 7.30 pm.

47. 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.

48. RECREATION GROUND

1. Use by organisations Hesketh Bank Football Club had accepted the conditions laid down by the Council and had paid the annual rental of £1. The Boys Football Club and the Sportsman Club had not yet responded to the Clerk's letters. It was stated that the re-seeding had not been carried out and the broken window in the hut had not yet been replaced.

2. General maintenance A clean-up exercise had been undertaken on the Delta Park side of the Recreation Ground which had resulted in two trailer loads of rubbish being collected. It was reported, however, that the area was nearly as bad as before and it was agreed to leave further work until the start of the winter. It was also reported that it appeared that a lot of rubbish had been dumped over the hedges from property surrounding the field.

RESOLVED:- That the occupiers of property adjoining the Recreation Ground be requested by letter to co-operate with the Council in keeping the field tidy and free from rubbish.

3. Swings

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for Mr. N. Marsden to repair the damaged swings on the Recreation Ground.

49. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpaths No replies had been received from the County Surveyor or County Councillor Miss S. R. Taylor.

2. Dog fouling signs No enthusiasm had been shown by the other parishes in the district at the recent meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC and the bulk buying of new signs was not feasible.

RESOLVED:- That special signs be not purchased but that the District Council be asked if any of the old type metal signs are available.

3. Titmouse Brow The broken hand rail had been repaired

4. Carriageways

RESOLVED:- That the following defects be reported to the Area County Surveyor:-
(a) Corner of Delta Park Drive and Chapel Road
(b) Opposite 208 Moss Lane.

5. Street Lighting The Chairman gave members the number to ring when street lights were not lit.

6. Bus shelter Mr. P. Griffiths undertook to replace the slabs in the shelter outside the Church.

7. Street seats A complaint had been received about the seat at the corner of Station Road and Rankin Avenue which continually attracted groups of youths.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the seat to be moved to the Recreation Ground.

8. Speeding The Technical Services Committee of the District Council had been informed that a blitz on speeding was to be undertaken on 4 or 5 highways in the district including Hesketh Lane and Station Road.

50. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 19th July, 1984

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

(i) No. 8/84/432 - Change of use of agricultural store to seasonal chicken slaughter house at 138/140 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

(ii) No. 8/84/439 - Overhead 11 kv electricity line at Guide Road, Hesketh Bank.

N J Blundell.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th AUGUST 1984

PRESENT :-

Mrs. N. Blundell (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames Baxter, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier.
Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside.

Apologies were received from Mr. P. Handley and one member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

51. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July, 1984, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

52. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport The Clerk was requested to send a reminder to Ribble Motors Ltd. about the provision of timetables at bus stops etc.

2. Off Licence, 85 Station Road. The Clerk reported that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

3. Planning Committee - 19th July, 1984 The following decisions were noted:-

Application No.8/84/432 - Change of use of store to seasonal chicken slaughter house at 138/140 Moss Lane - Refused.

Application No.8/84/439 - Overhead 11 kv electricity line at Guide Road - Deferred.

53. CORRESPONDENCE

District Council Minutes There were no items affecting this parish.

54. FINANCE

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid :-

(i) M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (4th cut)	£21.00
(ii) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription	£ 5.00
(iii) W.Norris Esq. - Work on Allotments (17 hours) and Recreation Ground (10 hours)	£54.00

55. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly Lists There were no applications affecting the parish.

PJ.H

2. Planning Committee - 16th August, 1984

(a) Planning Information Handbook A copy of the new handbook had been received and the Clerk was requested to ask for a further eleven copies to be made available for members of the Council.

(b) Applications approved since last meeting The following approval was noted :-

Application No.8/84/552 - Extension to bungalow at 189 Moss Lane.

3. Fascia sign at 311/313 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton The Bradford and Bingley Building Society had replied that they would have to resist the suggestion of using a lower wattage on the sign as it would detract from the overall presentation. They would be prepared to consider amendments to the signwork provided the Parish Council met the cost.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Bradford and Bingley Building Society be informed of the feeling of the Council regarding glaring signs in rural areas and be requested to consider either installing a coloured tube or reducing the area of white on the sign in an attempt to reduce the glare;

and (ii) That a copy of the correspondence be sent to the Director of Planning for information.

56. RECREATION GROUND

1. Use by organisations The Sportsman's Club had paid the rental of £1 for 1984 and explained why the hut had not been kept as clean as they would like. The Boys Football Club had paid the £1 rental for the season 1984/85. Members expressed concern at the lack of co-operation by the Boys Football Club.

RESOLVED:- That the Boys Football Club be informed of the views of the Council and requested to complete the extension to the hut prior to the commencement of the football season.

2. General maintenance Mr. P. Handley had suggested that the hedges bordering School Fold required cutting.

RESOLVED:- That Mr. S. Iddon be requested to arrange for the hedges to be cut and for Mr. W. Norris to be available to clean up as required.

3. Swings Mr. N. Marsden had agreed to repair the swings.

57. GLENPARK DRIVE PLAY AREA

A meeting had been held at the site with officers of the Leisure Services Department who had agreed to prepare sketches for consideration by the Council. They had suggested that the owners of properties most affected be consulted as a gesture of goodwill. The proposed sign for the area had been made by Mr. N. Marsden at a cost of £14.20 and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had authorised the payment of the account and application being made for payment of the loan of £900 by the District Council.

RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be confirmed.

58. FINNEY'S GUTTER

Mr. P. Handley had reported that the Environmental Health Officer had traced

the source of the pollution and was now awaiting to hear from the North West Water Authority. The owners of the house most affected were aware of the situation. The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council to keep this Council informed of developments.

59. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Footpaths

(a) Nos. 25 and 26 The attention of the landowner had been drawn to the problems as well as his responsibilities with regard to the footpath.

RESOLVED:- That the situation be kept under observation.

(b) No. 46 The County Surveyor had indicated that no action was required. It was reported that tipping was taking place in the vicinity of the boatyard but as this was not obstructing the footpath it was agreed to take no action.

2. Dog Fouling Signs The District Council had no signs available.

RESOLVED:- That no further action be taken in this matter.

3. Carriageways The two areas reported previously had been repaired but concern was expressed about the general state of the roads in the Parish which were deteriorating fast.

RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked about future plans for the roads in the Parish.

4. Street Lighting The lights in Chapel Road had been repaired.

5. Bus Shelters The shelter outside the church on Station Road had been inspected and it was suggested that 3ft wide panels would be more appropriate than the existing 6ft panels. The new panels should also be bolted or concreted in position to prevent them being removed. The shelter outside the Methodist Chapel required repairs and it was suggested that the shelters needed painting.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr. N. Marsden be requested to provide an estimate for the repair of the shelter outside the church on Station Road;
and (ii) That Mr. B. Birkby be authorised to undertake a survey of all the bus shelters and report back to the Council with suggestions for future action.

6. Street Seats The seat had been removed from the corner of Rankin Avenue and placed on the Recreation Ground by Mr. A. Bond at no cost to the Council but Mr. B. Birkby suggested that complaints may be received because it had been moved.

7. School Fold/Hazelwood Drive Mr. P. Handley could find no record in the Parish Council minutes of the County Council agreeing to make up School Fold as suggested by Mrs. Kidd. Mr. Handley also reported that a concrete bollard at the end of Hazelwood Drive was on its side and the existence of metal stumps which were a danger to pedestrians.

RESOLVED:- (i) That County Councillor Miss S.R. Taylor be requested to make some enquiries regarding an undertaking to make up School Fold;
and (ii) That the County Area Surveyor be requested to attend to the matters in Hazelwood Drive.

PJH

60. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that all allotment holders had paid their rentals for the year commencing February 1985.

The Allotments Committee had inspected the allotments as a result of which Mr. Norris had been asked to clean out the ditch for which the Council was responsible. It was reported that Mr. A. Bond had been maintaining a road across the end of the allotments. It was suggested that the Council's land may be falling into the other ditch, the one with the pollution problems, thereby restricting the passage of water.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr. A. Bond be thanked for his work on the allotments and for moving a street seat free of charge;

and (ii) That Mr. S. Iddon be requested to keep the situation under observation pending the receipt of the views of NWWA referred to in Item 58 above.

61. PARISH NEWSLETTER

The first issue had been produced and distributed by Mr. P. Griffiths and had received a favourable response from residents. Mr. Griffiths, who had been assisted by his wife, undertook to take note of various comments made by members of the Council regarding the clearing of issues with the Chairman prior to printing and amending the credits at the end to include a reference to the document being published by the Parish Council.

Mr. Griffiths informed the Council that the newsletter had been printed using a borrowed machine and the time would come when the Council would need to look for a suitable printing machine. Mr. B. Birkby offered the use of a machine in his ownership.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Mr. P. Griffiths be congratulated on the first edition of the Newsletter which had been well put together and received;

and (ii) That Mr. B. Birkby's offer of the use of his printing machine be accepted.

62. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 16th August 1984

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

(a) No.8/84/439 - Overhead 11 kv electricity line at Guide Road.

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

P. J. Handley
10 Sept '84

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10th SEPTEMBER 1984

PRESENT:- Mr. P. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Baxter, Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier.
Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon and Molyneux.

Apologies were received from Mr. J. A. Whiteside.

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 1984 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

64. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Public Transport A reminder had been sent to Ribble Motors Ltd regarding the provision of timetables at stops.

2. Planning Information Handbook The Clerk had ordered extra copies for members of the Council.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported that sketches should be ready for the next meeting of the Council. As the land was owned by the District Council, insurance would need to be approved by that Council but it was considered that the existing policy could be extended for a small extra premium.

4. Finney's Gutter The Chairman reported that the pollution had been traced as pig slurry and the source identified. The District Council had referred the matter to NWA and requested them to take action. The Clerk had asked the District Council to keep the Parish Council informed.

5. Allotments It was reported that the bank on the allotments was still holding.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Tourism A report, considered by the District Council, was available for members.

(b) Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The next meeting would be held on the 20th September.

(c) Committee Meetings

(i) Leisure and Amenities The Committee had agreed the policy for the provision of play areas. If the District Council owned the land, as in the case of Glenpark Drive, then the Parish Council should provide equipment and adequate insurance both to be approved by the District Council.

(ii) Technical Services The meeting would be held on the 11th September and the following items were on the Agenda :-

P.G.H

Prohibition of cycling It was proposed to prohibit cycling on the footpath between Station Road and Cherry Vale by means of a Traffic Regulation Order. A staggered barrier would also be erected. The Parish Council had not been consulted and mention was made of the lack of money to provide a barrier at the top of the steps which was considered of greater priority by the Parish Council. The Chairman would be attending the meeting and undertook to put forward the views expressed by the Parish Council.

Waste Disposal Site Licence - H. Alty Ltd. The condition suggested to level the site once per week had not been included in the conditions and it was agreed to keep a watch on the situation.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils The following items were noted with action to be taken as indicated:-

(a) The Annual General Meeting would be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 10th November 1984 at 10.30 am.

(b) The Government were considering allowing postal votes in Parish, Town and Community elections.

(c) Phone kiosks taking less than £185 per year were in danger of being closed. It was agreed to mention this in the next newsletter.

(d) The Spring Conference would be held in Blackpool from 19th to 21st April 1985.

(e) The major proposals contained in the Department of Transport's white paper on buses.

(f) A questionnaire on the use of the 'Free Two Pence'. The Clerk undertook to complete and return it to the National Association.

(g) A seminar on 'Local Councils and Computers'. No-one was interested in attending.

(h) A questionnaire on the Annual Audit which the Clerk undertook to complete and return to the Lancashire Association.

(i) A Councillor's Course would be held either in November or early next year.

(j) Details of a new magazine called 'Rural Viewpoint'.

(k) A report on 'Policing in Rural Areas'. The Clerk undertook to obtain copies for all members of the Council. The Council were concerned that the village policeman had left and not been replaced. The Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Superintendent at Skelmersdale to ascertain how long the village was likely to be without a policeman.

(l) Posters about using rural Post Offices, which would be put on the Notice Boards.

(m) Notice about an event in connection with saving the Settle to Carlisle railway line.

P. G. H.