

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th JANUARY 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby and P Griffiths

Apologies were received from Mesdames N Blundell and C Finnan and Messrs S Iddon and J Whiteside and four members of the Press and Public were present.

114. MINUTES

114.2:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting on the 1st December 1986, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute No 103(1)(a) 'Mr J Whittingslow' to read 'Mr J Whittingham'.

115. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

116. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Chairman's Office A Christmas Card had been received from the Chairman and his Lady.

B. Minutes of Committee Meetings

(1) Dog Nuisances

a. Leisure Services Committee The Committee had recommended the introduction of a byelaw regarding dog nuisances in public open spaces and the Officers had been asked to investigate the possibility of assisting outside bodies with a similar provision.

b. Technical Services Committee The Committee had recommended the introduction of a byelaw to make it an offence not to remove dog faeces from footways and grass verges.

c. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The Committee had recommended that Parish Councils be allowed to respond and comment on the dog nuisance policy when formulated.

d. Policy and Resources Committee The Committee had approved the recommendations of the other Committees regarding the introduction of byelaws and recommended that £25,000 be included in next years Revenue Estimates for this purpose.

(2) Parish Council Finance

a. Concurrent Expenditure The Policy and Resources Committee had deferred consideration of the Joint Liaison Committee's recommendation pending a report on the Council's response to the External Auditor's request for clarification of the definition of 'approved concurrent expenditure'.

b. Management of 'C' Schemes The Policy and Resources Committee had reservations about the policy recommended by the Joint Liaison Committee and had asked for the issue to be reconsidered.

(3) Review of Electoral Arrangements The Policy and Resources Committee had recommended that the Local Government Boundary Commission be asked if they were prepared to undertake a second review of District Electoral Arrangements on account of imbalances in representation in the Hesketh - with - Becconsall, Derby and Birch Green Wards.

2. Community Council of Lancashire Details of a course of meetings on the future prospects of Appley Bridge had been received together with copies of the December edition of CCL News and the Winter edition of Local Council Review.

17. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. North West Water - Water charges	£ 13.95
b. Mahood Bros. Ltd. - Provision of 40 thorns	£ 16.10
c. Mr D Harrison - Planting of thorn hedge, School Fold	£ 10.00

2. Request for Donation

RESOLVED:- That the request from The Hot Centre, Darwen (Multiple Sclerosis) be not approved.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr & Mrs Kidd were concerned about having to contribute towards the cost of making up School Fold when their address was Shore Road and asked whether the Chairman had found a map which designated the road as an Ancient Highway. The Chairman said he had visited the Records Office at Preston and found an Ordnance Survey Map of 1848. In addition, a Tithe Map of 1839 showed School Fold in the ownership of one person. He indicated that the road needed to be shown on a map prior to 1835 for the responsibility for making up the road to pass to the County Council. Boundary Meanygate had been mentioned by some people as an example but that had been done on the basis of agricultural need.

Mrs Baxter referred to a meeting in July 1975 when the residents were informed that the County Council were prepared to make up the road from Hazelwood Drive to Shore Road as an extension of Hazelwood Drive but the then residents did not wish such a connection to be made.

Mrs Cupit informed the meeting that the Police had again not come out to School Fold to deal with indiscriminate parking this time on Boxing Day when cars from persons attending a function on the Recreation Ground were blocking access to the properties.

The Chairman advised that more information might be available following the suggested meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and Officers of the District Council.

119. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. No 8/86/1207 - Outline for 2 detached houses and garages etc. - Land at Chapel Road.

The Chairman reported that this land was opposite Greenfield near to the junction of Chapel Road and Shore Road.

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

b. No 8/86/1226 - Conversion, alteration and extension to barn to form Granny Flat - Douglas Bank Farm, Beconsall Lane.

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

c. No 8/86/1246 - Outline for 3 pairs bungalows with garages and 1 detached bungalow with garage - Land at rear of 126 Chapel Road.

The Chairman reported that Application No 8/86/886 for the same site had been withdrawn in favour of the current application and this development was slightly further away from the Delta Park Estate than the previous proposals.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that the Parish Council object to this application for the same reasons as those given in respect of the previous application.

2. Planning Committee - 8th January 1987

a. Application No 8/86/1161 - Full for erection of 26 detached houses etc. Land off Chapel Road.

The Chairman reported this application was for an additional house to the previous approval.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to any increase in the number of dwellings to be built on the site over and above those previously approved by the Department of the Environment on appeal.

3. Application Approved The following had been approved since the previous meeting of the Council:-

No 8/86/1116 - Detached garage at rear of semi-detached dwelling - 72 Moss Lane.

120. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School Fold This item had been dealt with during Public Participation.

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2. Footway Lights The District Council had requested that all applications for footway lights be channelled through the Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils. The priority order was to be discussed at the meeting of the Area Committee on the 9th January 1987.

It was also reported that a number of lights in the parish required cable repairs and these were given a low priority by NORWEB.

3. The Brow The Chairman had reported to the County Area Surveyor that the road surface again required attention and the Clerk was requested to confirm the matter in writing.

121. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. School Fold Hedge On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Mrs J Witter for purchasing and transporting the hawthorns from Lathom. Mr D Harrison had planted the hawthorns and fixed a protective barrier.

Mrs M Baxter asked it to be placed on record that she had not been invited to attend the meeting of the Recreation Committee when the decision to recommend the planting of the hawthorns had been taken and that she did not agree with that recommendation.

2. Car Park The Clerk had written to Mr L Hyland who had undertaken to make a start early in the New Year. The additional cost for the extra work would be £200.

RESOLVED:- That the estimate of £200 for additional work at the Recreation Ground Car Park to be carried out by Mr L Hyland be approved.

3. Use of Football Pitch Hesketh Bank AFC had replied to the points made by the Council regarding the use of the pitch and had agreed to meet the Boys FC to discuss matters of mutual concern.

RESOLVED:- That the Clubs be informed (i) That the Parish Council are encouraged that they are to meet together and hope that this may lead to better liaison in the future, and (ii) That the Parish Council suggests that joint pitch inspections be undertaken on behalf of both clubs prior to the weekend's fixtures.

4. Land at Becconsall Hotel There had been no response from the Brewery and the Public Notice had yet to appear in the Ormskirk Advertiser. The provision of a Notice Board was in hand.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Clerk be requested to contact the paper regarding the Public Notice, and (ii) That the Notice Board be placed on the line of the stumps of the former fence at this location.

5. Land at Junction of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive Consideration was given to this untidy piece of land.

RESOLVED:- (1) That, with effect from the 5th January 1987, the Parish Council takes possession of the land, at present unused, at the junction of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive in the interests of the inhabitants of the Parish,

(2) That arrangements be made for Mr R E Carr to erect a sign on the site to read 'Property of Hesketh - with - Becconsall Parish Council, and

(3) That Public Notice of the Council's action be placed in the Ormskirk Advertiser.

6. Play Equipment

a. Inspection Mr J Whiteside had continued his weekly inspections and had reported to the Chairman that evrything was alright apart from the repairs which were in hand.

b. Maintenance of Equipment Mrs L Kershaw had attended a meeting in Ormskirk concerning the maintenance of play areas. (A copy of the note of the meeting appears in the Minute Book together with a suggested programme for inspections).

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be requested to approach the Parish Council's Insurers regarding indemnity for the persons carrying out the inspections and about an annual inspection by an Engineer nominated by the Insurance Company, and

(2) That the Leisure Services Department be requested to supply a copy of the Health and Safety recommendations for play equipment.

122. POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

The Divisional Commander had supplied details of the criteria used for the provision of Community Police Officers in rural areas which indicated that the number available to police Hesketh Bank, Tarleton, Banks and Rufford was adequate.

123. WEST LANCASHIRE REGISTRATION DISTRICT & TARLETON REGISTRATION SUB-DISTRICT

The Parish Council had been consulted on the County Council's proposal to close the Sub-District and amalgamate it with the West Lancashire 2nd Sub-District based at Ormskirk.

RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to make every effort to ensure the continued presence of a Registrar in the area due to the difficulties in reaching Ormskirk by public transport.

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

The agenda for the meeting on the 9th January 1987 was noted and Councillors interested in attending a Clerks and Councillors Course on the 23rd January 1987 were requested to notify the Clerk or Mrs L Kershaw as soon as possible.

P. J. Handley

2 Feb. '87

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd FEBRUARY 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames N Blundell, C Finnan, L Kershaw, D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Griffiths, S Iddon and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr B Birkby and 6 members of the press and public were present.

125. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 1987, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

126. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

West Lancashire Registration District - Tarleton Registration Sub-District

It was reported that this Council's views would be brought to the attention of the Fire Service and Public Protection Committee of the County Council in March 1987. In the meantime, the Policy & Resources Committee of the District Council were to be informed of the views of the three Parishes involved. It was understood that Tarleton Parish Council were deeply concerned about the inconvenience caused by closure and wished for a permanent site to be provided at the Health Centre. North Meols Parish Council, although sympathetic were leaving the decision to the District Council. The District Council were being asked to support the retention of an office at Tarleton Health Centre.

127. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Parish Council Elections A new leaflet had been received.

b. Parish Council Clerks

RESOLVED:- That this Council supports the principle of a meeting between Parish Council Clerks and District Council Chief Officers.

c. District Council Agenda

1. Technical Services Committee - Amenity Cleansing Only this Parish were interested in employing a lengthsman which meant that the District Council would not be able to dispense with one of their street cleansing gangs. In addition there was a proposal in the Queen's Speech for street cleansing to be put out to tender. In the circumstances, the Committee had decided it could not make funds available to the Parish Council in the next financial year.

2. Leisure and Amenities Committee The Committee had agreed to make a grant to Hesketh Bank Junior Band.

3. Policy & Resources Committee

i. Concurrent Expenditure The present system was to be retained.

ii. Parish Council Capital Schemes 1987/88 The projects recommended by the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC had been agreed.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils - Newsletter

The following items were noted:-

a. Public Transport Liaison Committee The Parish Councils' representative was Mr L L Watson.

b. Local Election Rules These had been amended to provide for official Poll Cards to be used at Bye-elections at the discretion of the Parish Council and for the 60 day rule for Co-option to be abolished and replaced by an obligation to Co-opt as soon as practicable.

c. Buckingham Palace Garden Party The Chairman did not wish to be nominated.

d. Best Kept Village Competition

RESOLVED:- That no action be taken on this matter.

e. Joint Spring Conference - Lancaster Members wishing to attend were asked to notify the Clerk.

3. Council for Protection of Rural England A copy of Countrywise and a new environmental magazine had been passed to Mr P Griffiths.

128. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Mr J Chohan - Cleansing at Glenpark Drive	£10.00
b. Ormskirk Advertiser Group - Public Notice	£51.52
c. Lancashire County Council - Stationery	£54.56 ✓

2. Insurance Information concerning the insurance for play equipment and the Council's existing policy was noted.

RESOLVED:- 1. That the Limit of Indemnity under Section 'A' of the existing policy be increased to £1,000,000 and

2. That the Clerk be requested to discuss the other issues with the Insurance Company.

129. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. School Fold The Chairman reported that the meeting with the District Council would be held on the 6th February 1987. Mr & Mrs Kidd indicated that they had seen their local MP who had told them that they shouldn't have to pay towards the making up of School Fold and Mrs Cupit re-iterated that she owned upto 3ft from the centre of the Parish Council's hedge

2. The Brow Mrs Cupit referred to the state of the carriageway on The Brow and the Clerk indicated that the County Council would be re-surfacing The Brow starting in April although completion would not be until after the sewer works and the connections to the Transport site had been finished. The Chairman informed the meeting that the sewer works were still in the Water Authority's programme but it would not start until October. He now understood that new pipes would not be laid in The Brow and the Clerk agreed to pass that information to the County Area Surveyor.

130. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 8/87/2 - Extensions to detached bungalow, Springfield Farm, Boundary Meanygate

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

b. No 8/87/9 - Outline for 4 detached dwellings & garages etc., Land adj. to 107 Chapel Road

The Chairman reported that this application replaced a similar one for the same piece of land which was made about a year ago and subsequently withdrawn.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the same grounds as the objection made last year.

c. No 8/87/24 - Extensions at rear of detached bungalow, Fairfield, Newarth Lane

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

d. No 8/87/27 - Detached garage at rear of detached dwelling, 420 Moss Lane

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

2. Planning Committee - 5th February 1987

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

a. No 8/86/1207 - Outline for 2 detached bungalows & garages etc., land at Chapel Road

b. No 8/86/1226 - Conversion, alteration and extension of barn to form 'Granny' accommodation, Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane

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

a. No 8/86/1146 - Garage extension, 64 Station Road

b. No 8/86/1147 - Garage extension, 66 Station Road

4. Buildings of Special Architectural and Historic Interest It was reported that the following had been added to the List:-

a. Becconsall Lane - Sundial c. 10 metres south of old Church of All Saints

b. Becconsall Lane - Ferry House

c. Shore Road - Bank Farmhouse

The Chairman undertook to bring the List to the next Council meeting.

5. Applications Outstanding The following had been outstanding for over 13 weeks for the reasons indicated:-

a. No 8/86/595 - Full, demolition of one bungalow and erection of replacement, Adj. to Holmwood, Shore Road - Awaiting S 52 agreement.

b. No 8/86/749 - Full, one dwelling, Shore Road - Awaiting S 52 agreement.

6. The Rectory, Station Road This Council's views on the latest planning application had been received too late to report to the Committee and had been passed to the Applicant's Agents.

131. PRECEPT 1987/88

RESOLVED:- That a Precept of 0.6 pence (the same as last year) be levied for the year 1987/88.

132. VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee had requested the Parish Council to take over the management of the Village Hall.

RESOLVED:- 1. That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to arrange for each member to receive a copy of the Scheme for the Foundation of the Village Hall prior to the next meeting.

133. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. The Brow This had been dealt with in Public Participation.

2. Bus Shelter\$ - Chapel Road, by the Chapel + Station Road, by the Church.

RESOLVED:- That Mr N Marsden be requested to repair the roofs of this shelter\$

3. School Fold

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs M Baxter, Mr J Whiteside and the Clerk be authorised to represent this Council at the meeting with District Council Officers.

4. Street Lighting

RESOLVED:- 1. That the following defects be reported to the County Council:-

- a. Moss Lane - Pole No 23 - No top
- b. Moss Lane - Pole No 12 - Light unlit
- c. Chapel Road - On bend near to Greenfields - No top
- d. Guide Road - Pole No 2 - Light unlit
- e. Shore Road - Pole carrying bus stop sign opposite shops - Light unlit

2. That the County Council be requested to supply a list of outstanding repairs, and

3. That the County Council be requested to consider alleviating the problems to motorists on Shore Road, Hundred End, caused by the sudden change from near daylight to total darkness at the point where the Hundred End Lane leaves Shore Road.

5. Dunkirk Dib

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Environmental Health be requested to investigate the pollution of Dunkirk Dib, by raw sewage, on health grounds.

134. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Use of Football pitch The two Clubs had now informed the Council of the arrangements for assessing the fitness of the pitch each weekend.

RESOLVED:- That the two Clubs be asked to indicate, as soon as possible, when they would be playing their final matches of this season to enable arrangements to be made for re-seeding the pitch.

2. Dog Nuisances

RESOLVED:- 1. That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council, and

2. That the Dog Warden be invited to attend the next meeting or to visit the Parish prior to the meeting to meet some of the Councillors to discuss the problems.

3. Land adj to Becconsall Hotel The Brewery had requested information about the possibility of additional shopping facilities being provided in the Parish and it was reported that the Public Notice had been published in the Ormskirk Advertiser and the sign was nearly ready.

RESOLVED:- That a copy of the Hesketh Bank Chapter of the Northern Parishes District Plan be forwarded to the Brewery.

4. Land at Jct. of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive The Public Notice had been published and the sign was nearly ready.

RESOLVED:- That a letter of explanation of the Council's action be circulated to the nearby householders.

5. Play Equipment

RESOLVED:- That Mr J A Whiteside be authorised to continue inspecting the play equipment.

135. POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

It was reported that the proposed radio mast would not be compatible with the Police equipment; that new PFX personal radios were now in use and provided adequate reception in this area and the possibility of transferring telephone calls to a manned station was being investigated.

136. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - AREA COMMITTEE

Mrs L Kershaw reported as follows:-

1. Concurrent expenditure This had now been re-considered by the District Council.

2. Capital Schemes The available funds had been allocated. This Parish was still top of the list for a 'C' Scheme.

3. Footway lights Lists had to be submitted to Mrs Kershaw by March.
4. Annual Subscriptions These would rise due to the Association receiving a VAT bill for £6000.
5. Spring Conference The theme was publicising Local Government and Parish Councils.
6. Election expenses These should not be included in the Parish Council's Estimates.

RESOLVED:- That the priority list for new footway lights already submitted to Mrs L Kershaw be re-affirmed.

137. ALLOTMENTS

Mr S Ball had relinquished his allotment with immediate effect and applications had been received from Mr J Buck and Mr M H Whiteside who were both existing tenants. Mr I Mottershead was the only applicant on the current list who did not already have an allotment.

- RESOLVED:-
1. That the empty plot be offered to Mr I Mottershead with immediate effect,
 2. That Mr J Buck and Mr M H Whiteside be placed on the waiting list,
 - and 3. That Mr S Ball be given a refund of his rental as soon as Mr Mottershead has paid his rental for the forthcoming year.

P. J. Handley
2nd March 1987.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd MARCH 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; N Blundell; L Kershaw and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; P Griffiths; S Iddon and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mesdames C Finnan and D Trippier and 8 members of the public were present.

138. MR M TRIPPIER

The Chairman reported the death of Mr Milton Trippier, a former Parish Councillor and a man who had done a great deal of work for the Parish Council. The funeral had been attended by The Chairman and Mrs M Baxter and a card of condolence was circulated for signature by all the members present.

The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr Trippier.

139. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 1987 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Minute No 133 (2) to be amended to include the addition of the bus shelter in Station Road, by the Church.

140. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Tarleton Registration Sub-District The District Council were seeking the retention of an office at the Health Centre in Tarleton.

2. Buildings of Special Architectural and Historic Interest In addition to the list mentioned at the previous meeting, the Chairman reported that the Old Church of All Saints and Becconsall Hall, both in Becconsall Lane, were included on the list.

3. Dunkirk Dib NWA were analysing discharges into this ditch.

4. Allotments Mr I Mottershead had accepted the allotment and paid the rental of £5.

141. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Register of Electors 1987 The new list had been received.

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

2. West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau The Bureau were seeking a site to park a mobile caravan and the Clerk was requested to suggest the car park at All Saints

Church Hall and notify the Bureau that this information has been provided previously.

3. National Pure Water Association Literature regarding the fluoridation of water supplies was noted.

4. COSIRA Information about their services was noted.

142. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. B W Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's salary and expenses £175.91
b. L Hyland Esq., - Work at Recreation Ground Car Park £828.00
(Subject to Mr Hyland being requested to remove the trees from the middle of the car park).

2. Insurance It was agreed to leave this item until the next meeting.

143. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. School Fold The Chairman reported on the meeting with officers of the District Council. The County Council had been asked to clarify the position of Footpath 42 and to investigate the possibility of part of the road being an Ancient Highway. A preliminary scheme had been prepared which would require the County Council to purchase two small pieces of land from the Parish Council. It had also been ascertained that a Bond was held in respect of the 2 houses in School Fold near to Hazelwood Drive.

Mrs Kidd had informed the Chairman that she was sending a copy of her deeds to the District Council as proof that her house was built in 1815.

Mr Whiteside indicated that the County Council's funds had been reduced and a decision to proceed would not be taken quickly. The Clerk agreed to speak to the appropriate Officer of the County Council.

Mrs Cupit considered that the Parish Council had shifted the emphasis during the past two years and it was time the matter was resolved. She said that footballers were still parking in School Fold and that the Parish Council should be improving the area as a matter of urgency.

Mr Singleton, Chairman of the Football Club, indicated that every attempt had been made to solve the problems of parking in School Fold and suggested that a sign should be erected to indicate that it was a private road and that registration numbers of offending cars should be passed on to the Club to enable them to take action.

At this point in the discussion it was -

RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 15 (h) be waived to enable a further 10 minutes discussion to take place.

Mr Griffiths pointed out that the residents' problems would probably increase when the road was eventually made up and that the Parish Council had got neither the power nor the finance to undertake the sort of work being suggested, whilst Mrs Baxter asked the residents not to belittle the efforts of the Parish Council who had spent a great deal of time on this problem.

The Chairman felt that the Football Club would continue to do its best to ensure that cars are not parked in School Fold on match days and suggested that the offer to the residents regarding car registration numbers be taken up.

2. Footpath No 29 Mr Wright referred to this footpath which went from Moss Lane to Boundary Meanygate and he produced evidence that it should be classed as a by-way. There had been an obstruction near to the junction with Boundary Meanygate but it was now possible for pedestrians to use the footpath.

3. Wooden Shed by Henry Alty's, Station Road Mrs Cupit complained about the state of this shed and Mrs Baxter suggested that Mrs Cupit should report it to the owners. The Chairman also undertook to investigate the matter.

144. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. Application No 8/87/71 - Full for agricultural worker's bungalow, 177 Moss Lane.

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

b. Application No 8/87/102 - Extensions and alterations to shop and flat, 264 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

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

c. Application No 8/87/144 - Extensions and alterations, 416 Moss Lane.

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

2. Planning Committee - 5th March 1987

a. Applications

1. No 8/87/9 - Outline, 4 detached houses etc., land adj. 107 Chapel Road.

It was reported that the Planning Officer was suggesting an alteration to the boundary of the Green Belt without public consultation.

RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to inform the District Council that the Parish Council object to the recommendation and the suggested amendment to the Green Belt,

2. That the Chairman be authorised to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee and to speak in support of the Parish Council's objections,

and 3. That members of the Parish Council be authorised to lobby members of the Planning Committee regarding this application.

2. No 8/86/1246 - Outline, 3 pairs of bungalows and 1 detached bungalow etc., land at rear of 126 Chapel Road.

It was reported that the site had apparently been taken out of the Green Belt by the Planning Officer without consultation.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council object to the recommendation and the amendment to the Green Belt.

b. Approved since previous meeting The following applications had been approved by the Planning Officer:-

No. 8/87/2 - Exts. to detached bungalow, Springfield Farm, Boundary Meanygate

No. 8/87/24 - Exts. to detached bungalow, 'Fairfield', Newarth Lane.

3. Green Belt Policy As a result of the 2 applications mentioned in Minute 144 (2) (a) above, the Council considered what further action could be taken with regard to the issues raised.

RESOLVED:- 1. That the support of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Parish And Town Councils be sought to the following resolution:-

'That the District Council Planning Committee should pay more attention to comments made by Parish Councils on Planning Applications especially with regard to proposals for development within the Green Belt, and that an amendment to the law be sought to enable Parish Councils to appeal against decisions taken by the District Council',

and 2. That the Director of Planning be invited to address the meeting of the Parish Council on the 18th May 1987 about this subject.

4. Planning Appeal

Application No 8/86/977 - Pair of semi-detached bungalows, land adj. to 48 Newarth Lane.

This piece of land was in the Green Belt but it was suggested that it would never be put to agricultural use again and it could be classed as infilling.

RESOLVED:- That no representations be made regarding this appeal.

5. Jumps Farm, Station Road It was agreed to keep a watch on the situation regarding this site.

145. 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.

146. MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLAGE HALL

The Council gave further consideration to the suggestion that the Parish Council should take over the management of the Village Hall.

RESOLVED:- That it is the wish of the Parish Council that Hesketh Bank Village Hall continues to be available for public use and consequently, a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mrs M Baxter, Mrs D Trippier and the Clerk be authorised to meet with representatives of the Village Hall Committee to discuss possible ways of ensuring that happens and to report back to the Parish Council in due course.

147. DOG NUISANCES

The Dog Warden had informed Mrs Finnan that the existing bye-laws do not relate to play areas but that a new bye-law had been tried out in the South of England and it was hoped to put a similar bye-law into effect in West Lancashire in 1987, in conjunction with an extensive public education programme.

148. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street Lighting There was no backlog of repairs apart from those awaiting attention by NORWEB and there was no possibility of improving the lighting on Shore Road at the present time. It was also reported that a number of 'cats eyes'

on Shore Road were not functioning.

RESOLVED:- 1. That the attention of the Area County Surveyor be drawn to the non-functioning 'cats eyes',

and 2. That the Police be asked to comment on the existing lighting on Shore Road especially at Hundred End.

2. The Brow

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to meet members of the Parish Council to discuss the state of the road at The Brow.

3. Footpath No 29

RESOLVED:- That an application be made to the County Council for Footpath No 29 to be designated as a By-way.

4. School sign, by Shore Farm, Shore Road

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to move this school sign approximately 8 yards away from the school to alleviate problems of children using the sign to climb onto the adjoining wall.

149. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Brewery had indicated that they owned all the land required for the play area and Coggins Welch had indicated that they owned a plot of land adjacent to the telephone box.

RESOLVED:- 1. That the Brewery be informed that the current information is at variance with that previously supplied by the Company.

and 2. That Coggins Welch be informed that the Parish Council's proposals should not affect their land holding.

2. Land at jct. of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive A letter explaining the Council's actions had been delivered to all houses in the area and it was suggested that the land needed levelling and tidying up.

RESOLVED:- That the MSC be requested to tidy up this area of land by levelling, turning over and re-seeding.

3. Recreation Ground

a. Football pitch

RESOLVED:- That the MSC be asked whether they are in a position to respond to the Council's request to re-seed the pitch at the end of the season and that the County Council be requested to provide grass seed.

b. Use by Hesketh Bank AFC A letter apologising for an incident in School Fold on the 8th February 1987, was noted.

c. Grass cutting

RESOLVED:- That Mr M W Taylor be asked to undertake grass cutting during 1987.

d. Car park The work had been completed and the Chairman had been aware that the excess flags were being removed.

P. J. H.

e. Play equipment Mr Whiteside reported that there was no change in the state of the equipment.

4. Glenpark Drive

RESOLVED:- That Mr J Chohan be requested to cut the grass on this play area.

150. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED:- That all tenants be requested to remove excess soil from the entrance road after using a tractor on the allotments.

P. J. Handley

6th March 1987.
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