

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6th APRIL 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

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

One member of the public was present

151. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 1987 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

152. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Mr M Trippier Mrs D M Trippier had sent a letter of thanks for the kind message of sympathy sent by the Parish Council to her family.

2. Tarleton Registration Sub-District The County Council had decided to make permanent the temporary arrangements for the use of a room at Tarleton Health Centre.

3. West Lancashire Volunteer Bureau The Clerk was asked to suggest the Methodist Church Car Park in addition to the one at All Saints Church.

4. Recreation Ground Car Park Mr L Hyland had removed the trees.

5. School Fold The County Surveyor's Department had indicated that the questions asked by the District Council would be processed as quickly as possible.

6. Planning Committee - 5th March 1987
Application No 8/87/9 - O/L for 4 detached houses etc., land adj. to
107 Chapel Road This application had been referred to the full Council with a recommendation from the Planning Committee for refusal. The Council had subsequently confirmed the recommendation.

7. Highways

a. Shore Road The road from 'Westleigh' to just past Dunkirk Dib was to be resurfaced this year and the markings and studs on that stretch renewed and those on the rest of the road checked.

b. School sign This would be moved as suggested.

c. The Brow This would be resurfaced at least upto basecourse level. The asphalt wearing course would be laid when confirmation was received that no other works were planned in this area. It was reported that the work had started.

d. Footpath 29 The Chairman and Clerk were processing this application.

8. Dog nuisances The Dog Warden had visited Mrs C Finnan and as a result of various complaints received intended to make further visits to the area which she hoped would have an effect on the problems.

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9. Allotments The circular letter to tenants was in hand.

153. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Reception for Clerks and Chairmen This was to be held on the 13th April 1987 and would be attended by the Clerk and Chairman.

b. West Lancashire Tourism Association The first birthday party of the Association was being held this evening.

c. Meeting for Parish Council Clerks This was to be held on the 13th April 1987 prior to the reception.

d. Committee agenda and minutes It was reported that the Parish Precept of 0.6 pence was the third lowest in the District and the total rate would be 207.60 pence. The Chairman undertook to raise with the District Council the question of the re-introduction of rates payments being made in two halves.

At this point, Mr Birkby left the meeting.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

a. Newsletter

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to order the following from the Association:-

- i. Legislative Changes 1980 - 1987 at £3 + p&p
- ii. Legal Topic Note No 25 - Local Council help for Village Halls
- Free.

b. Area Committee Meeting - 27th March 1987 Mrs L Kershaw reported on the meeting as follows:-

i. Planning Matters The proposition of this Council regarding planning matters had been split into two parts for voting purposes. The first part relating to the views of Parish Councils on applications had been slightly amended and the revised proposal that the District Council pays due attention to Parish Council comments was passed with a strong vote in favour. The second part relating to the right of Parish Councils to appeal against decisions of the District Council, whilst having a groundswell of opinion in favour, was defeated. After the meeting, the Chairman had been advised to place a similar proposal before this years Annual General Meeting of the Association subject to the wording being tightened up before then.

RESOLVED:- That the Council gives further consideration to its position on planning matters after the forthcoming visit to the Council of the Director of Planning.

ii. 'C' Schemes This Council was still top of the 'C' Scheme List.

3. Clyde Petroleum PLC Details of seismic surveys had been received which did not appear to affect this Parish.

4. Magazines Copies of the Local Council Review and the Countryside Campaigner had been received.

5. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual General Meeting was to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 24th April 1987 commencing at 7.30pm

154. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. NWWA - Water charges | £ 12.52 |
| b. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Subscription and publications | £117.00 |
| c. Mr J Chohan - Work at Glenpark Drive | £ 15.00 |
| d. Mr N Marsden - Repairs to bus shelter and roundabout
(The Chairman agreed to obtain a breakdown of this account) | £ 84.82 |
| e. R & E Carr - Provision of notice boards and post for kissing gate | £108.55 |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

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| a. Hesketh Bank Sportsmans Club - Rent for changing hut | £ 10.00 |
| b. HM Customs & Excise - VAT refund | £276.08 |
| c. NORWEB - Wayleave
(The Clerk undertook to ask about the payment for 1986) | £ 42.39 |

3. Insurance The Clerk reported that he had visited the Insurance Company and had now received a revised quotation to include the following:-

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| a. Increasing the limit of indemnity to £1,000,000 | |
| b. Increasing the valuation of the bus shelters to £500 each and the street seats to £100 each. | |
| c. Increasing the valuation of the changing hut to £4,000 | |

The total cost of the above increases amounted to £42.75 net over and above the existing premium of £83.70. The Clerk had also arranged for the play equipment to be inspected with a view to it being scheduled for quotation purposes.

RESOLVED:- i. That the premium of £83.70 be paid,

and ii. That the Insurance Cover be increased as detailed in the report above at an additional premium of £42.75 net.

155. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. No 8/87/182 - Change of use of barn to showroom etc. in connection with retail furniture business, 'Lambourne', Shore Road. The Chairman reported this was in the Green Belt but might be classed as a small business in a rural area.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that this Council is of the opinion that if the Committee is minded to approve the application, permission should be personal to the applicant and last for only so long as the business exists.

b. No 8/87/216 - Extensions, 72 Beconsall Lane.

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

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- c. No 8/87/245 - Extensions, Windy Ridge, Anchorage Avenue

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

d. No 8/87/261 - Conversion of dwelling to rest home and extensions etc. Layout of 10 car parking spaces and alterations to existing vehicular access, All Saints Rectory, Station Road. The Chairman undertook to obtain details for the next meeting.

2. Planning Committee - 9th April 1987 There were no items for this Parish on this agenda.

3. Visit by Director of Planning Mr T Abernethy had confirmed that he would be attending the meeting of the Parish Council on the 18th May 1987.

RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that the Council wish to discuss the following issues:-

- a. Ratification of Northern Parishes District Plan
- b. Amendment of Green Belt, citing recent applications in Chapel Road and Newarth Lane
- c. Development at the Rectory
- d. 'Fait Accompli' development e.g. Place of worship, Moss Lane
- e. Lancashire Structure Plan

156. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Land adj. to Beconsall Hotel The Brewery had checked their deeds and confirmed they owned all the land required by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- That Lancashire County Council be asked what land they own in this area.

2. Land at jct. of Glenpark Drive and Shore Road The National Westminster Bank, Birkdale had indicated that they hold a conveyance on this land and a mortgage.

RESOLVED:- That the Bank be requested to supply the name and address of the reputed owner of the site and that unless they can provide some proof of ownership the Parish Council will continue with its claim for the land.

3. Recreation Ground

a. MSC works on football pitch MSC were able to commence as soon as instructions were received from this Council. They required toilet facilities and had asked for suggestions.

RESOLVED:- That the MSC be instructed to start as soon as all matches are finished, the Chairman to check with the two clubs regarding the dates of the last matches, and informed that they already have a key to the changing hut which has toilet facilities.

b. Grasscutting

RESOLVED:- That Mark W Taylor be authorised to undertake the cutting of the grass surrounds at a cost of £22.00 plus VAT per cut.

c. Play equipment The roundabout had been repaired and Mr Whiteside reported that there was a small bend in one of the bars of the climbing frame which did not require attention at this time. He had untied those swing chains that had been fastened together and suggested that the slide required re-painting.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the slide to be re-painted.

d. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mr J Chohan was prepared to cut the grass in including the borders and around the trees and to treat the area with fertiliser. He suggested the area required a fortnightly visit until he got on top of the work, at a cost of £20 per visit.

RESOLVED:- That Mr J Chohan be authorised to undertake the extra work at Glenpark Drive as outlined above, at a cost of £20 per visit.

P. J. Handley

18th May 1987.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th MAY 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr T L Abernethy, Director of Planning, West Lancashire District Council
Mr J Harrison, Planning Officer, West Lancashire District Council
P C Graham Wilson, New Local Police Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr B W Rimmer, Clerk to the Council

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year
1987/88.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

Mr P J Handley took the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:- That Mrs D M Trippier be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the
year 1987/88.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April 1987 be confirmed
and signed by the Chairman.

5. VISIT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Mr T L Abernethy addressed the Parish Council on Planning Matters in general and
answered a number of questions relating to this Parish in particular. There was a frank
exchange of views and ideas between members of the Council and the Director on a
number of issues of concern to the Parish Council including developments in Chapel
Road, at the site of the former Rectory and the Christian Fellowship site in Moss
Lane.

At the conclusion, the Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance.

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6. POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

P C Graham Wilson indicated he would be moving to live in the Parish in about 2 months time and he reported that three extra Police Officers would be working in the Northern Parishes at that time. He assured the Council that he would pay particular attention to School Fold and the bus shelter adjacent to the Church on Station Road. With regard to young people, he informed the Council that he had two boys of his own and would be seeking to gain the respect of the youngsters in the Parish.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

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

- a. No 8/87/281 - Replacement tomato packing shed, 123 Station Road
- b. No 8/87/287 - New vehicular access, 195 Chapel Road
- c. No 8/87/313 - Extensions, 117 Moss Lane
- d. No 8/87/391 - Extensions, 13 Delta Park Drive
- e. No 8/87/401 - Extensions, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road
- f. No 8/87/416 - Block of greenhouses, Meadow Lane

2. Application No 8/87/261 - Development at Rectory, Station Road

RESOLVED:- That the previous comments regarding the close proximity of the Rest Home to the Youth Club be strongly re-iterated due to the probability of complaints about the noise levels emanating from the Youth Club.

3. Application No 8/87/182 - Showroom etc., Lambourn, Shore Road

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to draw the Planning Officer's attention to the previous request of the Parish Council that any permission granted be personal to the applicant.

4. Property adjoining 1A Guide Road

RESOLVED:- That the Planning Officer's attention be drawn to the renovation of this property.

8. APPOINTMENTS

1. Standing Committees

a. Recreation Committee

RESOLVED:- (i) That the constitution of the Committee be the Chairman plus 5 Councillors,
and (ii) That Mrs M Baxter and Messrs B Birkby, P Griffiths, S Iddon and J Whiteside be appointed to serve for the year 1987/88.

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b. Allotments Committee

RESOLVED:- (i) That the constitution of the Committee be the Chairman plus 5 Councillors,
and (ii) That Mesdames C Finnan and J Witter and Messrs B Birkby, P Griffiths and S Iddon be appointed to serve for the year 1987/88.

2. Outside Bodies

RESOLVED:- That appointments be made to the following bodies as indicated:-

- a. LAP&TC Chairman, Mrs L Kershaw and Mrs D M Trippier
- b. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee Chairman, substitute Mrs D M Trippier
- c. Village Hall Committee Mrs N Blundell
- d. Lancashire Playing Fields Association Mr B Birkby
- e. Council for Protection of Rural England Mr P Griffiths

9. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Beautiful Britain in Bloom Competition Details were noted.
- b. Council Committees - Agendas and minutes Details were noted.
- c. Revenue Estimates 1987/88 and Capital Programme A copy had been received.

2. County Council

- a. Information leaflets The Clerk had obtained three sets.
- b. Grants for Bus Shelters

RESOLVED:- That application be made for grants to replace the following shelters:-

- (i) Station Road, outside All Saints Church
- (ii) By 50/52 Station Road

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils A Newsletter had been received and the following decisions were taken:-

- a. Training Day No member was interested.
- b. Dogs Bylaws

RESOLVED:- That the recommendations of the District Council be awaited.

- c. New Guide for Parish Councillors

RESOLVED:- That 6 copies be ordered at a cost of 75 pence each.

4. Community Council of Lancashire The latest edition of CCL News had been received.

5. Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts had been received and the voluntary workers were commended for their work.

6. Footpaths Copies of a leaflet entitled 'Paths for People' were distributed to each member of the Council.

10. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Mr J Chohan - Work at Glenpark Drive	£40.00
b. Village Hall Committee - Hire of hall	£52.00
c. G J Beck Esq. - Painting children's slide	£65.00
d. Mark W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground	£22.00
e. P Banister Esq. - Cleaning ditch at Allotments	£15.00
f. Municipal Mutual Insurance - Balance of Insurance premium	£42.75

2. Application for grant

RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application from the West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

3. Audit of accounts The Council noted the arrangements for the Annual Audit of the Parish Council Accounts.

11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Streetlighting, Shore Road The Chief Constable had made certain recommendations regarding the standard of streetlighting on Shore Road.

RESOLVED:- That the Chief Constable's recommendations be forwarded to the County Surveyor with a request that they be implemented on safety grounds.

2. The Brow

a. Roadworks

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's appreciation of the work undertaken be passed on to the County Surveyor.

b. Container Base

RESOLVED:- That Mr S Iddon be authorised to attend a site meeting with NWWA regarding the water which is continuously flowing from this site.

3. Taylor's Meanygate

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to report that the light at the junction of this road and Moss Lane is not working.

4. Development of New Rectory, Station Road

RESOLVED:- That the question of the lowering of the kerbs at the entrance to this property be placed on the agenda for a future meeting of the Council.

12. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. MSC Works The work on the football pitch would be started shortly and the only cost to the Parish Council would be for the grass seed.

2. Dog fouling

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

3. Grass cutting at Recreation Ground It was noted that Mark W Taylor had agreed to undertake this work.

4. Play equipment at Recreation Ground The slide had been painted and the general opinion was that a good job had been done.

5. Land at junction of Glenpark Drive and Shore Road The Bank had acknowledged receipt of this Council's letter and would reply in due course.

13. ALLOTMENTS

Mr R Yates had given up Plot No 13 with immediate effect and consideration was given to a replacement tenant.

RESOLVED:- a. That Plot No 13 be offered to Mr A J Whiteside, 44 Shore Road,
and b. That if an acceptance is not received in 2 weeks, the Plot be offered to Mr M H Whiteside, 123 Station Road.

14. HESKETH BANK VILLAGE HALL

A meeting had been held between representatives of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee and the Chairman outlined the recommendations arrived at by the meeting.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to approach the Department of Education and Science, the Community Council of Lancashire and the Charity Commissioners for advice and information about the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing or leasing the Village Hall from the Village Hall Committee.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was MOVED by Mrs M Baxter and SECONDED by Mr B Birkby that Standing Order No 15(h), relating to Public Participation at each meeting of the Parish Council, be deleted.

Upon being put, the motion was DEFEATED by 6 votes to 4 votes and after further discussion it was:-

RESOLVED:- a. That, in future, Public Participation be strictly limited to 15 minutes per meeting,

and b. That the Chairman be authorised to ask at the beginning of the period how many persons wish to speak with a view to allocating the available time accordingly.

P. J. Handley
13th July '87

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 15th JUNE 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs B Birkby, P Griffiths and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter and N Blundell and Mr J Whiteside and one member of the public was present.

16. MINUTES

The Clerk reported that due to personal circumstances the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 1987 were not available.

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 1987 be presented to the next meeting of the Council.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Civic Service

RESOLVED:- That Mrs D M Trippier be appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Civic Service on Sunday 28th June 1987.

b. Committee agenda The Chairman reported that the builder had chosen a name for the new development off Chapel Road.

c. Leisure Department Publications Copies of various leaflets etc. had been received.

d. Payment of rates The Chairman reported that payment in 2 halves was no longer an option as payment by 10 monthly instalments was now required by law. However, if one half of the account was paid on receipt with the remainder paid by the last date for payment of the whole amount, the Director of Finance would accept such payments.

2. County Council A number of revised bus leaflets had been received and the Clerk was requested to obtain 12 copies of leaflet No 409, the Preston to Southport service.

3. Lancashire Playing Fields Association The Annual Report was passed to Mr B Birkby.

4. Countrywise Magazine The latest issue was passed to Mr P Griffiths.

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

18. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. J Chohan Esq. - Work at Glenpark Drive | £55.00 |
| b. Council for Protection of Rural England - Annual subscription | £ 8.00 |
| c. NWWA - Water charges | £ 7.75 |
| d. Mark W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground | £22.00 |

2. Receipts

The following had been received:-

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| NORWEB - Wayleave for 1986 | £41.16 |
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3. Donation

RESOLVED:- That the request from the West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd. be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

4. Audit of accounts The audit had been completed after the Clerk had answered a small number of questions.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public footpaths Mr Wright was concerned about the preservation of footpaths in the Parish and pointed out that certain paths were blocked or had no bridges or stiles at appropriate points. He suggested that he would like to see a Footpaths Committee as existed in some Parishes in the district.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

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

- a. No 8/87/401 - Extensions, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road
- b. No 8/87/416 - Greenhouses, 23 Meadow Lane
- c. No 8/87/431 - Extensions, 64 Chapel Road
- d. No 8/87/540 - Use of store etc. in connection with business, rear of 5 Guide Road.

2. Planning Committee - 18th June 1987

a. Applications

- i No 8/87/182 - Showroom etc., 'Lambourn', Shore Road

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

- ii No 8/87/245 - Extensions, 'Windy Ridge', Anchorage Avenue

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

b. Approved since last meeting The following applications had been approved:-

- i No 8/87/287 - Replacement tomato packing shed, 123 Station Road
- ii No 8/87/401 - Extensions, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road
- iii No 8/87/313 - Extensions, 117 Moss Lane

3. Building at 1A Guide Road The Chairman reported that the Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector had visited the site and the owner had confirmed in writing that the building was a games room. Allegations made by the owner about the Officers had been passed to the Legal Department. The Enforcement Officer would keep the situation under review.

4. Visit by Director of Planning The Director had informed the Chairman that he had learned quite a bit from the meeting and some of the remarks made would influence his views on planning in the Parish.

21. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Jct. of Shore Road and Guide Road The County Surveyor and the Police had carried out a survey at this site and did not think there was a problem caused by large vehicles turning in and out of Guide Road.

2. Guide Road The Chairman had taken up the problem of water lying on Guide Road and had asked if some grids could be installed. He had been told that would not be possible but the channels would be re-cut in the grass verge to allow the water to flow away.

3. Public footpaths

RESOLVED:- a. That a Footpaths Committee be established to enable the Parish Council to become more actively involved in public footpaths in the Parish and to look into ways of compiling a Directory of Footpaths for the Parish,

b. That Mr P Griffiths be appointed Chairman of the Committee,

c. That Mesdames C Finnan and D Trippier and Mr B Birkby be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1987/88,

and d. That the Clerk be requested to obtain 12 copies of a leaflet on waymarking.

4. Grass verges The Chairman reported that most grass verges were cut by the District Council but two strips, one in Chapel Road and one in Shore Road, were the responsibility of the County Council.

RESOLVED:- That it be suggested to the County Council, that if they make available to the Parish Council, the money expended on grass verges in the Parish, the Parish Council would take over responsibility for such verges as indicated by the County Council.

5. Hazards in footways and carriageways

RESOLVED:- That the following be reported:-

a. Station Road - i. Footway between Becconsall Lane and bus shelter opposite the Becconsall Hotel (A lady had been taken to hospital following an accident at this point).

ii. In carriageway by the former Rectory.

b. Moss Lane - i. Footway outside No 61 (14"/15" deep)

ii. In carriageway by No 10.

6. Shore Road - Speed limit A petition had been received, signed by just about all the residents of the rural part of Shore Road, requesting a speed limit of 40 mph due to there having been five accidents on this road this year.

RESOLVED:- a. That the petition be supported and forwarded to the County Surveyor and the Police with a copy to County Councillor Miss S R Taylor,

and b. That the County Surveyor be requested to indicate who might be able to supply 'Please Drive Carefully' signs at the entrance to the Parish and at what cost.

7. Streetlighting The Chairman reported that the light at Taylors Meanygate was again working.

8. Waste bins The Chairman had tried to obtain a waste bin for the junction of Shore Road and Marsh Road and he reported that the Technical Services Department would provide shopkeepers with a bin and bin liners and remove the rubbish collected provided the shopkeeper moved the bin inside each night. Any shopkeepers interested should contact that Department.

22. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Play equipment The Insurance Company had reported that the height of the seats on the swings required adjusting and some platform boards on the roundabout were rotten. The boards had subsequently been repaired. A quotation had been received from the Insurance Company for 1 or 2 visits per year with a 10% reduction for entering into a 5 year agreement.

RESOLVED:- i. That the quotation of £38.83 for 2 visits per year for a 5 year period, from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd., be accepted,

ii. That the Chairman be authorised to speak to Mr Cooley about the height of the seats of the swings,

iii. That Mr J Whiteside be authorised to carry out weekly inspections for the next 4 weeks,

and iv. That the Chairman be authorised to carry out weekly inspections for the following 3 months.

b. Football pitch The MSC workers had completed the works to the football pitch and tidied up around the edges.

2. Land at Becconsall Hotel The County Council did not own any of the land required by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee inspect the site and report back to the next meeting of the Council with suggestions for taking the matter forward.

3. Station Road Recreation Ground A copy of a letter from the District Council to the Hesketh Sports Co Ltd., was noted.

23. ALLOTMENTS

Mr A J Whiteside had accepted the offer of Plot No 13 and an application for a plot had been received from Nigel Iddon of 184 Chapel Road.

RESOLVED:- a. That Nigel Iddon be placed on the waiting list for an allotment,
and b. That the Allotments Committee inspect the allotments and report their findings to the next meeting of the Council.

P. J. Handley
13th July '87.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th JULY 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby and P Griffiths

Apologies were received from Mesdames N Blundell; C Finnan
and L Kershaw and Mr J A Whiteside

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meetings held on the 18th May and 15th June 1987, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

25. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. New Guide for Parish Councillors The six copies had been received and were handed to the members present.

2. Bus Timetable Leaflets These were still awaited.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Agendas and minutes

Technical Services Committee The Chairman reported that 22 out of 34 pupils at Hesketh - with - Becconsall C E School had passed the Cycling Proficiency Scheme and a course was currently in progress at Tarleton County Primary School.

2. Other Matters

a. European Year of the Environment Competition It was agreed to send details of the competition to Hesketh - with - Becconsall C E School.

b. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

c. Countryside Campaigner The latest edition had been received.

27. FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A. Mark W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground	£ 22.00
B. J Chohan Esq. - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 55.00
C. B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary and expenses	£191.39

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - $\frac{1}{2}$ Concurrent expenditure	£327.00
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P. J. H

3. Grants The Council considered applications from the West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme and the West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd. The VSS was seeking a grant and the Trust were seeking sponsorship of £100 per annum for 5 years. The Clerk informed the Council that there was no provision in the budget for grants although a VAT refund was due. The Clerk also explained the effects on the annual budget if the Council were to agree to the 5 year sponsorship.

RESOLVED:- (1) That a grant of £25 be made to the West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme,

(2) That the West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd be informed that this Council are not in a position to enter into a 5 year sponsorship agreement at £100 per annum,

(3) That a suggestion be made to the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC that sponsorship of the Trust be apportioned on the ability of each Parish Council to pay,

(4) That consideration be given at estimate time to including an amount in the budget for grants, and

(5) That the Clerk ascertains the number of applications for grant received during the past 12 months.

28. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. Application No 8/87/545 - Removal of embankment & restoration to agricultural use, Old Embankment, Guide Road.

The Council had been consulted on this application. It was maintained that a footpath ran along the top of the embankment and that a large number of vehicles would be required to move the earth, all of which would be using the Shore Road/Guide Road junction.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that:-

(1) This Council assumes that the footpath will follow the same line after the removal of the earth as it does now,

(2) This Council is concerned about the number of heavy vehicles which will be using Guide Road, and

(3) This Council is forwarding a copy of the comments to the County Planning Officer and the County Surveyor.

b. Application No 8/87/561 - O/L for bungalow & garage, 119 Moss Lane
Application No 8/87/583 - O/L for detached dormer bungalow &
2 garages, 134 Moss Lane

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that this Council object to these applications because they are located within the Green Belt and that development on these sites should be limited to agricultural workers' dwellings.

- c. Application No 8/87/547 - Extensions, 54 Becconsall Lane
- Application No 8/87/590 - Extensions, 95 Moss Lane
- Application No 8/87/623 - Details for detached bungalow & garage, The Smithy (Adj.29) Shore Road
- Application No 8/87/630 - Full for replacement detached bungalow, 427 Moss Lane
- Application No 8/87/665 - Extensions, 'Longwood', Boundary Meanygate

RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications.

2. Planning Committee - 16th July 1987

a. Approvals The following applications had been approved since the last meeting:-

- No 8/87/391 - Extensions, 13 Delta Park Drive
- No 8/87/416 - Greenhouse, Meadow Lane
- No 8/87/431 - Extensions, 64 Chapel Road
- No 8/87/281 - Replacement tomato packing shed, 123 Station Road

b. Appeal received

Application No 8/87/9 - O/L for 4 detached dwellings & garages, land at 107 Chapel Road. The Council had twice objected to this application and the appeal would be the subject of the informal hearing procedure.

RESOLVED:- That an objection be made on the grounds of loss of good agricultural land within the Green Belt.

c. Appeal decision

Application No 8/86/977 - 2 semi-detached bungalows, land adj. 48 Newarth Lane. It was reported that this appeal had been allowed.

d. Lancashire Structure Plan The Chairman reported that the Plan was now on deposit and he outlined the proposals as they affected this Parish.

RESOLVED:- That an objection be made to the inclusion of Hesketh Bank as an 'Inset Village' in the Lancashire Structure Plan.

e. NWWA Capital Programme The modification of the sewage treatment works in Hesketh Bank was included in the 1987/88 programme at a cost of £200,000 and the work should start in October 1987.

3. Development at Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship It was reported that a school would start to operate on this site in September 1987.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Director of Planning be asked how the proposed school would fit in with previous planning approvals on this site, and

(2) That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Chief Education Officer Lancashire County Council and County Councillor Miss S R Taylor.

29. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Jumps Farm Container Depot In the absence of Mr S Iddon, there was no information about the meeting with NWWA.

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2. New Rectory, Station Road Whilst it was considered that drop kerbs should be provided at this location, it was agreed to take no action at this time.

3. Public footpaths Mr Wright had submitted three footpath reports to the Council.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the footpath reports be forwarded to the County Surveyor, and
(2) That the Footpaths Committee be authorised to liaise with Mr Wright over the walking and inspection of the footpaths in the Parish.

4. Waste bins It was reported that Mrs C Finnan had been supplied with a waste bin and liners which was proving quite successful.

5. Footways in Hesketh Bank It was reported that the County Council were now using an inspection team to assess the state of the footways in the County. It was also reported that the footways in Chapel Road, Station Road and Moss Lane were particularly bad. The Chairman reminded the Council that money had been available for the Chapel Road footways about 2 years ago but the work had been deferred pending the laying of the gas mains in the Parish.

RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be requested to assess the state of the footways in Hesketh Bank and be reminded that finance for Chapel Road had been available some 2 years ago.

6. Hedges

RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to take the necessary action in relation to the hedge at New House Nurseries in Moss Lane and Boundary Lane.

7. Titmouse Brow

RESOLVED:- (1) That the County Area Surveyor be requested to replace the broken handrail from Titmouse Brow to Shore Road, and

(2) That the County Area Surveyor be requested to investigate the feasibility of stepping the top part of this path.

8. School Fold - Private Street Works

RESOLVED:- That the District Council and the County Council be asked about the latest position with regard to this project.

30. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Dog fouling on Play Areas etc. A questionnaire regarding the introduction of dog fouling bylaws had been received from the District Council.

RESOLVED:- That the questionnaire be returned listing the Recreation Ground and Glenpark Drive as areas to which the bylaws should apply and the Recreation Ground listed as an area from which dogs should be banned.

2. Recreation Ground - Play equipment The Chairman had spoken to Mr Cooley about the height of the seats of the swings and was awaiting his report. The Clerk had started a Register of Inspection for the equipment which had been passed to the Chairman who would inspect weekly for 3 months.

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31. 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.

32. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS (CONT)

1. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The area had been visited by the Recreation Committee and a plan had been prepared by Messrs B Birkby and P Griffiths.

RESOLVED:- (1) That the Brewery be asked if they would be prepared to release all the land between the bowling green and the line of the fence near to the footpath to Cherry Vale for use as a play area, and

(2) That Coggins and Welch be asked to indicate from whom they bought the land adjacent to the telephone box to enable the Council to approach the owners of the land required for access to the proposed play area.

2. Land jct. of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive

RESOLVED:- That the National Westminster Bank be requested to attend a meeting on the site with members of the Council in order to try and resolve the problem.

3. Hesketh Bank Sports Company Ltd. A copy of the latest letter from the Deputy Director of Leisure Services to the Company was noted.

RESOLVED:- That the Deputy Director of Leisure Services be thanked for keeping this Council informed of developments.

33. ALLOTMENTS

1. Annual Inspection The Allotments Committee had inspected the allotments and were concerned that Mr Mottershead had apparently not cultivated his plot. A number of gates leading from adjacent houses onto the allotments had been noticed and also a bridge over a ditch from one property. The Committee considered the ditches should be cleaned out in the autumn. The Committee had noticed a problem with dog fouling on a triangular piece of land at the entrance to the allotments.

RESOLVED:- (1) That Mr I Mottershead be asked about his intentions for Plot No 5,

(2) That the Clerk be authorised to prepare suitable documents for signature by the residents having direct access onto the field pointing out that they have no legal right of access by that means,

(3) That arrangements be made for the ditches to be cleaned in the autumn, and

(4) That consideration be given, at the next meeting, to the provision of a notice board at the entrance to the allotments and the re-introduction of the use of the entrance gate and Mr P Griffiths was authorised to obtain an estimate for the provision of a notice board.

2. Application

RESOLVED:- That Mr R Baxter be placed on the waiting list for allotments.

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

Mrs D M Trippier reported on the recent meeting and informed the Council that most capital schemes in the current year were either completed or on the verge of completion; that it had been decided that bulk purchasing for the parishes would be too difficult to organise; that the format of the AGM was to be changed; that all new footway lights would be completed by the winter except those requiring more than 70 metres of cable; and that other issues discussed included the Police Liaison Committee, public transport, the Burscough curves, conservation and Enterprise Grants. Mrs Trippier was thanked for her report.

35. NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:- That the following items be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council:-

- (1) Telephone calls to Ormskirk
- (2) Government Grant Aid Areas (Hesketh Bank/Tarleton fall outside current grant areas).

P. J. Handley
10th August '87.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10th AUGUST 1987

PRESENT: Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames C Finnan; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

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

Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter and N Blundell and 7 members of the press and public were present.

36. MRS N BLUNDELL

The Chairman reported that Mrs Blundell was slowly improving and hoped to leave hospital in about 2 weeks time.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 1987 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

38. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Bus Timetables These had now been received and were handed to each member of the Council.

2. Countryside Leaflets These had also been received and were handed to each member of the Council.

39. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Copies of agendas and minutes were noted.

2. Other Matters

a. Village Hall The Department of Education and Science had indicated that their previous powers had been transferred to the Charity Commissioners and the Community Council of Lancashire were looking into the points raised by the Council.

b. Hundred End Stores An application for the transfer of the Justices Licence had been received.

RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the transfer of the Licence for these premises.

c. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils A newsletter had been received and the following items were noted:-

i. Annual General Meeting - To be held on Saturday 31st October 1987.

ii. Local Government Bill - Provisions re- the advertising of contracts for various services at present run by Local Authorities.

iii. Training Course - To be held on Saturday 17th October 1987.

iv. Telephone Kiosks - No kiosks to be permanently removed without consultation.

d. West Lancashire Cot Death Research & Support Unit Details of the next meeting had been received and the Chairman agreed to pass the information to a resident whom he thought may be interested.

40. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. M W Taylor Esq., - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground - | £22.00 |
| b. Lancashire County Council - Stationery - | £28.69 |
| c. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Subscription - | £10.00 |

2. Final Accounts 1986/87 The District Council had requested details of the final accounts and the Clerk undertook to provide the information.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised by various members of the public and answered as indicated:-

1. Dog fouling The Chairman referred to new legislation and the trial which had been carried out in the South of England. He indicated that the District Council were to introduce byelaws to make it an offence not to clean up after dog fouling and the Parish Council had asked for the Play Areas to be included in the byelaws. Mention was made of the Dog Warden who had visited the Parish and was trying to educate dog owners.

2. Highways maintenance The Chairman reported that the Parish Council were continually reporting potholes and the County Council were continually patching the roads. He undertook to look at the hazards mentioned in Station Road.

3. Overhanging Hedges The County Council had the power to approach the owner to request that the work is carried out, as a last resort the County Council could do the work and re-charge the owner.

4. Streetlights A number were reported after each meeting of this Council. The Chairman undertook to report the light in Shore Road by the School.

5. Policing The new Police Officer was now in residence and was around the village quite often. Some burglars had recently been apprehended.

42. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists Applications were dealt with as follows:-

- a. No 8/87/707 - Exts. at Dunkirk Farmhouse, Shore Road.

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

- b. No 8/87/708 - Exts. at 486 Moss Lane.

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

c. No 8/87/782 - 3 Portakabins for religious and educational purposes, at Moss Lane.

The Chairman indicated that these would be sited parallel to the existing Sunday School building and the present usage of the existing buildings covered use for educational purposes.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council consider that this application should be placed before the Planning Committee for determination bearing in mind the previous history of the site and that the Council provisionally object on the grounds of an unsuitable access and egress to the site. (N.B. Mr B Birkby asked for his objection to the above resolution to be recorded.)

d. No 8/87/784 - Equipment Room and Power Container, at Hesketh Bank Brickworks, Station Road.

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

e. No 8/87/785 - Outline for development of detached bungalow and double garage, adj. 133 Moss Lane.

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

2. Planning Committee - 13th August 1987

A. Application

No 8/87/583 - Outline for detached dormer bungalow & 2 garages etc., at 134 Moss Lane.

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

B. Approved since last meeting

1. No 8/87/547 - Exts. at 54 Becconsall Lane.

2. No 8/87/665 - Exts. at Longwood, Boundary Meanygate

3. Development at rear of 5 Guide Road - Application No 8/87/540 The Council had been officially consulted on this application.

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

4. Development at former Rectory This Council's comments had been passed on to the owners of the building. The Chairman had met Mrs Rimmer who was running the home and she had indicated that she wanted to get rid of dead trees and plant some new ones and she also wanted to improve the garden. The Home was two thirds ready for occupation.

5. Development at Old Embankment, Guide Road The County Surveyor had indicated that Public Rights of Way should be re-instated after the completion of works, that free, safe and convenient public access should be available at all times during the works, and that the few extra vehicles anticipated would not cause any significant problems. The Chairman reported that the application would be decided by the County Planning Committee on the 9th September, that the County Council were aware of the public footpath, that the County Ecologist would visit the site in the near future and that the footpath was blocked by barbed wire about 90 yards from Guide Road. It was agreed to consider the blocked footpath after receiving the report of the Footpaths Committee later in the meeting.

6. Lancashire Structure Plan An objection had been made and the Clerk was requested to ask for this Council to be notified of the final decision on the Plan.

43. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Play equipment Mr Cooley had still not inspected the swings but the Chairman had been undertaking weekly inspections of all the equipment. He reported that a number of boards on the roundabout required repairing.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr N Marsden for the repair of the roundabout.

b. Ground maintenance MSC had re-seeded the pitch, most of which had taken, had put weedkiller on the pitch, cut back the nettles at the top of School Fold, and cut the hedge on the School Fold side of the field. The Council should be receiving an account for the cost of the grass seed.

RESOLVED:- That a letter of thanks be forwarded to MSC Headquarters at Ormskirk.

2. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel A reply from the Brewery would probably be received after the new landlord had settled in. The land adj. to the bridge had been purchased by Coggins & Welsh from Howard, Tinsley & Mead and the Clerk undertook to approach Howard Estates of Southport to see if they were aware of the owners.

3. Land adj. to Shore Road and Glenpark Drive A reply was still awaited from the Bank.

4. Use of Recreation Ground by Football Clubs

RESOLVED:- That the two football clubs be requested to submit details of their requirements for next season and the rental due by the next meeting of the Council.

44. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Speed Restriction - Shore Road The Police and the County Surveyor were investigating the request.

2. Street lighting - Shore Road The County Surveyor was investigating the request.

3. Matters referred to the County Council

a. The Brow The County Surveyor was pleased that the work was appreciated.

b. Grass cutting This had been referred to Preston for a decision.

c. Various potholes Those in the carriageway would be dealt with shortly. The footway in Station Road between The Brow and Alty's would be resurfaced this year provided the new sewer had been laid and the other paths were included in this years aspect inspections and hopefully resurfaced next year. The remainder of Station Road would be inspected next year.

d. Hedge in Moss Lane The owner had been written to.

e. Titmouse Brow The handrail would be repaired but no work done on the footpath as it was not adopted. The Clerk undertook to look up previous correspondence and reply appropriately.

4. School Fold The matter was in the hands of the Clerk of the County Council who would be responding in the near future.

5. Station Road The County Council and the Police were agreed on restrictions on Station Road Bridge and were forwarding proposals to the District Council prior to local consultations. The Chairman indicated that he did not agree with the suggestions whilst there was a lack of alternative parking provisions.

6. The Brow Mr Iddon reported that the meeting with NWWA had not taken place but the Inspector had visited the site and found no trace of leakage from NWWA equipment. The Clerk was requested to ask NWWA to meet Mr Iddon on site as soon as possible.

7. Hedges The Clerk was asked to approach the owner of 56 Station Road with a request that he cuts down the hedges at that address and at the field adjacent to Station Road Recreation Ground.

8. Shore Road/ Moss Lane corner It was reported that cars were cutting this corner by going between the shop and the tree.

RESOLVED:- That Mr R Sargeant, the owner of the land, be requested to put a bollard between the tree and the shop to stop access of this nature.

9. Footpath Committee Mr Griffiths, the Chairman of the Committee, reported on a meeting held last week as follows:-

a. Directory The Committee were impressed with the one produced by Mawdesley and suggested that a leaflet be produced incorporating a footpath map and street guide with the production costs being covered by making a charge.

b. Blocked footpaths The Committee suggested that although the Parish Council had no legal powers of enforcement, perhaps this Council should make the initial approach to landowners regarding blockages before passing the matters to the County Council.

c. Signposting of footpaths The Committee were aware that very few footpaths in the Parish were signposted and suggested information on available funds should be sought from the County Council.

d. West Lancashire Footpath Group Details had been passed to Mrs C Finnan.

RESOLVED:- That, i. approval in principle be given to the production of a leaflet to include a footpath map and a street guide, subject to detailed costs being submitted to the Council in due course,

ii. approval be given to initial approaches being made by the Parish Council to owners of land on which footpaths are blocked and that the Clerk be requested to approach Mr S Slinger regarding the obstruction to footpaths 12 and 13,

iii. the County Surveyor be asked for information about funds available for the erection of footpaths signs, and

iv. the West Lancashire Footpath Group be informed of the existence of the Council's Footpath Committee.

45. ALLOTMENTS

1. Rents for 1988 All but two of the tenants had paid the due rents and it was agreed that Mr S Iddon would see Mr Watkinson about his rent and that Mr B Birkby would see Mr Mottershead about his rent.

2. Notice Board at entrance Mr Griffiths suggested a wording for the notice board which was agreed and Mrs Kershaw and Mr Griffiths undertook to bring estimates for the signwriting work to the next meeting of the Council.

46. TELEPHONE CALLS TO ORMSKIRK

It was reported that telephone calls to Ormskirk were not classed as local calls whilst calls to Blackpool were local calls.

RESOLVED:- The British Telecom be requested to consider amending their charging policy to make calls from Hesketh Bank to Ormskirk local calls and to consider supplying additional Directories in Hesketh Bank containing Ormskirk numbers.

47. GOVERNMENT GRANT AID AREAS

It was reported that the whole of West Lancashire except for Hesketh Bank and Tarleton was in the Liverpool Travel to Work area and eligible for Government Grants whilst the two Parishes were in the Preston Travel to Work Area and not eligible.

RESOLVED:- i. That the Department of Trade and Industry be requested to consider amending the boundaries of the Travel to Work Areas to place Hesketh Bank and Tarleton in the Liverpool Area and so make them eligible for Government Grants and to explain why the two Parishes are not included with the remainder of the District, and

ii. That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the West Lancashire District Council and the local Member of Parliament with a request for support.

48. BUS SHELTER OUTSIDE ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Chairman reported that as a result of speaking to the two boys picked up outside the Village Hall during the last meeting of the Council, 3 boys had been charged with damaging this shelter. The Chairman had signed a paper to the effect that the Council owned the shelter and obtained an estimate for repair from Mr N Marsden in the sum of £20.42

49. LIBRARY SERVICE

The Chairman reported that the new Trailer Library to Banks, Parbold and Tarleton would start in August. The District Librarian would let the service run for about two weeks and then he hoped to improve the mobile service to Hesketh Bank. He also reported that it may be necessary to approach the County Council about a trailer service when the contract for the Branch Library at Parbold or Tarleton was underway.

Forster, M. Zippier

7-9-1987.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th SEPTEMBER 1987

PRESENT:- Mrs D M Trippier (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames M Baxter and C Finnan

Messrs. B Birkby; S Iddon and P Griffiths

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Mr P J Handley; Mesdames N Blundell; L Kershaw and J Witter and 3 members of the public were present.

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th August 1987 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

51. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

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

b. Out and About The latest edition of the newsletter had been received.

2. West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme A letter of thanks for the Council's donation had been received.

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

52. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Coopers & Lybrand - Audit fee	£ 56.35
b. Mrs L Kershaw - Completion of Audit notice	£ 2.14
c. Mark W Taylor - Grass cutting at Recreation Ground	£ 22.00
d. B W Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 184.12
e. J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 15.00

2. Audit of Accounts The Auditors had suggested that greater use be made of the Deposit Account and that a Petty Book be used. It was agreed to note the former point and to take no action on the latter as the Clerk did not use petty cash for purchases.

53. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The question of dog fouling was raised and it was stated that the problem was getting worse in the village. The latest position with regard to Dog Bylaws was explained and the public were informed that the situation was exacerbated

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by the lack of a lengthsmen in the Parish. The Chairman was hoping to join the meeting later and it was thought he may have some up-to-date information.

54. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

- a. No 8/87/848 - Provision of shower room etc. Mill Farm, Mill Lane

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

- b. No 8/87/853 - Siting of 2 portakabins, exts to Sunday School, retention of car park and 10 street lamps. Moss Lane

- c. No 8/87/855A - Retention of 3 non-illuminated signs. Moss Lane

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed of the following views:-

i. That a time limit of a maximum of 5 years be placed on any approval granted for the siting of the portakabins,

ii. That the screening on the easterly boundary of the site which was a condition of a previous approval on this site, be provided before the car park is used any further,

and iii. That it be stressed to the applicant that in future, applications for Planning Permission must be submitted before the construction of facilities and premises commences.

- d. No 8/87/882 - Layout of car parking area etc. All Saints Rectory, Station Road.

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

2. Planning Committee - 10th September 1987

- a. No 8/87/623 - Full for detached house & garage. The Smithy (adj.29) Shore Road.

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

- b. No 8/87/561 - Outline for bungalow & garage etc. 119 Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be informed on the inconsistencies with regard to the Director's recommendations in respect of applications on this part of Moss Lane.

- c. No 8/87/545 - Removal of embankment etc. Guide Road.

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

- d. No 8/87/540 - Use of store etc. Rear of 5 Guide Road.

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

3. Development at Christian Fellowship, Moss Lane The Director of Planning had now indicated that churches were in the same development class as schools (D1) and, therefore, permission was not required for a change of use only for the siting of the portakabins.

55. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Titmouse Brow The handrail had been repaired and the question of the steps had been referred to the Footpaths Department.

2. Shore Road Consideration of extending the lighting at Hundred End would be given when the estimates for 1988/89 were being prepared.

3. The Brow It was reported that the water had now stopped but the top water was being directed across the road away from Marsh Road.

RESOLVED:- That the Water Authority be asked why the water is being channelled away from Marsh Road.

4. Junction of Station Road and Moss Lane It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter until the Chairman is present.

5. Bus shelters It was reported that a panel had been removed from the bus shelter outside All Saints Church.

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council and that the Clerk be requested to ascertain the latest position with regard to possible grant aid from the County Council.

6. Streetlighting

RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to repair the light at the junction of Moss Lane and Taylors Meanygate and asked to investigate what appears to be a problem with this light which is an important marker at the end of Moss Lane.

56. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Play equipment at Recreation Ground Mrs C Finnan reported that following a test by her daughter and her friend, the bent bar on the climbing frame was dangerous and the Chairman had informed the Clerk that Mr Cooley had inspected the equipment and indicated that the swings required raising by 5 inches and the hinges should be greased.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be requested to ask Mr N Marsden to carry out the work required as soon as possible.

2. Use of Football Pitch at Recreation Ground The 2 Football Clubs had now paid the rental for the current season and indicated their requirements as follows:-

Boys F C	Saturday AM	alternate weeks	-	1 Team
Seniors	Sunday AM	alternate weeks	-	1 Team
Boys F C	Sunday PM	alternate weeks	-	1 Team

It was also understood that the Pigeon Club would like to erect a hut on the site.

RESOLVED:- a. That the use of the Recreation Ground by the 2 Football Clubs be granted on the basis now reported,

and b. That the question of a hut for the Pigeon Club be deferred pending the receipt of a written application.

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Brewery had now indicated that they would like to discuss the proposal with the new lessee, Mr T Harrison, but they saw no reason why it should not be possible to provide or allow space for a childrens play area.

4. Drainage at side of Recreation Ground by School Fold hedge Mrs B Hayter of School Fold had asked about drainage at the side of the hedge on the School Fold side of the recreation Ground.

RESOLVED:- That Mrs Hayter be informed that the plans for the Private Streetworks in School Fold include provision for drainage but the work cannot commence until the dispute in ownership is resolved.

57. ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies for 1988 It was reported that Mr Watkinson had paid his rental but despite a letter from the Clerk and a visit by Mr B Birkby, Mr Mottershead had not paid his rental for Plot No 5.

RESOLVED:- That the tenancy of Plot No 5 by Mr I Mottershead be terminated with immediate effect and the plot be allocated to another tenant at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Notice Board Mrs L Kershaw had obtained a quotation from Mr W Hull for the provision of a notice board and including the necessary signwriting in the sum of £38.

RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Mr W Hull be accepted and that he be informed that the board should be 3ft wide by 2 ft deep and painted in white letters on a black background.

58. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported that no response had been received to the letter about the barbed wire on Footpath 12/13.

Mr P Griffiths reported a long conversation with the Chairman of the West Lancashire Footpaths Group who had suggested that arrangements could be made for a member of the Group to address a future meeting of the Council and that the Council may wish to consider co-opting 2 members of the Footpath Group onto the Footpaths Committee. A counter suggestion was made that members of the Council should be co-opted onto the Footpaths Group.

RESOLVED:- a. That investigations be made to see whether the barbed wire had been removed,

b. That the West Lancashire Footpath Group be requested to send a member to address the next meeting of the Council for 15 minutes,

and c. That the co-option of members onto the Footpaths Committee or the Footpaths Group be deferred pending the talk to be given at the next meeting.

59. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred until the Chairman is present.

P. J. Handley
5 Oct. '87

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th OCTOBER 1987

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames C Finnan; D Trippier and J Witter

Mr J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter; N Blundell and L Kershaw and Mr P Griffiths

Six members of the press and public were present.

60. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September 1987, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

61. FOOTPATHS

The Chairman reported that the West Lancashire Footpath Group were unable to attend this meeting as it clashed with one of their own meetings but they would be able to attend the next meeting of the Council. In addition the Group would be walking footpaths in the Parish on Sunday 22nd November 1987. The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had indicated that the County Council welcomed the Parish Council's greater involvement with footpaths and that if a list of the signs required was submitted, in priority order, they would be supplied in due course.

RESOLVED:- 1. That the West Lancashire Footpath Group be invited to address the next meeting of the Parish Council,

and 2. That the Footpaths Committee and other members of the Council give some thought to which footpath signs are required before the next meeting of the Council.

62. CORRESPONDENCE

1. West Lancashire District Council

a. Agendas and minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Community Programme Managing Agency It was noted that the Agency was now based in Burscough.

2. Lancs. Association of Parish & Town Councils A Newsletter had been received and the 3rd Annual Report of the North West Water Services Council was available. Nominations were required for persons to attend the AGM.

RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be nominated to attend the AGM and vote in the light of the discussion which takes place on the various resolutions.

3. West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme The AGM of the Scheme had been held on the 1st October 1987 and the Chairman and Clerk had both sent apologies for not being able to attend.

4. Council for the Protection of Rural England The latest Countrywise magazine had been received.

5. Burscough Community Development Centre The Centre were asking for support in their application for further funding.

RESOLVED:- That a letter be forwarded thanking the Centre for the work done by the Community Visitors based in the Parish.

6. Bus Timetables The Chairman reported that the Southport to Preston buses were now running 5 minutes early upto and including the 1705 from Southport.

7. Remembrance Sunday The Clerk reported that ^{Mrs M. Baxter confirmed that} the wreath had been ordered. P.J.A
~~by Mrs M. Baxter.~~

63 FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. J Chohan Esq. - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 45.00
b. North West Water - Water charges	£ 8.25

2. Final Accounts for 1986/87 Details had been forwarded to the District Council.

3. Bank Mandate

RESOLVED:- That Mrs D M Trippier be temporarily mandated to sign cheques during the absence of Mrs N Blundell.

4. Layfield Charity The Chairman undertook to speak to Mrs N Blundell regarding this matter.

64. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Kidd referred to flooding in Chapel Road and Shore Road and the Chairman reported that he had asked the County Council to clean out the gullies. Mrs Kidd also referred to the Village Hall Car Park and was informed that work was in hand.

Mr Farrington reported that the white lines on the Brow had not been replaced and mentioned the flooding in Guide Road and the Chairman promised that these matters would be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr Kidd referred to rubbish clogging the drains at the School and indicated that he felt the oil tank needed better protection and Mrs J Witter undertook to raise the matter with the Headteacher.

65. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. <u>Application No. 8/87/934</u>	Extensions, 'Vale Mount', Hundred End Lane
b. <u>Application No. 8/87/977</u>	Retention of packing shed as light joinery workshop, 11 Becconsall Lane

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