

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd APRIL 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P. J. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames Blundell, Finnan, Kershaw and Trippier

Messrs Birkby, Griffiths, Iddon, Molyneux and Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Baxter and four members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

166. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

167. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual General Meeting was to be held on Friday 26th April 1985.

2. Venue for meetings Mrs Baxter had spoken to the District Education Office and an application form for the use of the school would be forwarded. Although the use of the room would be free, there may be a charge for the services of the caretaker.

168. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public Transport Conference A conference, organised by the County Council, had been held in Preston on the 20th April 1985.

2. District Council Committee Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. North West Water Authority

(a) Improving rivers, estuaries and coastal waters A leaflet, setting out the results of the public consultation on this subject, had been received.

(b) Sewerage works The Chairman reported that a detailed scheme had not yet been prepared and the Clerk was asked to request the District Council to forward details of the scheme to the Parish Council as soon as they were available.

169. FINANCE

There were no items under this heading.

170. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Granville Avenue Mr T. Martin reported on the making up, by the residents, of the private road Granville Avenue and the problems being caused by motorcyclists using the road indiscriminately. Mr Glover of the County

Council had been approached and the Chairman undertook to pursue the matter with Mr Glover in the near future.

2. Guide Road Mr R. Carr reported that the drainage of Guide Road had improved but that the road hadn't been swept for about 2 years. The Chairman informed Mr Carr of work undertaken by the County Council in an effort to alleviate the flooding and the problems encountered with regard to street cleansing.

171. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Planning Appeal - Application No 8/84/821 - 15 Detached dwellings, Chapel Road.

The Clerk reported that it had not proved possible to hold this appeal in the Parish but that in future such requests should be made to the District Council as soon as notification of an appeal was received. It was reported that the Chairman plus 3 or 4 other Councillors would be attending the appeal hearing.

RESOLVED:- That as a matter of policy, the Clerk be authorised to request that all planning inquiries affecting the parish be held within the Parish.

2. Weekly lists

- (a) No 8/85/285 - Garage and rear porch - 60 Moss Lane
- (b) No 8/85/306 - Extension and conversion of barn into dwelling - Shore Farm, Shore Road.

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

- (c) No 8/85/299A - Extend illuminated fascia sign etc. - 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application with the details of the objection to be decided by those members of the Council attending the planning appeal in Ormskirk after they have seen the submitted plans.

- (d) No 8/85/340 - Outline for detached dwelling and new access - land adj. to 15 Shore Road

RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the erection of the dwelling but that the proposed access be objected to on the grounds that it is highly unsuitable and dangerous.

3. Applications approved The following applications had been approved since the last meeting:-

- No 8/85/129 - Extensions - 9 Moss Lane
- No 8/85/175 - Detached garage/store - The Cottage, Boundary Meanygate

4. Application No 8/85/215 - Greenhouse block - Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road

Mr R. Carr had written a letter to the Planning Department concerning this application and had sent a copy to the Parish Council. The Chairman undertook to discuss the contents of the letter with the Planning Officer.

RESOLVED:- That Mr Carr be thanked for his interest and for sending a copy of his comments to the Parish Council.

172. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Miscellaneous matters There was nothing further to report about the following:-

- (a) Footway at 9/11 Shore Road
- (b) Footpath sign, Marsh Road
- (c) Footways in Chapel Road
- (d) Street nameplate, Moss Lane
- (e) Parking problems at Tarleton County Primary School

2. Street lighting

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to report the broken lighting column in Taylors Meanygate opposite the end of Moss Lane.

3. Street sign

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to report that the 'No Through Road' sign at the start of Guide Road needs replacing.

173. BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane Mr N. Marsden had been asked to board up both the windows in this shelter.

2. Adjacent to Church Mr Marsden's suggestion was to replace the concrete panels, cement them into place and to erect 2 additional concrete posts behind the panels around the mid-point mark. The alternative would be to turn the shelter round.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the Chairman asks Mr Marsden to carry out the work as he suggested,

(b) That, for information purposes, Mr Marsden be asked for an estimate for turning the shelter round,

(c) That the Clerk be requested to enquire about the price of perspex shelters, and

(d) That the local Police Officer be informed of the Council's concern at the continuing vandalism of this shelter.

3. Repair work 1985/86

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting.

174. AMENITY CLEANSING

The Director of Technical Services had indicated that the existing system would be continued for the year 1985/86 but that additional funds had been made available for weedkilling.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the District Council be requested to keep this Council's request in mind when the system is reviewed in the future, and

(b) That a copy of the letter be forwarded to Councillor R. Hodge, Leader of the District Council.

175. PLAY AREAS ETC

1. Maintenance of football pitch and use of changing hut

RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to meet the users of the facilities at the changing hut on Saturday 18th May 1985 at 10.30 am.

2. Glenpark Drive The Manpower Services Commission had nearly completed their work and the shrubs had been planted although a number of them had been removed. Arrangements were in hand for MSC to erect the equipment and the Chairman agreed to check the latest position. The money for the shrubs had not yet been paid and the Clerk would pursue the matter with the Director of Planning. The type of barrier to be erected was discussed and enquiries would be made about tubular pedestrian barriers. The District Council had asked if the Parish Council wished to have the land assigned to them.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to assign the land to the Parish Council.

176. 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.

177. PLAY AREAS ETC. (CONT)

3. Insurance of equipment

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to forward details of the insurance carried by the Council to the District Council.

178. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS - AREA COMMITTEE

Mrs D. M. Trippier reported on the meeting held on the 12th April 1985 and the following were noted:-

Mobile Citizens Advice Bureau - the scheme was unlikely to start this year, most of the Parishes were enthusiastic, Parish Councils may be asked to contribute 5pence per head of population to launch the scheme.

Footway lighting - the list would be reviewed later in the year.

Planning matters - Parish Councils should make their comments known at the weekly list stage.

Finance - revenue expenditure for 1985/86 for the Parish Councils was within the figure estimated by the District Council, this Parish Council had been allocated a capital allocation of £1000 for 1985/86.

179. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:- That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

180. LAND ADJ. TO BECCONSALL HOTEL

The Chairman reported on the meeting with representatives of the brewery and suggested that one of the conditions which may be laid down by the brewery would be for the Council to erect a tall fence on the Cherry Vale and Station Road sides of the land in question.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the brewery be informed that the Council are still considering this matter, and

(b) That investigations be made regarding the legality of the Council paying for a fence as outlined by the Chairman and into the existing ownership of the land.

20th May '85.

P. J. Handley

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 20th MAY 1985

PRESENT

Mr P.J.Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M.Baxter, N.Blundell, C.Finnan, L.Kershaw and D.M.Trippier.

Messrs B.Birkby, P.Griffiths, S.Iddon and J.A.Whiteside.

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mr P. J. Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1985/86.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Council.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mrs N. Blundell be appointed Vice - Chairman of the Council for the year 1985/86.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Good Neighbour Scheme Mrs D.M.Trippier reported that three Parish Councillors had attended the AGM of the Scheme and a copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet was handed to the Clerk for the Parish Council records.

2. Venue for meetings The Clerk had received an application form for the use of the school premises and this would be returned to the District Education Officer.

3. Sewerage works in Shore Road It was reported that investigations were being carried out concerning the existing sewer in Shore Road.

4. Granville Avenue The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the County Surveyor's representative, who had indicated that the situation appeared to be resolving itself. In addition, 'Private Road' plates would be erected at the Moss Lane end in the near future.

5. Amenity cleansing The Chairman had spoken to the Leader of the District Council who had no objection in principle to the proposals of the Parish Council. The Chairman had agreed to speak to the Leader again in about two months time.



6. Land adjacent to Beconsall Hotel The County Council had been asked if they had any information regarding the ownership of the land in question.

6. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Recreation Committee

RESOLVED:- (i) That the membership of the Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council plus five other members of the Council, and

(ii) That the following five members be appointed to serve on the Committee:- Mrs M.Baxter and Messrs B.Birkby, P.Griffiths, S.Iddon and J.A. Whiteside.

2. Allotments Committee

RESOLVED:- (i) That the membership of the Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council plus four other members of the Council, and

(ii) That the following four members be appointed to serve on the Committee:- Mrs C.Finnan and Messrs B.Birkby, S.Iddon and P.Griffiths.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:- That the following members be appointed to serve on the bodies indicated:-

1. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils - Chairman, Mrs M.Baxter and Mrs D.M.Trippier.

2. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee - Chairman with Mrs D.M. Trippier as substitute member.

3. Layfield Charity - Mrs N.Blundell for four years from 1985.

4. Village Hall Committee - Mrs N.Blundell.

5. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Mr B.Birkby.

6. Council for Protection of Rural England - Mr P.Griffiths.

8. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGERS

1. Hesketh - with - Beconsall C E School

RESOLVED:- That Mrs M.Baxter be appointed as a School Manager for four years from 1985.

2. Tarleton County Primary School The following three members were proposed and seconded to fill the two vacant positions:- Mrs L.Kershaw, Mrs N.Blundell and Mr S.Iddon.

Upon a vote being taken on a show of hands it was

RESOLVED:- That Mrs N.Blundell and Mr S.Iddon be appointed as School Managers for four years from 1985.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

1. Conference on Tourism Development The Clerk had informed the Chief Executive Officer that the Parish Council would not be represented as the conference clashed with this meeting of the Council.

2. Council meeting A proposal for the introduction of a revised committee timetable had been deferred to enable the Chief Executive to submit alternative proposals to the Council.

2. County Council

Conference on Recycling of Waste

RESOLVED:- That Mrs L.Kershaw be authorised to attend the Conference at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 1st June 1985.

10. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. M.W.Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground | £ 21.00 |
| 2. Lancs.Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subs. etc. | £107.65 |

2. Audit of accounts The audit of accounts would take place at Ormskirk on Monday 10th June 1985 and notices regarding the accounts being on deposit had been placed on the Parish Notice Boards. With regard to notifying ratepayers that the audit was complete, it was agreed to place a notice in the Parish Newsletter.

3. Insurance

RESOLVED:- That a new booklet about Parish Council Insurance be purchased from the L.A.P.& T.C. at a cost of 50 pence including postage.

4. Capital expenditure A questionnaire had been received from LAP&TC which the Clerk would complete and return.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

12. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

- (i) No 8/85/360 -Details for detached house and garage, Hesketh Marsh, adj. Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to Part 2 of the agenda.

- (ii) No 8/85/387 - Extensions at 'Anadale', Shore Road.

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

(iii) No 8/85/404 - Outline for detached bungalow, 148 Chapel Fold

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that if the existing policy is to refuse applications for development fronting onto narrow access roads which lead onto a main road then this application should be refused.

(iv) No 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, land at Meadow Lane

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council to enable the Chairman to obtain more information about the application.

2. Applications approved The following application had been approved since the previous meeting of the Council:-

No 8/85/285 - Garage and rear porch, 60 Moss Lane.

3. Other matters

1. Application No 8/85/299A - Sign at 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton It was reported that an objection to this application had been forwarded to the Director of Planning.

2. Application No 8/85/215 - Greenhouse block, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road. The Chairman reported that the Water Authority Regulations were not a matter for the District Council consider when dealing with this application.

3. Application No 8/85/306 - Extension and conversion of barn into dwelling house, Shore Farm, Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that this application is preferred to the previous application for this site.

13. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street lights The light at Taylors Meanygate had been repaired.

2. Bus shelters

(i) Repairs Mr Marsden had repaired the shelters at the Church, Station Road and at Moss Lane/Station Road.

(ii) Graffiti It was agreed to leave the graffiti on the shelter outside the Church, Station Road, for the time being.

3. Litter bins The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council to replace the litter bin at the bus shelter near to Rankin Avenue which had been set on fire, and to remind the District Council that they had agreed to provide a new litter bin outside the Recreation Ground.

4. North West Water Authority The Clerk was requested to report the following:-

(i) Station Road The hole outside No 81 had re-appeared.

(ii) Carr Hey Watercourse A protective barrier was required on the south side of the culvert where it passes under Moss Lane.

5. County Council The Clerk was requested to contact the County Council about the following matters:-

(i) Boundary Lane, Hundred End The sides of the road were dangerous in the vicinity of New House Farm and it was suggested that reflector posts might be provided.

(ii) Shore Road The County Council to be asked why the new kerbing had stopped, when by continuing for a further 15 yards or so the whole area would have looked tidier.

6. Street nameplate - Moss Lane The Chairman undertook to ascertain the latest position with regard to this matter.

7. Station Road Mrs N. Blundell reported that the grid outside Peddar's shop required attention. The Clerk undertook to pass to Mrs Blundell a copy of correspondence from the County Council regarding this item.

8. Litter etc. Mrs C. Haydock of Shore Road had written about the litter in the village, especially down Marsh Road, and the lack of footpath signs. The Clerk was asked to reply by explaining the action being taken by the Parish Council to secure finance for a lengthsman and the County Council's policy regarding the repair and replacement of footpath signs.

14. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(i) Use by organisations It was reported that the Chairman and Mrs M. Baxter had met representatives of the three organisations on Saturday 18th May 1985. The meeting had been useful and it had been ascertained that the Sportsman Club had obtained metal guards for the windows which would be placed on the car park side of the hut with wooden shutters being fixed to the other windows. The extension was inspected and the Boys Club indicated they were awaiting the availability of the plumber. The pitch would be re-seeded during the close season and Mrs Baxter had arranged for the County Council to supply the seed. The winter training under lights had gone very well and the problems with the pigeon baskets had been discussed and sorted out. The hump at the car park entrance had been mentioned and the fact that it caused problems to visiting teams. The Senior Club wished to use the pitch on alternate Sunday mornings next season whilst the Boys Club would be running four teams with one playing at Station Road and the remaining three playing at Shore Road. The Shore Road pitch was required on alternate Saturday mornings and every Sunday afternoon.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report be received, and

(ii) That the Recreation Committee arrange to meet at the ground, before the next meeting of the Council, to decide on the work required to remove the hump at the car park entrance.

2. Other matters

(i) Seats Mr P. Griffiths undertook to arrange for the seats to be replaced near to the play equipment.

(ii) Rights of way The Chairman and Clerk were dealing with this matter.

(iii) Maintenance Mr W. Norris had told Mr Iddon that he did not wish to continue working for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Clerk be authorised to send a letter of thanks to Mr W. Norris, and

(ii) That the question of future maintenance be discussed by the Recreation Committee at the meeting to be held at the ground.

15. 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.

16. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS (CONT)

Glenpark Drive The work was progressing and it was hoped that MSC would be erecting the equipment shortly.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:- That, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

18. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee Agenda - 23rd May 1985

(i) Application No 8/85/360 - Details for detached house and garage, Hesketh Marsh adj. Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that this Council expects the Section 52 Agreement placed on the original application to be placed on any approval granted in this case.

(ii) Application No 8/85/243 - Renewal of outline permission for detached dwelling, Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane.

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

(iii) Application No 8/85/218 - Extension at side of dwelling, 58 Station Road.

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

2. Tree Preservation Order The Chairman reported that six trees had been cut down at Jumps Farm on 16th May and he had ascertained from the Tree Preservation Officer at District Council level that four of the six trees had been rotten and an order could not have been put on them. An order would be placed on a number of trees in Marsh Road and an item would be placed before the Planning Committee in due course.

P. J. Handley
17 June 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 17th JUNE 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P. J. Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M. Baxter; N. Blundell; C. Finnan; L. Kershaw
and D. Trippier.

Messrs B. Birkby; P. Griffiths; B. Molyneux and J. A. Whiteside.

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

19. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th May 1985, be
confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

20. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Venue for meetings The application form to use the school had been
submitted to the District Education Officer and a reply was awaited. Mr P.
Griffiths informed the Council that the Village Hall Committee had now agreed
revised charges which would be notified to the Council by letter but which
were as follows:- Casual users - £2.25 per hour; Regular bookings - £4 per
session.

2. Amenity cleansing Councillor R. Hodge had indicated by letter that
he would be happy to extend the scheme to other parishes and the Parish
Council would be consulted when the District Council were reviewing the scheme
later in the year.

3. Lancashire Playing Fields Association The Annual General Meeting
had been held at Ormskirk on the 14th June 1985 but Mr B. Birkby had not been
able to attend.

4. Council for Protection of Rural England Mr P. Griffiths had received
some information from the Council together with an application form as the
Parish Council did not appear to be members. It was agreed to consider the
possibility of joining the Council during consideration of financial matters.

5. Appointments Mrs D. Trippier pointed out that two members of the
Council had not been appointed to any of the Committees or other bodies and she
considered this to be a waste of talents. The Chairman suggested that these
comments be borne in mind when future appointments were made.

6. Conference on Recycling of Waste Mrs L. Kershaw had not been able to
attend the conference on the 1st June 1985.

7. Street Lighting The light at Taylors Meanygate was not working and
Mrs M. Baxter agreed to report the matter to the District Council.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council It was reported that the Chairman had been appointed
to serve on the Policy & Resources and Technical Services Committees by the
District Council. He would also be serving on the Housing Allocations Sub-
Committee.

PJH

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils A circular letter had been received from the West Lancashire Area Committee confirming that the Parish Council had been allocated £1000 for the improvement of recreational facilities. Nominations were also requested for the District Police Liaison Committee (Councillor P. Turner of Wrightington was willing to continue) and for Hon. Secretary (Mrs S. Watkinson was relinquishing the post).

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

22. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

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

(a) M. W. Taylor - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground	-	£ 21.00	}
(b) North West Water - Water charges	-	£ 13.81	
(c) B. W. Rimmer - Clerk's salary and expenses	-	£174.31	

and (2) That consideration be given, at a future meeting, to re-charging the actual water consumed at the Recreation Ground to the users of the premises.

2. Council for Protection of Rural England

RESOLVED:- That an application be made to join CPRE at a subscription of £5, subject to review in the light of the usefulness of membership.

3. Audit of Accounts 1984/85 The Clerk reported that the audit was almost complete and the auditor had only raised minor queries, all of which had been satisfactorily answered.

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.

24. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (1) No. 8/85/462 - Extensions, 144A Chapel Road
- (2) No. 8/85/483 - Extensions, 10 Norwood Avenue
- (3) No. 8/85/486 - Outline for agricultural workers bungalow, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road
- (4) No. 8/85/498 - Greenhouses, Westgate Farm, Guide Road
- (5) No. 8/85/536 - Extensions, 201 Moss Lane
- (6) No. 8/85/545 - Extensions, 2 Boundary Lane

2. Application No. 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, land at Meadow Lane

The Chairman reported that this application was in respect of the same piece of land as application No. 8/85/243 - Renewal of outline permission for detached dwelling, Pebble House Farm, Meadow Lane.

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

3. Other matters The Clerk reported that the following applications were listed in the Planning Committee agenda for the 20th June 1985 as being outstanding for over 13 weeks for the reasons given:-

(1) No. 8/84/548 - Dwelling, adj. to 12 Boundary Lane - Awaiting S 52 agreement.

(2) No. 8/85/22 - Residential development, land off Station Road (Jumps Farm) - Awaiting information.

(3) No. 8/85/103 - Community building (Sunday school), land at Moss Lane - Awaiting County Surveyor's observations.

(4) No. 8/85/194 - Granny flat, 11 Shore Road - Awaiting further details.

Two other applications were to be considered under Planning Matters - Part 2.

25. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters It was agreed that the following matters would be left in abeyance for the time being:-

Station Road, near The Brow (Southport side) - Roof repairs

Station Road, outside the Church - Graffiti

2. Litter bins The bin at Station Road/Rankin Avenue had been replaced, but the bin outside the Recreation Ground car park was still there.

3. NWWA works

(a) Carr Heys Watercourse NWWA considered the works required to be highways maintenance and the Clerk would refer back to previous correspondence and write to the appropriate authority.

(b) Footway outside No 81 Shore Road The County Council had confirmed that NWWA were responsible for this work.

(c) Sewerage scheme Details of the proposals were now available and the District Council's Engineer would be at 1 Charles Close on Thursday at 10.00 am and all councillors were invited to attend the meeting. The scheme would be undertaken in 1986.

(d) Water pressure Numerous complaints had been received about low water pressure which had resulted in various problems for residents including no water for showers, especially in the mornings, and cisterns taking up to an hour to refill. Mrs L. Kershaw was conducting a survey into the problems.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk informs NWWA of the problems being encountered in the parish with regard to low water pressure;

(2) That the result of the survey be forwarded to NWWA in due course, and

(3) That the address of the relevant NWWA office be placed in the Parish Newsletter to enable individual householders to complain direct to the Authority.

4. County Council works

(a) Boundary Lane Extra verge masters had been provided at the road side.

(b) Shore Road Work had stopped when the available finance had been used. If money could be found then work would proceed in the current year, otherwise finance would be allocated for a future year.

5. Street nameplates The Chairman reported that the Moss Lane sign had now been made and was awaiting fixing. In the meantime Mrs D. Trippier had placed a temporary sign on the existing posts.

RESOLVED:- That Mrs D. Trippier be congratulated on her enterprise.

6. Gas supply The Chairman reported that there was a possibility of gas being supplied to the village with a pipeline being run from Southport. The Gas Board were looking for interest from 500 households in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton to enable the scheme to proceed at a cost of £300 per household, such price to be held for a minimum of 12 months. Details were being circulated to all households and if there was sufficient interest an exhibition and public meeting would be held in the area.

26. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Recreation Committee The Chairman reported that the Boys Football Club had caused problems by aerating the pitch by means of large furrows down the full length of the field. The ground had subsequently been rolled at the request of the Chairman.

The following matters had been considered by the Committee, who had made the recommendations indicated:-

1. Litter bin - To be placed inside the car park and cemented into position.

2. Concrete ramp at entrance - Concrete to be taken up and replaced with a shallower incline to car park.

3. Main fence adj. to flagged area - An extra rail to be positioned to the centre of the fence posts.

4. Flagged area - The front row of plant squares to be flagged over.

5. Football pitch - The seed would be delivered this week and the Boys Club would reseed and reseed as required. It was suggested that the goal posts should be moved slightly prior to each season.

6. General maintenance - Only limited work was required to be undertaken and the question of a replacement for Mr W. Norris to be deferred for the time being. Some work had recently been done and consideration would be given to a payment being made for that work when Mr S. Iddon was present at a Council meeting.

At this point the Council considered a report prepared by the Leisure Services Department on the play equipment on the Recreation Ground. The report outlined the general state of the equipment and suggested, with estimates, the work required on safety grounds. The main item was safety surfacing which was estimated to cost £800. The concrete slab under the roundabout also required attention.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Chairman informs the Boys Football Club that the goal areas only should be resoiled, tillered, rolled and reseeded with slight attention being given to the centre of the field,

(2) That the goal posts be moved slightly prior to the start of each football season,

(3) That the Leisure Services Department be approached for details of safety surfacing,

(4) That enquiries be made about the possibility of the Parish Council using the District Council's byelaws for the Recreation Ground,

and (5) That Mr N. Marsden be asked to provide an estimate for each of the following items:-

- a. Concreting in the litter bin,
- b. Alterations to concrete slab at car park entrance,
- c. An additional rail on the fence,
- d. Flagging the plant squares and
- e. Repairing the concrete slab under the roundabout.

(b) Use of ground

RESOLVED:- That Hesketh Bank Boys Football Club and Hesketh Bank Football Club be allowed to use the ground for the 1985/86 football season in accordance with their requirements as reported in item 14(1)(i) subject to the same conditions as in previous years.

(c) Seats Mr P. Griffiths had replaced the seats but they had been moved again and it was therefore agreed to leave them for the time being.

(d) Rights of way The Chairman and Mr J. Whiteside would be visiting the relevant properties during the next few weeks.

2. Glenpark Drive The equipment would be erected during the next week or two and a request to assign the land to the Parish Council would be considered by the Leisure Services Committee in due course.

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Clerk had received details of the owners of the land in question and would be writing to them requesting permission for access and the possibility of a small piece of land being used for inclusion in the play area. Tetley Walker Ltd would be informed of the latest position.

27. 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.

28. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 20th June 1985

1. Tree Preservation Order It was noted that the Committee were being asked to approve a Tree Preservation Order on the land adjacent to the embankment between Shore Farm, Shore Road and Primrose Farm, Marsh Road.

2. Planning applications

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

(a) No. 8/84/302 - Outline for agricultural workers bungalow, 177 Moss Lane.

(b) No. 8/85/306 - Extend and convert barn to dwelling, Shore Farm, Shore Road.

(c) No. 8/85/215 - Greenhouses, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road.

(d) No. 8/85/244 - Change of use of bungalow to Sunday School, 27 Moss Lane.

(2) That in respect of application No. 8/85/340 - Detached dwelling etc, land adj. to 15 Shore Road - the Planning Committee be requested to defer consideration to enable site visits to ^{be} made as the Parish Council is still ^{of} the opinion that the proposed access onto Shore Road is extremely dangerous P.G.W.

and (3) That the Director of Planning be asked if the condition sometimes attached to approvals concerning vehicles entering and leaving the site in forward gear is enforceable.

P.G. Handley
17 July '85

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 15th JULY 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames M Baxter, N Blundell, C Finnan and D Trippier
Messrs P Griffiths, S Iddon and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw and Mr B Birkby and two members of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 1985, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Venue for meetings The District Education Officer had passed the Council's letter to the School Managers but had indicated that charges for caretaker's fees would be £5.15 per hour. It was agreed to await the official letter from the Village Hall Committee before taking a final decision.

2. Council for the Protection of Rural England Some information had been received from the Council's London office which had been passed to Mr P Griffiths.

3. Planning decisions The following decisions of the Planning Committee were noted:-

No. 8/84/302 - Outline for agricultural worker's bungalow, 177 Moss Lane, - Approved with S. 52 agreement.

No. 8/85/306 - Extend and convert barn to dwelling, Shore Farm, Shore Road, - Refused.

No. 8/85/215 - Greenhouses, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road, - Approved.

No. 8/85/244 - Change of use of bungalow to Sunday School, 27 Moss Lane, - Refused.

No. 8/85/340 - Detached dwelling etc., land adj. 15 Shore Road, - Deferred for individual site visits.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Tourism Conference Action taken by the District Council as a result of the conference was noted.

(b) Over 60's Club The District Council had forwarded a copy of a letter from the Over 60's Club concerning the rental for use of the Village Hall. It was agreed to forward a copy of the letter to the Village Hall Committee.

(c) Committee agendas and minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

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(d) Chairman and Lady's Charities A list of Charity events was noted and passed to Mr P Griffiths for inclusion in the Newsletter at the appropriate time.

2. Other matters

(a) Community Council of Lancashire The latest copy of the CCL News was available.

(b) Air Training Corps It was noted that a meeting was to be held in the parish to ascertain the possibility of starting a unit in the area.

32. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(1) M W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (2 cuts)	£ 42.00
(2) Coopers & Lybrand - Audit fee	£ 58.50
(3) West Lancashire District Council - Loan charges	£534.44
(4) N Marsden Esq. - Repairs to bus shelters	£ 82.24

2. Concurrent expenditure A cheque for £852.00 had been received from the District Council in respect of that Council's share of approved concurrent expenditure and loan charges for 1985/86.

3. Allotment rents

RESOLVED:- (1) That no increase be made in the rental of the allotments for the year 1987/88,

(2) That the Clerk be requested to ascertain the balance which is currently available to spend on the allotments by looking through the records for the past 5 years,

(3) That the Allotments Committee arrange to inspect the allotments and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr S Parkin, Chairman of the Young Farmers Club, spoke in support of the Club's application to use the Recreation Ground on a small number of Sunday afternoons during the coming football season. Mr Parkin also outlined details of the various activities of the YFC.

34. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists There were no items under this heading.

2. Planning Committee - 18th July 1985 It was reported that the Appeal against the District Council's decision to refuse permission for the erection of 15 houses on land off Chapel Road had been dismissed and that the Inspector's decision was most encouraging. Mention was made by members about the Northern Parishes District Plan and the fact that it had not been statutorily formalised.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to take the necessary steps to formalise the Northern Parishes District Plan.

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3. Approvals since last meeting The following approval was noted:-

No. 8/85/387 - Extensions at 'Anadale' Shore Road.

35. NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

1. New sewerage scheme The Chairman reported on the meeting with the District Council's Engineer when the proposals had been discussed in detail. A promise had been given that the Council would be given sight of the final plans. Mention was made that the top water ditches in Marsh Road had recently been cleaned out and that work had been undertaken to the sewers in Shore Road in the length between the School and Chapel Road.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to explain the purpose of the work in the sewers on Shore Road.

2. Water pressure A letter had been received from the Authority which indicated that low pressure had been experienced on the weekend of the 15/16 June 1985 and this was due to a fault in the service. Members were not satisfied with this explanation as problems were still present in various parts of the parish. The Clerk reported that the Fire Authority were not aware of any problems and in any event they were able to increase pressure using their own pumps.

RESOLVED:- (1) That copies of the correspondence be forwarded to Tarleton Parish Council informing them of this Council's concern and asking if they had similar problems,

(2) That the Clerk be requested to prepare a pro-forma, for distribution to householders, to enable information to be collected for onward transmission to the Water Authority.

36. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Litter bin A new bin had been fixed at the bus stop adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

2. Carr Heys Watercourse The County Surveyor had been requested to attend to the problem.

3. Granville Avenue A petition had been signed by 29 persons to the effect that they had used the right of way at the end of the Avenue and wished it to remain open.

RESOLVED:- That the petition be forwarded to the County Council for safe keeping.

4. Cropper Gardens The Chairman had reported the existence of two pot holes to the County Council and had been informed that the road had never been adopted and was, therefore, still the responsibility of the Housing Department. The Chairman had subsequently been in touch with the Housing Department.

5. The Brow

RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to effect a more permanent repair to the pot holes on the Brow by removing the setts and replacing them with a better foundation.

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37. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Re-seeding This work was now in hand.

(b) Goal posts The Boys Football Club were of the opinion that the space available for moving the goal posts each season was limited.

(c) Safety surfacing

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to supply details of safety surfacing with costs and also be asked if any financial help is available from the District Council.

(d) Byelaws The Chairman was investigating this matter.

(e) Use of ground The Boys Football Club and Hesketh Bank Football Club had been advised that approval had been granted for the clubs to use the ground during the coming winter in accordance with their applications. The Council then discussed the current application form the Young Farmers Club.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Young Farmers Club be advised that, although the Parish Council would like to help if at all possible, the pitch was not available on a Sunday afternoon having already been allocated to the Boys Football Club,

(2) That Tarleton Parish Council be informed of the difficulties in Hesketh Bank in giving assistance to the YFC and that they be requested to give consideration to the YFC using one of their two football pitches.

(f) Rights of way The Chairman reported that only five householders currently have gates opening onto the Recreation Ground of which three had signed the forms prepared by the Clerk whilst the other two were thinking the matter over. The Chairman would be re-visiting the two householders in a few days time.

(g) Miscellaneous works Mr N Marsden had submitted the following estimates for works required at the Recreation Ground:-

(i) Re-site litter bin and cement into position	£ 15.00
(ii) Take up ramp and replace with longer incline	£115.00
(iii) Flag squares at front of flagged area	£170.00
(iv) Provide and fix extra wooden rail to fence	£ 90.00

RESOLVED:- (1) That the quotations from Mr N Marsden in respect of items (ii) the ramp, (iii) the flagging and (iv) the fence as reported above be accepted in the total sum of £375.00 and that item (i) the litter bin be not proceeded with at this time,

(2) That the method of financing the works be decided later in the financial year.

2. Glenpark Drive The logs were being cut to size and would be erected in the near future.

3. Land at Becconsall Hotel The Clerk was awaiting replies from the owners of the land and the Brewery had been informed of the latest position.

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38. 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.

39. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Audit The Association, with the consent of all the Parishes, would insert a completion of audit notice in the newspaper at a cost of approximately £3.50 per parish.

2. West Lancashire Area Committee - 12th July 1985 The following matters were reported:-

(a) A talk was given by the Business Officer of the Halifax Building Society about investment schemes for local councils.

(b) Councillors L.L.Watson and J.Grimshaw were appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively and Mrs Sue Underwood of Halsall was appointed as Hon. Secretary.

(c) 'C' schemes were to be undertaken at Banks and Downholland.

(d) A training evening on finance was to be held in September or October.

(e) The District Council had allocated £10,000 for the repair of playground equipment with the worst being repaired first.

(f) Parishes were reminded about the confidentiality of Planning Committee agendas.

(g) The Capital Schemes Priority List had been computerised.

40. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

1. Planning Committee - 18th July 1985

(a) Application No. 8/85/340 - Outline for detached dwelling and access adj. 15 Shore Road The application had been deferred at the previous meeting to enable members of the Committee to make individual site visits. The Director of Planning had informed the Chairman of this Council that permission had already been granted in 1981 and even if the current application was refused, the applicant could still utilise the benefit of the previous permission. The Chairman intended to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee.

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

(b) Application No. 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, Meadow Lane

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

(c) Application No. 8/85/22 - Outline for residential development, land off Station Road It was reported that the comments made by the Parish Council in respect of this application could be dealt with at the details stage.

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

2. Tree Preservation Order - The Rectory, Station Road The Chairman undertook to find out the details of the Order in respect of trees at this location.

3. Old Barn Club, Moss Lane It was reported that a shop had opened in these premises on the 22nd June 1985 without an application being made for a change of use under the Planning Acts.

RESOLVED:- That the facts be reported to the Director of Planning.

41. RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that some work had been undertaken to tidy up the flagged area although it had not been authorised by the Council.

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken until an account is received for the work.

42. DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held on the following Monday evenings commencing at 7.30 pm:-

6th January 1986

27th January 1986

24th February 1986

24th March 1986

21st April 1986

26th May 1986

P. J. Handley
12th August 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12th AUGUST 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames N Blundell ; C Finnan ; L Kershaw and D Trippier

Messrs P Griffiths ; B Molyneux and J A Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr B Birkby and 2 members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th July 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

44. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Venue for meetings The request to use the School for meetings of the Council would be put before the next meeting of the Managers. Official notification of the revised charges for use of the Village Hall had still not been received.

2. Council for the Protection of Rural England More information had been received and passed to Mr P Griffiths.

3. Planning Committee Decisions The following applications had been approved:-

No 8/85/340 - Outline for detached dwelling and access, land adj. to 15 Shore Road.

No 8/85/415 - Full application for detached bungalow, Meadow Lane.

No 8/85/22 - Residential development, Station Road.

4. Air Training Corps The meeting had been held but no details were available.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Community Programme Managing Agency A request for work had been received. It was decided to take no action at this time.

(b) Committee Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

46. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(a) M W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground - £ 21.00 ✓

(b) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscriptions 1984/85 and 1985/86. - £ 10.00 ✓

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- (c) N Marsden Esq. - Work at Recreation Ground
(As per estimate but including additional cost of hire
of compressor as authorised by the Chairman) - £226.00

2. Allotments

- (a) Rentals The following tenants had paid the rents to the Clerk:-

R Cropper Esq. Plot 2 - £5.1
W J Moss Esq. Plot 4 - £5.1
J A Whiteside Esq. Plot 19 - £4.50
W Cropper Esq. Plot 3 - £5.1
J Buck Esq. Plots 16 & 17 - £10.1

£29.50

(b) Allotment Account The Clerk reported that during the past 5 years a total of £311.00 had been received in rents and £216.10 had been spent on the allotments which left a balance available in the Allotment Account of £94.90.

RESOLVED:- That the allotment receipts and expenditure be kept separate from the general parish finances but that a separate account be not opened. ✓

(c) Ownership of allotments It was suggested that it should be possible to claim title to the land after 12 years and the Clerk reported that any title-holder could only claim back rent for a maximum of 6 years. It was agreed to keep the matter under review. ✓

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ditch adj. to 64 Shore Road Mr M Baxter informed the Council that the ditch did not appear on the deeds of his house and Mr Baxter Snr maintained that the responsibility did not rest on the owner of the house.

48. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No 8/85/655 - Extensions, 'Anchorage', Anchorage Avenue.
(b) No 8/85/690 - Extensions, 30 Boundary Lane.
(c) No 8/85/730 - Extensions, 73 Sidney Avenue.

2. Applications at The Rectory

(a) No 8/85/661 - Outline for detached house and alteration to existing vehicular access, 92 Station Road.

(b) No 8/85/662 - Full application for detached parsonage house and garage and alteration of existing vehicular access, 92 Station Road.

These two applications had appeared on the weekly lists and the Chairman had obtained a copy of the plans which showed two additional houses to be built on the land adjacent to the Rectory. It appeared that the applicants intended to sell the existing dwelling when the new parsonage house had been built. A letter from Mr P Slater to the District Council was read to the Council.

RESOLVED:- That the Council object to these two applications on the following grounds:-

- (1) The site is adjacent to the Green Belt;

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(2) The existing gardens are a central focal point of the village and 2 additional houses would destroy the village centre;

(3) The existing Rectory is a house of character which should be retained in its present form;

(4) Provision of a 5 metre drive would create an additional hazard to what is already a hazardous junction; and

(5) The Inspector at a recent appeal indicated that provision for new dwellings in the Parish was adequate.

3. Northern Parishes Local Plan The District Council would progress the plan to statutory adoption during 1986.

4. Conditions attached to Planning Permissions This Council's suggestion about a tightening up of the condition relating to vehicles entering and leaving sites in forward gear was to be placed before the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

5. Change of use of building The owner of the former Barn Club premises had been advised that planning permission was required for change of use of the premises.

6. Plans for Parish Councils The District Council had restated the arrangements for Parish Councils to borrow plans.

7. Planning Appeal An appeal in respect of application No 8/85/218 - Extensions at 58 Station Road, would be dealt with by written representations.

8. Tree Preservation Order - The Rectory A copy of the Order had been circulated to all members of the Council and the details were noted.

9. Applications approved since last meeting The following were noted as having been approved:-

No 8/85/498 - Greenhouses, Westgate Farm, Guide Road.

No 8/85/536 - Extensions, 201 Moss Lane.

No 8/85/299A - Sign, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

49. NORTH WEST WATER

1. Sewerage Scheme The Director of Technical Services had confirmed that the plans would be made available to the Parish Council and had explained that the work in Shore Road was to clear blockages in the sewer following complaints of flooding by residents.

2. Water pressure Forms were being circulated to enable residents to indicate their complaints and it was agreed that all replies be brought to the next meeting of the Council. The Clerk reported that Tarleton Parish Council had made similar representations to the Water Authority. It was also reported that the situation should improve when the new water main is in operation.

50. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Carr Heys Watercourse The rusty sheep netting would be replaced in due course.

2. The Brow The County Area Surveyor had indicated that the work would be undertaken when the new sewerage work was completed. The letter also contained comments about the Parish Council not knowing all the facts and telling the County Surveyor what to do.

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RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be instructed to forward the correspondence to the County Surveyor pointing out that a new sewer will not be provided in the Brow, that the road is much used by heavy vehicles, that the Parish Council do appreciate the financial position of the County Council and it is the Clerk's job to pass on suggestions made by the Parish Council to the appropriate authority.

3. Footpaths A set of forms to apply for a Definitive Map Order had been received. It was agreed to leave the forms on file.

4. Grass verges

RESOLVED:- That the state of the grass verges at the bottom of the Brow be reported to the County Area Surveyor.

5. Hundred End Lane

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to investigate the deterioration of this road.

6. Telephone kiosks

RESOLVED:- That British Telecom be requested to replace the door to the kiosk adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel.

51. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Safety surfacing The Director of Leisure Services had forwarded a list of suppliers of safety surfaces and indicated that the £15,000 allocated by the District Council for repairs and improvements to play areas was insufficient for the District Council's needs for their own areas.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to make arrangements to meet Mr Cooley of the District Council on site to discuss the most appropriate surface for this Council's needs and that any members available be authorised to attend the meeting.

(b) Use of ground by Young Farmers Club Tarleton Parish Council would be considering the request of this Council for the Young Farmers to use facilities in Tarleton at their meeting this evening.

(c) Changing hut The metal guards had been placed in position on the windows by members of the Sportsmans Club. The Clerk was requested to thank the club for their assistance with this matter.

(d) Rights of way A further agreement had now been signed and only one was still outstanding.

(e) Litter bin at entrance to ground This had been removed by Mr N Marsden.

(f) West Lancashire Play Association The Chairman had given permission to the Association to use an inflatable and to park a play bus on the car park on one day per week. It was reported that the Association had used the Methodist Church premises the previous week rather than those at All Saints Church as in the past.

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

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2. Glenpark Drive The log equipment was in the process of being erected and the grass would then be laid. The Chairman was seeking information about metal barriers.

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Clerk had not received any replies to his letters.

52. ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee had inspected the allotments and reported that they were looking well. The ditch adj. to 64 Shore Road had been inspected and the Committee recommended that the Parish Council accept responsibility for this ditch and arrange for it to be cleaned out. Mr S Iddon had suggested that Mr Bond of Banks be asked to do the work by tractor in the autumn whilst it was also suggested that efforts be made to find someone to do the job by hand. Mr M Baxter had asked if any further plots were available and the Clerk reported on the current waiting list. The Council in considering the matter had regard to the comments made earlier by Mr Baxter and the letter from his Building Society to the effect that the ditch was not shown on the deeds of 64 Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Council agree in principle to accept responsibility for the ditch adjacent to 64 Shore Road;

(2) That the ditch be cleaned out in the autumn;

(3) That a notice be placed in the Newsletter asking for someone to undertake the cleaning by hand; and

(4) That Mr M H Baxter of 64 Shore Road be placed on the Allotments Waiting List and that Mrs J Riding, the former owner of 64 Shore Road, be deleted from the List as she has moved out of the Parish.

53. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 2

Planning Committee - 15th August 1985

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

(a) No 8/85/545 - Extensions, 2 Boundary Lane.

(b) No 8/85/483 - Extensions, 10 Norwood Avenue.

(c) No 8/85/404 - Outline for detached bungalow, 148 Chapel Fold.

54. DATES OF MEETINGS

It was reported that a meeting had been fixed for Bank Holiday Monday the 26th May 1986.

RESOLVED:- That the meeting be held on the Tuesday 27th May 1986.

P. J. Handley
9 Sept. 1985

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 9th SEPTEMBER 1985

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, N Blundell, C Finnan, L Kershaw and D Trippier
Messrs P Griffiths and S Iddon

Two members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

55. MR B BIRKBY

The Chairman reported that Mr B Birkby was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to forward the best wishes of the Council to Mr B Birkby.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 1985 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Venue for meetings The School Governors had indicated that the charge for the use of the School for meetings of the Parish Council would be £7.85 per hour. The Clerk was asked to write and thank the Governors for their letter and to inform them that the Council had decided to continue using the Village Hall.

58. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

(a) Agendas for Committees There were no items affecting this Parish.

(b) Chairman's Office A notice advertising a Charity Buffet Dance on the 27th September 1985 had been placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

2. Other matters

(a) West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme The Council had been invited to send a representative to the First Annual General Meeting of the Scheme at Ormskirk on the 18th September 1985.

(b) West Lancashire District Twinning Association A notice about a forthcoming school exchange had been placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

(c) Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils A circular had been received and the following items were noted:-

1. The Annual General Meeting would be held at the end of October or the beginning of November.

2. The Association were asking Parishes if the question of the provision of gas in rural areas should be pursued with British Gas.

The Chairman reported that North West Gas had received 800 replies from Hesketh Bank and Tarleton to their previous circular and were applying to British Gas to go ahead with a scheme. The officials were optimistic that a start could be made at the end of the year or early next year.

3. Parents had a right to be consulted on school closures prior to the final decision being taken by the Education Authority.

4. Parish Councils were asked to ensure they were asked to nominate Minor Authority Governors for Voluntary and County Primary Schools.

5. A provisional programme for the Spring Conference to be held in Southport had been circulated.

(d) Local Council Review A copy of the latest issue had been received.

59. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| (a) M J Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground (6th cut) | £ 21.00 |
| (b) Mrs S Watkinson - Completion of Audit notice | £ 3.50 |
| (c) B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary and expenses | £ 166.47 |
| (d) N Marsden Esq. - Flagging at Recreation Ground | £ 170.00 |

2. Receipts The remaining allotment rents for 14 plots had been received by Mr S Iddon.

60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Policing in Hesketh Bank Mr J Ellis asked whether the parish was being policed as there appeared to be a marked absence of police presence in the area. The Council accepted that the new Police Officer had been seen around the village for the first 2/3 months after her appointment and it was suggested that if the timing of the shifts meant that the parish no longer had a village police officer then changes may need to be made to rectify the situation. The Chairman indicated that the Police Officer would be invited to the next meeting of the Council to discuss, amongst other matters, policing in the Parish, action required to alleviate vandalism to bus shelters, whether the police require the assistance of the Council with any problems and how the officer is finding matters since taking up her appointment.

61. PLANNING MATTERS - PART 1

1. Weekly lists

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

- (a) No 8/85/773 - Extensions, 144a Chapel Road.
- (b) No 8/85/779 - Hen cabin for agricultural purposes, 138/140 Moss Lane.
- (c) No 8/85/780 - 11,000 volt O/H Electricity line, Boundary Meanygate.

2. Planning Committee - 12th September 1985

(a) Planning Applications - System of Delegation The Planning Committee were being requested to approve amendments to the System of Delegation to allow the more routine applications which receive no objections to be dealt with by the Director of Planning.

(b) Outstanding Applications The Council noted that the following applications had been outstanding for more than 13 weeks:-

1. No 8/84/548 - Dwelling, adj. 12 Boundary Lane - Awaiting S 52 Agreement.
2. No 8/85/103 - Community building, Moss Lane - Awaiting Committee.

(c) Approved since last meeting The following applications had been approved:-

1. No 8/85/655 - Extensions, 'Anchorage', Anchorage Avenue.
2. No 8/85/690 - Extensions, 30 Boundary Lane.

3. Other matters

(a) Standard Condition No 24 The Clerk reported that the proposed amendment regarding the turning of vehicles within sites had been approved.

(b) Hundred End It was suggested that it appeared that a second dwelling was being constructed on the Marsh at Hundred End.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to borrow the plans from the Planning Department and if it appeared that the building did not comply with the plans then he be authorised to raise the matter with the District Council.

(c) Cellular Telephone Network A notice had appeared in the local paper which was not correct in that the Planning Application for a mast had not yet been lodged with the District Council although the applicants had discussed the matter with the Planning Department. It was reported that new legislation would allow taller masts to be erected without planning permission although the one proposed within this parish would still require permission.

RESOLVED:- That the Council for the Protection of Rural England be asked for their views on such masts.

62. NORTH WEST WATER

Water pressure Nearly 50 forms had been completed and handed to Parish Councillors which represented 25% of those distributed.

RESOLVED:- That all the completed forms be forwarded to North West Water.

63. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. The Brow A further letter had been received from the County Surveyor which indicated that provocative letters would not be sent to the Council in future. The County Surveyor had also indicated that a new sewer would be provided at The Brow and resurfacing would have to wait until that work was completed.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Technical Services be requested to clarify the position regarding the provision of a new sewer.

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2. Footways The County Area Surveyor would investigate this matter.

3. Hundred End Lane The County Area Surveyor had programmed work for the current financial year.

4. Chapel Road The Council were disappointed that work to the footway had not yet been undertaken.

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be asked if it would be possible to request the builder to re-instate the footway as soon as possible.

5. Guide Road

RESOLVED:- (a) That the County Area Surveyor be requested to repair the pot hole in the carriageway opposite 'Kimberley', Guide Road, and

(b) That the attention of the County Area Surveyor be drawn to the problems caused by large vehicles mounting the kerb when turning into Guide Road.

6. Bus Shelters Further consideration was given to graffiti etc. on the shelters situated outside All Saints Church and opposite the Village Hall.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden if he would be prepared to tackle the task of cleaning the shelters, and

(b) That Mrs M Baxter be authorised to ask Tarleton Parish Council if they use anti-vandal type paint on bus shelters.

7. Village Sign

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to take the necessary action to ensure that the village sign at Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane is visible to persons entering the Parish.

8. Street Nameplates The Chairman reported that new street nameplates had now been erected in various parts of the Parish.

9. Telephone Kiosk - Becconsall Hotel A reply was still awaited from British Telecom.

64. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

(a) Safety surfacing The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr Cooley of the Leisure Services Department when Mr Cooley had recommended that new seats and chains be provided on the swings and that safety surfacing was desirable under the play equipment. The roundabout also required repairing. ✓

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be asked to look through Hirst's catalogue for suitable replacement seats and chains for the swings, ✓

(2) That the Area Committee of the LAPTIC be requested to consider entering into a bulk supply contract for the provision and application of safety surfacing and that it be suggested that the District Council be requested to supervise the work in the parishes, and ✓

(3) That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden to carry out the repairs to the roundabout. ✓